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Highlights

Paddy

Producer prices of short-grain, long-grain white and long-grain red paddy varieties have shown a decreasing trend in all major producing areas at the end of month. Harvesting of paddy in *Maha*, 2022/23 season was in progress in the producing areas in the Eastern province and Kurunegala Anuradhapura districts. Prices of short-grain and long-grain white ranged between Rs.85.00-112.00/Kg and Rs.82.00-110.00/Kg respectively.

Rice

Retail prices of all rice varieties had decreased in the range of 1-6% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 06 –59%.

Red dhal

The retail price of red dhal ranged between Rs.350/kg and Rs.380/kg with an average of Rs.372/kg. Compared with the last month wholesale and retail prices have reduced by 4% and 2% respectively following the same trend of previous months due to the slight appreciation of Sri Lanka rupee.

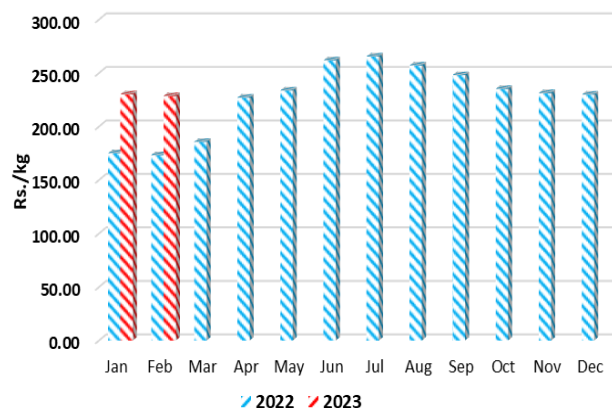
Vegetables

Prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased due to increased market supply from main producing areas. The highest price decrease of 41% was recorded for beetroot, followed by brinjal as 31%. However, prices of tomato, ladies fingers and cucumber have increased and the highest price increase was reported for cucumber as 24%. Nevertheless, vegetable prices are expected to decline further in the coming month.

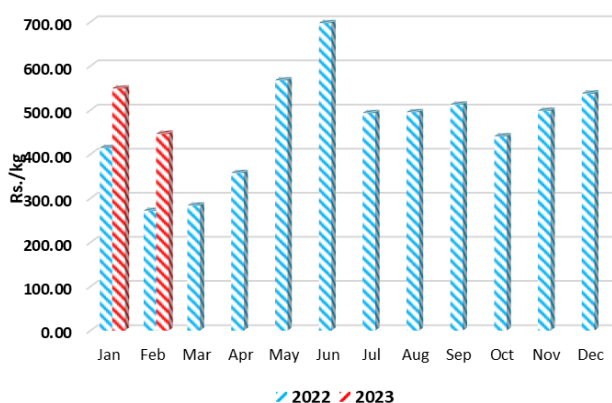
Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

At the wholesale level, the prices of most fish varieties have slightly dropped due to lower food inflation and high supply during the favorable weather conditions. In addition, the prices of eggs have significantly decreased due to the renewed maximum retail price of brown eggs at Rs. 46.00 and white eggs at Rs. 44.00.

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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Outstation Markets

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 16. Keppetipola | 31. Rathnapura |
| 2. Dambulla | 17. Thambuththegama | 32. Embilipitiya |
| 3. Matara | 18. Anuradhapura | 33. Maradagahamula |
| 4. Kurunegala | 19. Badulla | 34. Galenbindunuwewa |
| 5. Bandarawela | 20. Galle | 35. Rilkillagaskada |
| 6. Kandy | 21. Mannar | 36. Matale |
| 7. Meegoda | 22. Trincomalee | |
| 8. Kalutara | 23. Batticaloa | |
| 9. Weeravila | 24. Jaffna | |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 25. Mullativu | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 26. Kilinochchi | |
| 12. Puttalam | 27. Vavuniya | |
| 13. Hambanthota | 28. Kegalle | |
| 14. Veyangoda | 29. Ampara | |
| 15. Dehiattakandiya | 30. Monaragala | |

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

Despite of the crop yellowing, pest and disease situation occurred during the 2022/23 *Maha* season the production outlook is somewhat satisfactory in most of the major producing areas as a result of the high extent (802,788ha) of paddy lands cultivated during the season. Harvesting of paddy crop was in progress in Kurunegala district, Eastern province and Anuradhapura district during the month and new harvest arrives at the markets from those areas. At the end of month, rainy weather was experienced in Anuradhapura, Tabutthegama and Nikaweratiya producing areas. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture the expected paddy production after crop damage adjusted stood at 2.65 Million Mt. The target extent for *Maha* 2022/23 season is 853,553 ha. It is expected that the peak harvesting take place in the mid of March in producing areas in the North Central province.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End Feb 2023 and production forecast of Maha

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end February 2023 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
Colombo	4,197	4,345	104	12,040	512	11,600
Gampaha	13,277	12,492	94	38,332	2,598	36,339
Kalutara	14,722	13,313	90	39,177	6,264	31,242
Galle	14,048	12,939	92	33,417	892	32,637
Matara	15,276	14,288	94	38,467	419	38,165
Ratnapura	11,958	11,589	97	42,456	1,988	38,815
Kegalle	8,336	7,039	84	26,836	-	26,836
Kurunagala	83,507	70,939	85	277,373	6,850	269,616
Puttalam	22,745	19,159	84	58,627	67	58,452
Kandy	9,816	9,016	92	29,140	273	28,826
Matale	18,259	15,433	85	66,203	64	66,063
N eliya	6,628	5,566	84	13,110	157	13,018
Badulla	16,594	13,477	81	46,966	-	46,966
Monaragala	29,732	27,919	94	112,998	4,280	108,667
Jaffna	13,000	12,973	100	32,004	1,472	30,162
Kilinochchi	28,779	28,779	100	86,573	-	86,573
Vavuniya	22,394	23,903	107	87,053	1,000	85,050
Mullativu	21,899	21,950	100	77,455	2,277	72,581
Mannar	21,694	21,621	100	87,529	4,469	82,506
Anuradhapura	79,196	66,699	84	242,420	8,910	216,124
Trincomalee	42,498	41,572	98	145,214	925	144,380
Batticaloa	74,333	71,189	96	193,522	14,875	159,499
Ampara	7,303	7,302	100	28,951	4,960	16,377
Hambantota	13,016	12,111	93	56,925	221	56,666
Udawalawa	11,810	13,042	110	59,641	1,099	59,464
System H	21,755	21,872	101	79,089	10,933	67,010
System H1	8,199	8,318	101	30,078	1,530	30,042
System B	20,745	20,371	98	74,639	8,524	45,228
System C	22,960	22,178	97	81,260	10,473	48,314
System G	5,948	5,948	98	22,156	381	8,797
System D	1,559	1,920	123	7,035	740	5,105
Rambakanoya	1,050	957	91	3,162	718	2,240
Sri Lanka	853,553	802,788	94	2,858,159	107,250	2,649,882

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of short-grain, long-grain white and long-grain red paddy varieties have shown a decreasing trend in all major producing areas at the end of month. Harvesting of paddy in *Maha*, 2022/23 season was in progress in the producing areas in the Eastern province and Kurunegala and Anuradhapura districts. Prices of short-grain and long-grain white ranged between Rs.85.00-112.00/Kg and Rs.82.00-110.00/Kg respectively. The lowest prices for long grain white were recorded in Ampara. The lowest prices were recorded for high-moisture paddy received from the new harvest. The price range of Rs 100.00-126.00/Kg was recorded for the *Keeri* samba paddy in producing areas in the North Central province.

Compared to last month, the average prices of short-grain and long-grain white varieties have increased by less than 6% and 2% respectively in most of the producing areas. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red has decreased in the range of 8% in Hambanthota and 12% in Embilipitiya. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have increased in the range of 7%-23%, 6%-22% and 6% respectively.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –February 2023

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	95.00-107.00	100.50	94.72	86.80	5.78	6.10	13.70	15.78
Polonnaruwa	103.00-110.50	105.17	102.82	91.75	2.35	2.29	13.42	14.62
Kalawewa	85.00-105.00	98.98	95.28	88.43	3.69	3.88	10.55	11.93
Kurunegala	85.00-110.00	101.27	97.72	82.31	3.55	3.63	18.95	23.03
Dehiattakandiya	95.00-103.00	99.63	98.70	92.83	0.93	0.94	6.79	7.32
Nikaweratiya	95.00-110.00	101.39	96.25	85.76	5.14	5.34	15.63	18.22
Ampara	100.00-112.00	105.46	100.00	93.67	5.46	5.46	11.79	12.59
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	90.00-100.00	96.30	94.08	86.65	2.22	2.36	9.65	11.14
Polonnaruwa	100.00-110.50	102.48	102.44	91.56	0.04	0.04	10.92	11.92
Kalawewa	82.00-100.00	95.52	93.60	85.76	1.92	2.05	9.76	11.38
Kurunegala	82.00-103.00	97.23	96.37	79.69	0.86	0.90	17.54	22.01
Dehiattakandiya	95.00-101.00	96.92	96.87	91.58	0.05	0.05	5.33	5.82
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	88.00-105.00	97.98	96.25	85.76	1.73	1.80	12.22	14.25
Ampara	85.00-100.00	91.77	89.65	-	2.13	2.37	-	-
Long Grain Red								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	85.00-100.00	92.69	91.50	87.58	1.19	1.30	5.11	5.83
Hambantota	90.00-100.00	95.33	103.33	88.96	-8.01	-7.75	6.37	7.16
Embilipitiya	88.00-96.00	92.45	104.92	93.25	-12.47	-11.89	-0.80	-0.86
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	105.00-125.00	112.25	98.72	108.00	13.53	13.71	4.25	3.94
Polonnaruwa	110.00-126.00	117.44	106.18	122.43	11.25	10.60	-4.99	-4.08
Kalawewa	100.00-115.00	106.85	98.43	107.00	8.42	8.55	-0.15	-0.14
Kurunegala	110.00-110.00	110.00	-	112.00	-	-	-2.00	-1.79
Dehiattakandiya	103.00-125.00	110.67	101.60	118.58	9.07	8.92	-7.91	-6.67

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

With the commencement of paddy harvesting in the major producing areas, the supply of all local rice varieties recorded a slight improvement at the wholesale level. Hence, the demand for imported rice varieties decreased due to substitute effect. Compared to the previous month, wholesale prices of most of the local rice varieties have decreased significantly after a long period. The highest price decrease of Rs. 21.00/kg was recorded for red raw rice due to increased supply. The price of raw white had decreased by Rs. 15.00/kg and prices ranged between Rs.160.00-190.00/kg. Prices of Nadu 1 and 2 also decreased by Rs. 12.00 and Rs.14.00/kg respectively mainly due to increased supply. However, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties had not changed compared to the last month. Wholesale prices of all the imported rice varieties had decreased by less than 5% due to decreased demand.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all varieties had increased by 9-60% with the highest price increase of 60% being recorded for imported samba rice.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	205.00-220.00	212.30	213.09	159.87	-0.79	-0.37	52.43	32.80
Samba 2	195.00-215.00	205.98	205.76	155.26	0.22	0.10	50.72	32.67
Keeri Samba	215.00-250.00	227.34	221.86	207.86	5.48	2.47	19.48	9.37
Nadu 1	180.00-195.00	187.35	199.20	154.73	-11.85	-5.95	32.62	21.08
Nadu 2	170.00-190.00	178.70	192.46	149.96	-13.76	-7.15	28.74	19.17
Raw red	155.00-190.00	171.60	192.38	153.30	-20.78	-10.80	18.30	11.94
Raw white	160.00-190.00	173.18	188.30	149.12	-15.13	-8.03	24.06	16.13
Imported Samba	188.00-205.00	193.98	204.44	120.57	-10.47	-5.12	73.41	60.88
Imported Raw White	153.00-175.00	161.35	166.46	108.96	-5.11	-3.07	52.39	48.08
Imported Nadu	160.00-175.00	166.73	174.00	111.91	-7.28	-4.18	54.81	48.98
Retail Prices-								
Samba 1	220.00-235.00	228.58	230.11	173.38	-1.53	-0.67	55.20	31.84
Samba 2	210.00-225.00	217.90	219.81	162.91	-1.90	-0.87	54.99	33.75
Keeri Samba	240.00-270.00	254.05	255.73	240.29	-1.68	-0.66	13.76	5.73
Nadu 1	210.00-230.00	218.61	220.92	165.94	-2.31	-1.05	52.67	31.74
Nadu 2	180.00-220.00	205.48	212.20	156.38	-6.72	-3.17	49.10	31.40
Raw red	170.00-210.00	198.52	213.83	166.21	-15.31	-7.16	32.32	19.44
Raw white	170.00-210.00	197.12	210.47	165.39	-13.35	-6.34	31.73	19.18
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	200.00-225.00	217.07	219.77	136.57	-2.71	-1.23	80.50	58.94
Imported Raw White	160.00-200.00	182.79	187.42	128.07	-4.64	-2.47	54.71	42.72
Imported Nadu	170.00-200.00	192.13	197.21	132.09	-5.08	-2.57	60.04	45.45

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

In line with the movement of wholesale prices, retail prices of all rice varieties had decreased in the range of 1-6% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. The highest price decrease of Rs. 15.00/kg was recorded for red raw rice followed by the white raw rice (Rs. 13.00/kg). Retail prices of samba varieties remained unchanged compared to last month.

Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 06 -59%, and the highest price increase was recorded for imported samba.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in maha 2022 /23 was 11,214 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 7,436 ha by the end of February and it was 66% of the target. Though the both highest targeted extent (1776ha) and cultivated extent (650ha) were recorded from the Anuradhapura district at the end of this month the highest expected production was recorded from Monaragala district (11,502mt). The total estimated production of green chilli during this Maha season is 86,094 mt and out of that around 46% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (7%), Puttalam (10%), Jaffna (10%), Monaragala (13%), and Inter Provincial DDA areas (6%).

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2022/23 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end February 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Anuradhapura	1,776	650	37	6,381
Puttalam	1,770	461	26	8,683
Monaragala	683	613	90	11,502
Batticaloa	588	570	97	3,021
Jaffna	770	455	59	8,809
Kurunegala	440	386	88	4,105
Badulla	415	455	110	5,039
Kilinochchi	485	311	64	1,396
Nuwara Eliya	271	222	82	4,126
Mullathivu	370	258	70	4,724
Interprovincial DDA areas	751	523	70	5,542
Mahaweli areas	515	492	96	2,252
Other areas	2,380	2,040	86	20,514
Total	11,214	7,436	66	86,094

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.25.00/kg and Rs.56.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.273.41/kg and Rs.479.55/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 44% and 30% respectively.

A quantity of 4,224 mt of dried chilli was imported in February 2023 and this quantity was higher than 1,145 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.813.09/kg and it has decreased by Rs.78.63/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.154.00/kg and Rs.127.00/kg respectively. Prices ranged between Rs.950.00-1300.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1300.00 – Rs. 1800.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 30% and 48% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – Feb 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	180.00-430.00	273.41	298.60	485.75	-25.19	-8.44	-212.34	-43.71
Dried Chilli	950.00-1300.00	1177.50	1331.90	908.03	-154.40	-11.59	269.47	29.68
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	280.00-700.00	479.55	535.06	686.78	-55.51	-10.38	-207.23	-30.17
Dried Chilli	1300.00-1800.00	1625.09	1752.35	1096.90	-127.26	-7.26	528.19	48.15

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) February 2023

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	158.00	208.00	240.00	308.00
Embilipitiya	252.00	268.00	296.00	376.00
Puttalam	206.00	178.00	176.00	254.00
A'Pura	206.00	162.00	176.00	276.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (Feb– Sept 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Feb-2023	4224.49	3434.89	813.09	1625.09	812.00
Jan-2023	3079.93	2746.44	891.72	1752.35	860.63
Dec-2022	4063.21	3596.78	885.21	1785.38	900.17
Nov-2022	3959.56	3568.72	901.29	1843.52	942.23
Oct-2022	2888.04	2566.62	888.70	1815.12	926.42
Sept-2022	4128.60	3686.10	892.82	1827.19	934.37

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for red onion for maha 2022/23 season was 3575ha, of which 1,496ha has been cultivated by the end of February 2023. It represented 42% 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 1056ha of the target (56%) was grown at the end of February 2023. The cultivation progress of red onion in Puttalam district was 25% of the targeted extent at the end of February 2023. The total estimated production of red onion during this maha season is 18,478 mt and out of that around 88% of the production will be supplied from Jaffna (71%), and Puttalam (17%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2022/23 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of Feb 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1900	1,056	56	13,094
Puttalam	900	228	25	3,211
Other area	775	212	27	2,173
Total	3575	1,496	42	18,478

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of only imported and big onions during this month too. A quantity of 23,207mt of big onion was imported in February 2023 and this quantity was lower than the 4,431 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.73.34/kg and it has decreased by Rs.10.87/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by about Rs.34.00/kg and Rs.30.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.111.20/kg and Rs.158.70/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 9% when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has increased slightly from the main producing areas during this month. Limited stocks of sinnan red onion were available at the market with the price range of Rs.250.00–320.00/kg and Rs.360.00 – 400.00/kg was observed for the vedalan variety. A quantity of 1589 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 88 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.128.34/kg and it has decreased by Rs.27.86.06/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.204.00/kg. compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of imported red onion and vedalan red onion have increased by about 10% and 16% respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - Feb2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	250.00-320.00	290.00	-	178.33	-	-	111.67	62.62
Red Onion (Vedalan)	360.00-400.00	380.00	-	364.44	-	-	15.56	4.27
Red Onion (Imported)	200.00-350.00	285.50	489.40	341.25	-203.90	-41.66	-55.75	-16.34
Big Onion (imported)	95.00-130.00	111.20	145.40	122.22	-34.20	-23.52	-11.02	-9.02
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	330.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	450.00-600.00	532.96	-	461.00	-	-	71.97	15.61
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-680.00	491.57	696.10	445.42	-204.53	-29.38	46.15	10.36
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-180.00	158.70	188.50	173.63	-29.80	-15.81	-14.94	-8.60
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, February 2023

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	February,2023	73.34	111.20	158.70	37.86	47.50
	January,2023	84.21	145.40	188.50	61.19	43.10
	February,2022	-	-	-	-	-
Red onion	February,2023	128.34	285.50	491.57	157.16	206.07
	January,2023	156.20	489.40	696.10	333.20	206.70
	February,2022	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
February-2023	23,206.84	73.34	111.20	158.70	85.35
January-2023	27,637.65	84.21	145.40	188.50	104.29
Dec-2022	25,501.24	88.27	157.60	195.56	107.29
Nov-2022	19,712.16	92.02	226.13	281.28	189.26
Oct-2022	12,950.79	83.42	202.30	233.69	150.28
Sept-2022	16,368.03	80.70	136.48	183.42	102.72

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Feb,2023	Jan,2023	Feb,2023	Jan,2023	Feb,2023	Jan,2023
Red Onion	1589.15	1677.32	203.96	261.99	128.34	156.20
Big Onion	23206.84	27637.65	1702.00	2327.31	73.34	84.21

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2022/23 season is 3,202ha which is higher than the previous year target extent (2,659 ha). About 1,493 ha had been cultivated by the end of February achieving 47% of the target. In February about 537 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. However, compared to the same period of the last *maha* season, the cultivated extent by the end of February of this *maha* season was at a low level. According to the cultivated extent up to the end of February, the expected production of potato is 23,740 mt for *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,526 ha and about 616 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of February (40% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated progress is considerably low. The targeted extent for *maha* season is 1,533 ha in the Badulla district and 839 ha have been cultivated by the end of February achieving the targeted extent by 54%. The cultivated extent during this season is at a low level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 14 258 Mt of potato had been imported in February, which was 3,703 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month and 5,386 mt lower than the previous year. The average CIF price was Rs.64.00/kg in February (Table 2.3.1).

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –Sept 2022 to Feb 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February-2023	14,258	922.11	64.68	185.01	120.34
January-2023	17,961	1209.22	67.32	181.78	114.46
December-2022	15,183	1199.30	78.99	232.61	153.61
November-2022	12,035	883.04	73.37	239.85	166.48
October-2022	12,788	965.08	75.47	233.55	158.08
September-2022	11,101	831.97	74.94	300.32	225.37

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato and few stocks of Welimada potato were available in the Colombo Wholesale market. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.219.00/kg and Rs.170.00/kg respectively. In February, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 30% while the retail price also decreased by 18% when compared to January 2023. Meanwhile, imported potato's wholesale and retail prices have increased by 8% and 2% respectively. During the month of February, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 220.00-290.00/kg and Rs. 95.00-190.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of Nuwara Eliya (15%) and imported (11%) potatoes have increased (Table 2.3.2).

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average				Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Producer Prices (PP)									
Welimada	145.00-190.00	170.25	255.80	178.00	-85.55	-33.44	-7.75	-4.35	
Nuwara Eliya	175.00-280.00	218.75	272.00	198.10	-53.25	-19.58	20.65	10.42	
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wholesale Prices (WP)									
Welimada	200.00-230.00	215.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya	220.00-290.00	255.00	366.00	231.44	-111.00	-30.33	23.56	10.18	
Imported	95.00-190.00	134.26	124.06	103.95	10.20	8.22	30.31	29.16	
Retail Prices (RP)									
Welimada	250.00-300.00	279.25	-	259.10	-	-	20.15	7.78	
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-480.00	361.86	443.97	314.05	-82.10	-18.49	47.81	15.22	
Imported	140.00-240.00	185.01	181.78	166.35	3.23	1.78	18.67	11.22	
Gross Margin (RP-PP)									
Welimada		109.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya		143.11	171.97	115.95	-28.85	-16.78	27.16	23.43	
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gross Margin (RP -WP)									
Welimada		64.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya		106.86	77.97	82.61	28.90	37.06	24.25	29.35	
Imported		50.75	57.72	62.40	-6.97	-12.08	-11.64	-18.66	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The cultivated extent of Cowpea reported above 80% progress. However green gram reported below a 50% progress of the target. It was recorded that Hambantota, Moneragala, Kurunegala Anuradhapura and Putthalam districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram while Anuradapura, Kurunegala and Moneragala are for Cowpea.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

Green gram wholesale and retail prices ranged Rs 1280.00-1475.00/kg and Rs 1400.00-1680.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpeas ranged between Rs 1200- 1600.00 kg and 1180.00- 1600.00/kg respectively. When compared to the previous month, prices of green gram have increased by 14% and prices of white cowpea (4%) and red cowpea reduced by 5% respectively.

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	1280.00-1475.00	1407.54	1231.36	541.75	176.17	14.31	865.79	159.81
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1100.00	968.99	1225.68	574.88	-256.69	-20.94	394.11	68.56
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1100.00	981.46	1233.13	492.00	-251.67	-20.41	489.46	99.48
Retail Price								
Green gram	1400.00-1680.00	1525.45	1343.50	643.24	181.95	13.54	882.21	137.15
Cowpea (White)	1200.00-1600.00	1345.59	1404.31	735.94	-58.71	-4.18	609.66	82.84
Cowpea (Red)	1180.00-1600.00	1342.16	1412.52	581.13	-70.36	-4.98	761.04	130.96

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.335/kg and Rs.342/kg with an average of Rs.337/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.350/kg and Rs.380/kg with an average of Rs.372/kg. Compared with the last month wholesale and retail prices have reduced by 4% and 2% respectively following the same trend of previous months due to the slight appreciation of Sri Lanka rupee.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – February 2023

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	335.00-342.00	337.78	353.36	300.48	-15.59	-4.41	37.30	12.41
Retail Price	350.00-380.00	372.70	381.35	326.17	-8.65	-2.27	46.54	14.27

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Cultivation progress of up-country and low-country vegetables are recorded as 76% (15,514ha) and 82% (22,978ha) respectively. Carrot, knol-khol, tomato, pumpkin, brinjal, ash plantain, long bean and winged bean reported above 80% progress from their targets. Cultivation progress is lower for beet, capsicum, pumpkin, snake gourd, cucumber, bitter gourd, okra, brinjal, ash plantain, luffa, long bean and kekiri (Crop Forecast, Vol.05, *Maha 2022/2023*, Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture).

Table 3.1 :Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Maha 2022/23 Season

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of February 2023		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Up-Country Vegetables				
Bean	4,340	3,493	80	35,318
Beet	1,703	957	56	10,375
Cabbage	2,608	1,940	74	47,611
Capsicum	2,501	1,796	72	15,084
Carrot	1,995	1,699	85	36,293
Knol-khol	498	416	84	4,095
Leeks	1,333	1,055	79	15,034
Tomato	3,421	2,756	81	34,501
Radish	2,020	1,401	69	27,696
Total	20,420	15,514	76	226,007
Low – country Vegetables				
Pumpkin	3,774	3,720	99	51,259
Snake gourd	1,825	1,343	74	16,718
Cucumber	1,723	1,201	70	16,598
Bitter gourd	2,293	1,599	70	19,063
Okra	4,241	3,349	79	36,839
Brinjal	5,356	4,522	84	57,507
Ash plantain	632	538	85	7,333
Luffa	1,835	1,314	72	15,083
Long Bean	5,082	4,244	84	37,651
Winged bean	809	729	90	7,426
Kekiri	484	419	87	5,528
Total	28,054	22,978	82	271,005
Grand Total	48,474	38,491	79	497,012

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2022/23, volume 05, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the up-country and low-country vegetables have decreased due to increased market supply. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have decreased by 22%-53%. The highest price decrease was reported for beetroot (53%). The highest price of Rs.328.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.47.00/kg was observed for cabbage. With regard to low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have decreased by 22%-45% except ladies fingers and cucumber. The highest price of Rs. 534.00/kg was recorded for capsicum, while the lowest price of Rs. 65.00/kg was for pumpkin. However, the price of ladies fingers, cucumbers and tomatoes increased by 15%, 24% and 20% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 179% being reported for ash plantain. However, carrot, cabbage, pumpkin, and beetroot prices are decreased and ranged 40%-70%.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-420.00	328.00	443.00	179.00	-115.00	-25.96	149.00	83.24
Carrot	80.00-150.00	107.50	158.00	358.75	-50.50	-31.96	-251.25	-70.03
Leeks	120.00-230.00	174.25	224.58	109.25	-50.33	-22.41	65.00	59.50
Beetroot	100.00-210.00	149.52	318.02	248.82	-168.50	-52.98	-99.30	-39.91
Knolkhol	80.00-170.00	137.00	227.80	125.00	-90.80	-39.86	12.00	9.60
Radish	50.00-70.00	55.46	72.40	30.13	-16.94	-23.39	25.34	84.11
Cabbage	30.00-80.00	47.39	72.80	106.75	-25.41	-34.91	-59.36	-55.61
Tomato	140.00-300.00	187.25	156.20	183.75	31.05	19.88	3.50	1.90
Ladies Fingers	180.00-220.00	198.75	173.40	136.63	25.35	14.62	62.13	45.47
Brinjal	80.00-250.00	146.25	239.60	173.75	-93.35	-38.96	-27.50	-15.83
Capsicum	420.00-630.00	533.75	689.40	451.75	-155.65	-22.58	82.00	18.15
Pumpkin	45.00-80.00	65.25	119.40	164.50	-54.15	-45.35	-99.25	-60.33
Cucumber	100.00-150.00	127.25	102.80	66.50	24.45	23.78	60.75	91.35
Bittergourd	250.00-300.00	270.50	287.20	280.84	-16.70	-5.81	-10.34	-3.68
Snakegourd	120.00-170.00	141.75	194.20	153.36	-52.45	-27.01	-11.61	-7.57
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	190.00-280.00	228.50	230.20	226.25	-1.70	-0.74	2.25	0.99
Long Beans	100.00-200.00	142.00	205.80	121.67	-63.80	-31.00	20.33	16.71
Ash Plantain	200.00-230.00	211.00	219.40	75.75	-8.40	-3.83	135.25	178.55
Green Chillies	180.00-430.00	273.41	298.60	485.75	-25.19	-8.44	-212.34	-43.71
Lime	80.00-130.00	102.50	99.00	74.25	3.50	3.54	28.25	38.05

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the fluctuations of wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased. Retail prices of up-country vegetables had decreased by 16%-41%. The highest price of Rs.737.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.149.00/kg was observed for cabbage. In addition, price of green chilli has decreased by 10% and price of lime has increased by 11%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – February 2023

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	280.00-600.00	446.33	549.17	272.00	-102.85	-18.73	174.32	64.09
Carrot	150.00-320.00	231.10	302.64	463.40	-71.54	-23.64	-232.30	-50.13
Leeks	200.00-400.00	298.72	384.59	226.26	-85.87	-22.33	72.46	32.03
Beetroot	160.00-400.00	275.63	465.61	360.89	-189.98	-40.80	-85.27	-23.63
Knolkhol	160.00-320.00	264.80	377.50	266.22	-112.70	-29.85	-1.42	-0.53
Radish	80.00-240.00	161.64	193.54	126.52	-31.90	-16.48	35.12	27.76
Cabbage	80.00-200.00	149.11	197.77	232.23	-48.66	-24.61	-83.12	-35.79
Tomato	200.00-440.00	303.88	252.87	291.00	51.01	20.17	12.88	4.43
Ladies Fingers	200.00-360.00	295.08	281.33	234.06	13.75	4.89	61.02	26.07
Brinjal	160.00-400.00	269.05	391.40	260.01	-122.35	-31.26	9.04	3.48
Capsicum	500.00-1000.00	737.01	917.44	659.92	-180.43	-19.67	77.09	11.68
Pumpkin	100.00-240.00	165.95	226.13	249.21	-60.18	-26.61	-83.26	-33.41
Cucumber	150.00-320.00	218.10	202.63	137.17	15.48	7.64	80.94	59.00
Bittergourd	300.00-480.00	398.60	456.04	391.85	-57.44	-12.60	6.75	1.72
Snakegourd	160.00-360.00	293.64	369.10	283.75	-75.47	-20.45	9.88	3.48
Drumstick	-	-	-	780.77	-	-	-	-
Luffa	280.00-480.00	385.85	404.03	336.58	-18.18	-4.50	49.27	14.64
Long Beans	180.00-360.00	283.78	355.54	237.90	-71.76	-20.18	45.89	19.29
Ash Plantain	220.00-360.00	299.51	317.77	144.52	-18.26	-5.75	155.00	107.25
Green Chilli	280.00-700.00	479.55	535.06	686.78	-55.51	-10.38	-207.23	-30.17
Lime	180.00-400.00	308.84	277.27	209.45	31.57	11.38	99.38	47.45

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In February, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *ambul* (7%) and *kolikuttu* (6%) banana have decreased, while the prices of *anamalu* (14%) and *ambun* (12%) have increased. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.280.00-400.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.140.00-220.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.100.00-160.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.22.00-34.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.18.00-28.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Considering the mango varieties, the prices of all varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 209% for *betti* and 143% for *karthakolomban* mango due to low stock position. Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the highest price increase was recorded for passion fruit (45%). Further, the prices of wood apple and papaw have increased by 15% and 14% respectively.

Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased further in the range of 3%-7% due to arrival of stocks from Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.452.00/fruit (large), Rs.376.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.299.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. In addition, the prices of slime apple (15%) and avocado (10%) have decreased (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 166% reported for *ambul* banana (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	140.00-220.00	175.42	188.93	65.85	-13.51	-7.15	109.57	166.39
Kolikuttu (Kg)	280.00-400.00	339.48	362.64	162.41	-23.16	-6.39	177.07	109.03
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	132.54	128.36	68.92	4.18	3.26	63.62	92.31
Anamalu (Fruit)	18.00-28.00	22.88	20.02	12.57	2.85	14.24	10.30	81.92
Ambun (Fruit)	22.00-34.00	27.85	24.87	15.63	2.99	12.01	12.23	78.23
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	380.00-740.00	452.22	466.11	361.08	-13.89	-2.98	91.14	25.24
Medium (Fruit)	300.00-620.00	376.59	393.91	265.60	-17.32	-4.40	110.99	41.79
Small (Fruit)	250.00-500.00	298.69	320.43	198.14	-21.75	-6.79	100.55	50.75
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	22.00-80.00	58.65	18.99	49.00	39.66	208.82	9.65	19.70
Karthakolomban(fruit)	150.00-350.00	249.97	102.89	110.74	147.08	142.95	139.23	125.72
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	61.92	48.00	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	41.00	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	100.00-320.00	203.68	178.30	228.64	25.38	14.23	-24.96	-10.92
Passionfruit (Fruit)	60.00-75.00	68.07	46.83	33.06	21.24	45.36	35.01	105.88
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	45.08	39.37	30.83	5.71	14.51	14.25	46.22
Orange (Fruit)	16.00-55.00	37.11	35.97	40.02	1.14	3.16	-2.91	-7.28
Avocado (Fruit)	100.00-220.00	148.44	164.41	103.48	-15.97	-9.72	44.96	43.45
Slime Apple (Fruit)	15.00-26.00	19.81	23.34	23.42	-3.53	-15.14	-3.61	-15.42
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1800.00-2200.00	1957.29	1762.05	967.16	195.24	11.08	990.13	102.38

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in February. Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the prices of *kolikuttu* (7%) and *ambul* (4%) banana varieties have decreased while the prices of *ambun* (8%) and *anamalu* (7%) banana have increased. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.350.00-480.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.170.00-300.00/kg for *ambul* banana and Rs.150.00-280.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Further, the price of *karthakolomban* mango has increased further by 116% due to low stocks position. Meanwhile, the prices of all sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 4%-7% due to decreased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.300.00-750.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of passion fruit (46%), wood apple (14%) and avocado (10%) have increased while the price of orange (12%) has increased according to the price behavior in the wholesale market. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 120% reported for *ambul* banana (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	170.00-300.00	247.66	258.73	112.32	-11.07	-4.28	135.34	120.49
Kolikuttu (Kg)	350.00-480.00	442.30	474.68	232.90	-32.38	-6.82	209.39	89.91
Seeni (Kg)	150.00-280.00	211.25	212.30	121.94	-1.05	-0.50	89.31	73.25
Anamalu (Fruit)	25.00-35.00	30.00	28.09	18.69	1.91	6.81	11.31	60.50
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-48.00	37.81	34.85	23.55	2.96	8.49	14.25	60.52
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	400.00-750.00	560.12	582.92	428.81	-22.81	-3.91	131.30	30.62
Medium (Fruit)	400.00-650.00	477.13	503.22	328.93	-26.09	-5.19	148.20	45.06
Small (Fruit)	300.00-580.00	376.48	403.03	255.45	-26.55	-6.59	121.03	47.38
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	200.00-500.00	351.32	162.42	154.50	188.90	116.30	196.82	127.39
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	84.00	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	180.00-450.00	324.54	315.62	295.37	8.93	2.83	29.17	9.88
Passionfruit (Fruit)	66.00-100.00	89.11	60.81	41.47	28.29	46.52	47.63	114.85
Woodapple (Fruit)	50.00-150.00	93.46	82.111	57.50	11.35	13.82	35.95	62.52
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	79.60	90.885	70.44	-11.28	-12.41	9.16	13.01
Avocado (Fruit)	120.00-250.00	191.41	173.92	134.69	17.49	10.05	56.72	42.11
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	75.94	74.315	57.11	1.63	2.19	18.83	32.97
Grapes Imported (Kg)	2000.00-3500.00	2446.07	2326.1	1352.89	119.92	5.16	1093.18	80.80

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	74.00-136.00	112.17	102.37	34.43	9.80	9.57	77.74	225.78
Kolikuttu	256.00-268.00	261.50	265.00	117.07	-3.50	-1.32	144.43	123.37
Papaw	88.00-232.00	142.50	117.13	124.06	25.37	21.66	18.44	14.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 660 mt of fresh fruits in February, 2023 to the value of Rs.216 mn. Of the exported quantity, 82% were papaw and 12% were fresh mangoes, guava, avocados and mangosteen. Compared to February 2022 (1,073 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 709 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.347 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 423 mt, followed by grapes (260 mt). Compared to the month of February, 2022 (1,748 mt), the imported quantity had significantly decreased during this year (Table 4.5).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – December 2022 to February 2023

Type of Fruit	February - 2023			January - 2023			December - 2022		
	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	541.00	112.09	207.19	662.17	144.62	218.40	1057.25	201.56	190.64
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	31.58	35.18	1114.03	21.17	29.56	1395.95	67.81	63.54	937.05
Fresh Avocado	7.42	7.20	970.81	8.66	9.18	1061.06	1.37	2.08	1514.78
Pineapple, fresh	79.73	61.83	775.57	38.50	19.35	502.61	48.59	29.03	597.43

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – December 2022 to February 2023

Type of Fruit	February - 2023			January - 2023			December - 2022		
	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	423.01	163.14	385.66	136.54	52.87	387.24	244.54	89.59	366.36
Grapes	259.97	177.00	680.87	163.02	79.11	485.27	214.92	116.47	541.90
Oranges	26.13	6.53	250.11	0.56	0.29	522.23	29.07	9.64	331.73

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The food inflation (Y-o-Y) decreased to 54.4% in February 2023 from 60.0% in January 2023, leading to a slight decrease in the prices of all fish varieties, except for shrimp (small), at the wholesale level compared to the previous month. Further, there was an increase in supply during the main fishing season in the eastern coastal belt and improved weather conditions. As mentioned earlier, due to the rise in the cost of living and loss of income, consumers have been compelled to reduce their consumption of high-value foods such as fish and meat, leading to a decrease in demand for these products. Additionally, a shift in demand from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones has also been observed.

Among all fresh fish varieties, the largest price drop was observed for hurulla as 16%, followed by thora as 13%, balaya as 11% and thalapath as 10%. Equally, prices for most of the remaining fish varieties, with the exception of shrimp (small) had decreased within the range of 1% to 4%. As mentioned earlier, the economic crisis induced demand shift from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones have been observed. For instance, the price of hurulla, which had been increasing for several consecutive months, showed a slight drop in February due to high supply. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had increased, ranging from 18% to 95%, with the most notable increase seen in the price of salaya as 96%.

As a result of the wholesale price changes, the retail prices for most of the fish varieties have decreased in comparison to the previous month. The most significant price drop was reported for kelawalla and thalapath as 13% and 10% respectively. Furthermore, the prices of paraw, thora balaya and salaya had dropped in the range of 5% - 7%. However, prices of mora and shrimp (small) had increased by 6% and 1% respectively. When compared to the same period of the

previous year, retail prices for all fresh fish varieties have increased substantially, with the most significant increase noted for salaya as 88%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	250.00-600.00	386.75	402.80	197.68	-16.05	-3.98	189.07	95.65	
Hurulla	500.00-850.00	692.50	820.60	529.85	-128.10	-15.61	162.65	30.70	
Balaya	450.00-800.00	653.50	734.00	552.60	-80.50	-10.97	100.90	18.26	
Kelawalla	840.00-1400.00	1161.00	1167.40	855.95	-6.40	-0.55	305.05	35.64	
Thora	1400.00-2800.00	2052.50	2350.00	1444.31	-297.50	-12.66	608.19	42.11	
Paraw	750.00-1400.00	1145.75	1198.18	786.90	-52.43	-4.38	358.85	45.60	
Mora	600.00-1300.00	907.62	948.84	660.00	-41.22	-4.34	247.62	37.52	
Shrimp (small)	1350.00-1650.00	1507.00	1467.40	1151.64	39.60	2.70	355.36	30.86	
Thalapath	1100.00-2300.00	1542.50	1711.00	1179.06	-168.50	-9.85	363.44	30.82	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	400.00-800.00	559.03	591.41	296.97	-32.37	-5.47	262.07	88.25	
Hurulla	700.00-1300.00	985.80	988.33	658.91	-2.53	-0.26	326.90	49.61	
Balaya	780.00-1600.00	1267.51	1344.52	1026.16	-77.02	-5.73	241.35	23.52	
Kelawalla	1100.00-2800.00	1842.53	2114.26	1452.33	-271.72	-12.85	390.20	26.87	
Thora	2300.00-3960.00	3039.22	3200.87	2012.13	-161.65	-5.05	1027.09	51.05	
Paraw	1400.00-2800.00	1966.06	2123.42	1521.21	-157.36	-7.41	444.85	29.24	
Mora	960.00-2400.00	1512.22	1418.35	-	93.87	6.62	-	-	
Shrimp (small)	1400.00-2400.00	1841.88	1825.81	1292.58	16.07	0.88	549.30	42.50	
Thalapath	1700.00-3000.00	2373.35	2637.39	1768.71	-264.04	-10.01	604.65	34.19	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In February 2023, prices of most dried fish varieties also experienced a decrease in prices following the drop in prices of the common fresh fish varieties.

The highest price drop at the wholesale level was recorded for sprats as 6% due to low fresh fish prices. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties, except for maduwa had dropped in the range of by 0.5% and 2%. However, prices of maduwa had increased slightly, by 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all dried fish varieties had increased, with the highest price increase noted for kattawa (imported) as 56%.

During the same period, the retail prices of most dried fish varieties had slightly decreased, which could be attributed to the price drops observed in the wholesale market. The highest price drop was reported for maduwa as 18%. Prices of other fish varieties, except for sprats (imported) and balaya had shown a slight price drop in the range of 2% - 4%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all dried fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 68%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of Dried fish – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	980.00-1400.00	1226.25	1308.40	948.38	-82.15	-6.28	277.88	29.30
Sprats (imported)	850.00-1000.00	920.63	934.77	709.00	-14.14	-1.51	211.62	29.85
Kattawa	-	-	-	1259.11	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1650.00-1800.00	1714.67	1702.96	1098.43	11.71	0.69	616.24	56.10
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1600.00-1750.00	1690.50	1715.22	1400.76	-24.72	-1.44	289.74	20.68
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	1196.67	-	-	-	-
Balaya	800.00-940.00	870.75	875.13	680.60	-4.38	-0.50	190.15	27.94
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	1385.42	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1580.00-1750.00	1660.54	1670.11	1126.19	-9.57	-0.57	534.35	47.45
Maduwa	1100.00-1320.00	1234.00	1203.80	877.58	30.20	2.51	356.42	40.61
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	680.00-900.00	778.75	777.20	506.71	1.55	0.20	272.04	53.69
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	1200.00-1600.00	1336.44	1328.54	857.25	7.91	0.60	479.19	55.90
Sprats	1400.00-2000.00	1780.81	1816.68	1344.09	-35.87	-1.97	436.72	32.49
Kattawa	2200.00-2800.00	2436.13	2486.64	1676.12	-50.51	-2.03	760.01	45.34
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	2000.00-2800.00	2342.16	2406.43	1666.34	-64.27	-2.67	675.82	40.56
Balaya	1000.00-1800.00	1464.53	1465.46	1071.15	-0.93	-0.06	393.38	36.72
Anguluwa	2000.00-2600.00	2368.99	2437.22	1556.66	-68.23	-2.80	812.33	52.18
Maduwa	1500.00-2000.00	1750.00	2128.33	1194.64	-378.33	-17.78	555.36	46.49
Salaya	800.00-1500.00	1191.29	1240.61	709.77	-49.32	-3.98	481.52	67.84

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The Consumer Affairs Authority issued a new Gazette notification on January 20th, 2023, renewing the maximum retail price (MRP) for eggs. According to the new MRP, white eggs must be sold at Rs.44, while brown eggs must be sold at Rs.46. As a result of this new pricing regulation, the prices of both brown and white eggs decreased by 15% and 16% respectively in January. in consequence the retail prices of brown and white eggs had dropped by 15% and 14% respectively. Due to the wholesalers' extremely slim margins, there was an observed supply chain instability and a scarcity of eggs at the retail level.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail price of an egg had increased by more than 110%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	45.00-46.00	45.88	54.06	21.13	-8.19	-15.14	24.75	117.16
White (each)	43.00-44.00	43.81	52.40	19.25	-8.59	-16.39	24.56	127.60
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	46.00-50.00	46.50	54.67	21.77	-8.17	-14.95	24.73	113.63
White (each)	44.00-50.00	45.68	52.90	20.32	-7.22	-13.65	25.35	124.75

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to January, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market. The highest price increase was noted for beef (without bones) as 7% followed by pork and mutton as 4% and 1%. However, prices of chicken (broiler) and chicken (curry) had dropped by 2% and 5% respectively. Compared to last year, prices of all meat varieties had increased with the highest being reported for pork as 103%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2000.00-2300.00	2,214.05	2,062.00	1423.21	152.05	7.37	790.83	55.57
Chicken (Broiler)	1120.00-1300.00	1,211.64	1,235.95	819.86	-24.31	-1.97	391.78	47.79
Chicken (curry)	1300.00-1600.00	1,418.89	1,492.54	758.17	-73.65	-4.93	660.72	87.15
Mutton	2800.00-3200.00	2,983.33	2,947.56	2071.08	35.78	1.21	912.25	44.05
Pork	1480.00-2000.00	1,755.12	1,691.73	866.67	63.39	3.75	888.45	102.51

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A Total quantity of 77,601mt of wheat grain, worth of 11,219mn had been imported during February. Compared to the quantity imported in the previous month, the quantity imported this month has drastically increased by around 77,551mt. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Ukraine at a CIF price of Rs.136.99/kg and the quantity was 65% of the total imported quantity of this month. The balance was imported from Canada (34.8%) and few quantities were imported from Oman, India and Australia. CIF price of wheat grain ranged from Rs.92.49/kg to Rs.168.39/kg and average CIF price was Rs.144.57/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has decreased by Rs.51.49/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Australia whilst the lowest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Oman.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported this month was 21,471mt, worth 4,021mn. Compared to the previous month, this month quantity has increased by around 4,347mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour has imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.187.13/kg and that was 95.99% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in February. The remaining quantity was imported from India (2%), Russia (1%), Ukraine (1%) and few quantities from UAE and Australia. Average CIF price of wheat flour imported this month was Rs.187.27/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.5.44/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged Rs.235.68-246.80/kg and the average price was Rs.242.92/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 3% and compared to the same period of last year, the price has increased by 55%.

Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar –February 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2022	Jan 2023		Feb 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	235.68-246.80	242.92	249.52	156.78	-6.59	-2.64	86.14	54.95
Sugar	228.72-239.62	234.13	229.46	149.18	4.67	2.04	84.95	56.95

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- September 2022 to February 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
February-2023	21,470.58	4020.70	187.27	242.92	55.66
January-2023	17,123.90	3299.92	192.71	249.52	56.81
December-2022	29,356.97	5787.48	197.14	263.58	66.44
November-2022	62,365.07	12183.59	195.36	280.84	85.48
October-2022	35,870.81	6972.66	194.38	374.18	179.80
September-2022	9,442.75	1462.50	154.88	431.79	276.91
Wheat Grain					
February-2023	77,600.76	11,218.83	144.57	242.92	98.35
January-2023	48.00	9.41	196.06	249.52	53.46
December-2022	30,514.41	4,824.02	158.09	263.58	105.49
November-2022	99,236.54	15,482.21	156.01	280.84	124.83
October-2022	36,999.93	6,923.99	187.14	374.18	187.04
September-2022	20,993.62	3,073.22	146.39	431.79	285.40

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported this month was 10,653mt worth 2,224mn and it has increased by around 1,462mt when compared to the quantity imported in January. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 91% of the total quantity. The rest was imported from Thailand (7%), South Korea (1.6%) and Malaysia. The average CIF price was Rs.208.74/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.12.86/kg. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from South Korea (Rs.260.57/kg) while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from India (Rs.205.00/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, the price ranged from Rs.228.72-239.62/kg and the average retail price was Rs.234.13/kg. Compared to the last month, average retail price has increased by 2% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 57%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- September 2022 to February 2023

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
February-2023	10,652.80	2223.65	208.74	234.13	25.40
January-2023	9,190.42	2036.64	221.60	229.46	7.86
December-2022	10,099.85	2151.23	213.00	234.10	21.10
November-2022	8,157.59	1725.73	211.55	247.28	35.73
October-2022	11,369.84	2541.37	223.52	274.64	51.12
September-2022	28,072.12	5908.40	210.47	287.58	77.11

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

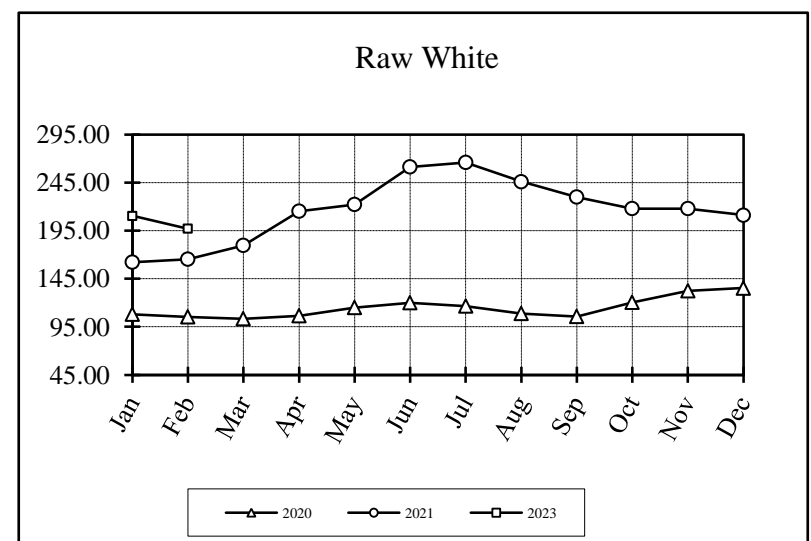
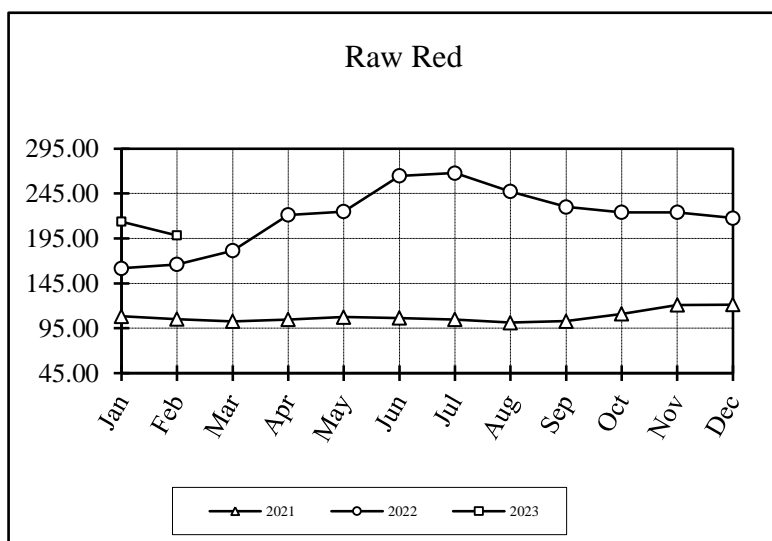
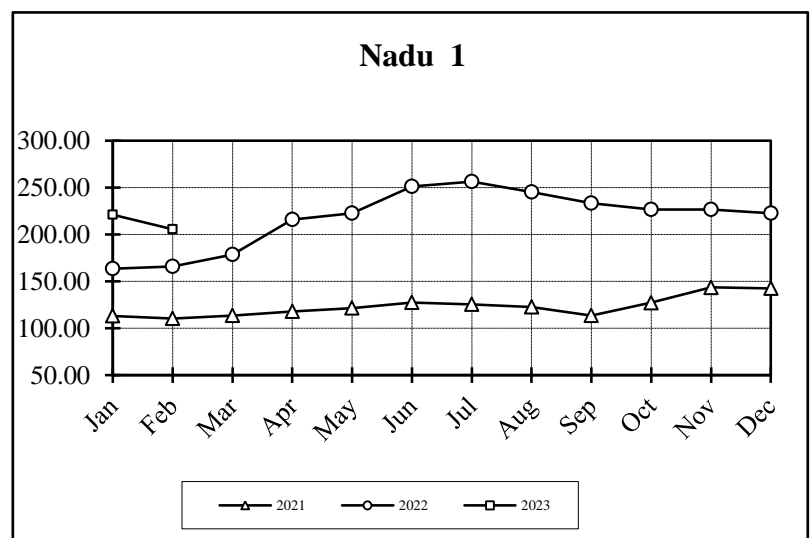
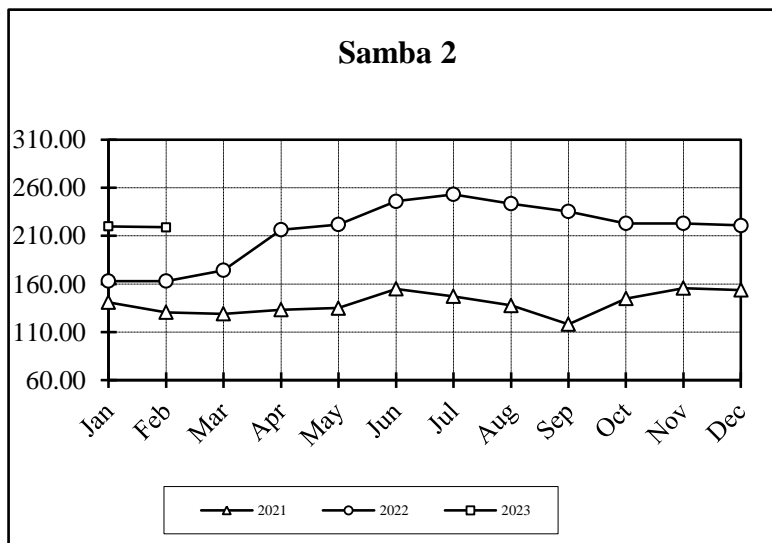
Table 7: Import of selected food items – February 2023

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Feb 2023	Jan 2023		Feb 2023	Jan 2023		Feb 2023	Jan 2023	
Rice	2963.7	8806.9	(66)	596.8	767.0	(22)	201.4	87.1	131
Red Onion	1589.2	1677.3	(5)	204.0	262.0	(22)	128.3	156.2	(18)
Big Onion	23206.8	27637.7	(16)	1702.0	2327.3	(27)	73.3	84.2	(13)
Potato	14257.6	17961.4	(21)	922.1	1209.2	(24)	64.7	67.3	(4)
Maysoor Dhal	11952.1	8770.2	36	2927.6	2209.1	33	244.9	251.9	(3)
Garlic	1852.0	3615.0	(49)	489.4	900.3	(46)	264.2	249.1	6
Wheat flour	21470.6	17123.9	25	4020.7	3299.9	22	187.3	192.7	(3)
Wheat grain	77600.8	48.0	161,568	11218.8	9.4	119,111	144.6	196.1	(26)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	10652.8	9190.4	16	2223.6	2036.6	9	208.7	221.6	(6)
Maize (Other)	9768.4	18045.8	(46)	976.1	1830.9	(47)	99.9	101.5	(2)

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

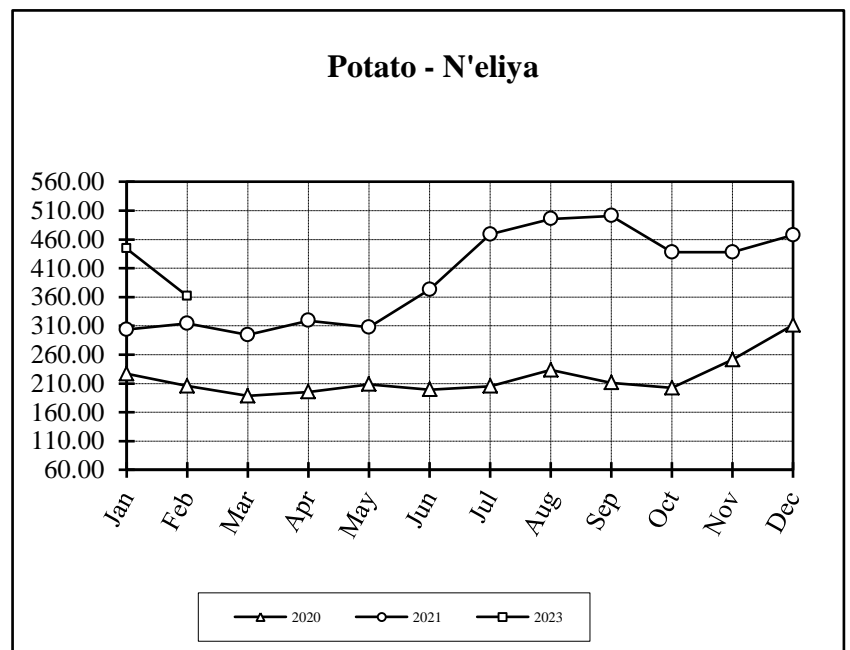
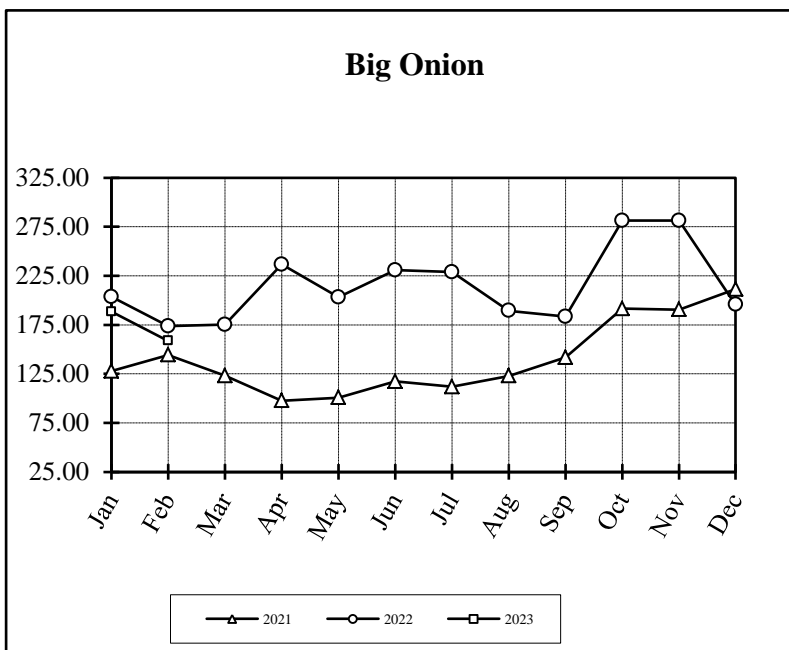
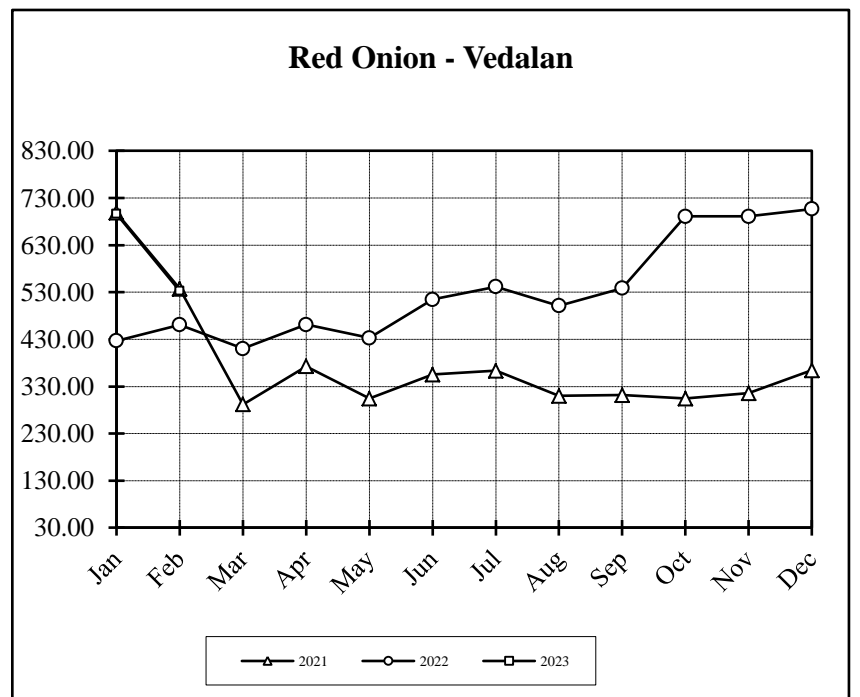
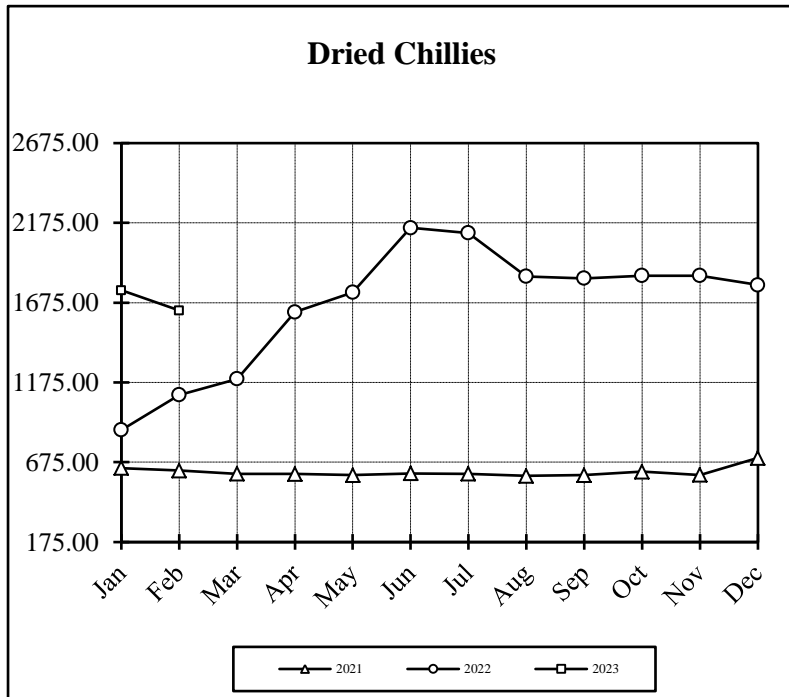
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	141.10	163.05	219.81	113.10	163.43	220.92	108.31	161.74	213.83	108.03	162.13	210.47
Feb	130.44	162.91	218.90	110.43	165.94	205.48	105.14	166.21	198.52	105.33	165.39	197.12
Mar	128.86	174.23		113.55	178.69		102.71	181.30		103.35	179.60	
Apr	133.36	216.46		118.02	216.03		104.80	221.05		106.46	215.19	
May	135.00	221.87		121.48	222.47		107.41	224.78		115.04	222.45	
Jun	155.00	246.00		127.50	251.20		106.45	264.53		120.00	261.37	
Jul	147.27	253.30		125.36	256.35		104.83	267.75		116.53	266.15	
Aug	137.66	243.37		122.81	245.23		101.28	247.19		108.81	246.15	
Sep	118.18	235.46		113.72	233.33		102.87	230.02		105.80	229.95	
Oct	144.76	223.04		127.27	226.45		110.86	224.05		120.38	218.10	
Nov	155.53	223.04		143.51	226.45		121.01	224.05		132.33	218.10	
Dec	153.68	220.88		142.58	222.77		121.40	217.65		135.35	211.26	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	638.57	876.68	1752.35	698.55	426.78	696.10	127.78	203.69	188.50	227.08	303.42	443.97
Feb	623.15	1096.90	1625.09	537.28	461.00	532.96	144.28	173.63	158.70	205.92	314.05	361.86
Mar	602.72	1197.17		291.66	410.30		123.19	175.30		188.53	294.04	
Apr	601.31	1615.64		372.89	461.12		97.65	236.52		195.46	319.03	
May	594.37	1739.46		304.18	433.13		100.75	203.29		208.71	307.54	
Jun	605.00	2143.50		355.40	514.80		117.42	230.89		199.41	373.16	
Jul	602.48	2110.93		363.39	541.94		111.94	228.96		205.29	468.93	
Aug	589.40	1838.64		309.97	501.24		122.89	189.33		233.39	495.71	
Sep	593.55	1827.19		311.79	538.53		141.61	183.42		211.28	500.91	
Oct	615.62	1843.52		304.48	690.99		191.39	281.28		202.40	437.60	
Nov	594.81	1843.52		315.79	690.99		190.57	281.28		251.49	437.60	
Dec	700.81	1785.38		364.32	706.59		211.24	195.56		311.55	467.45	



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

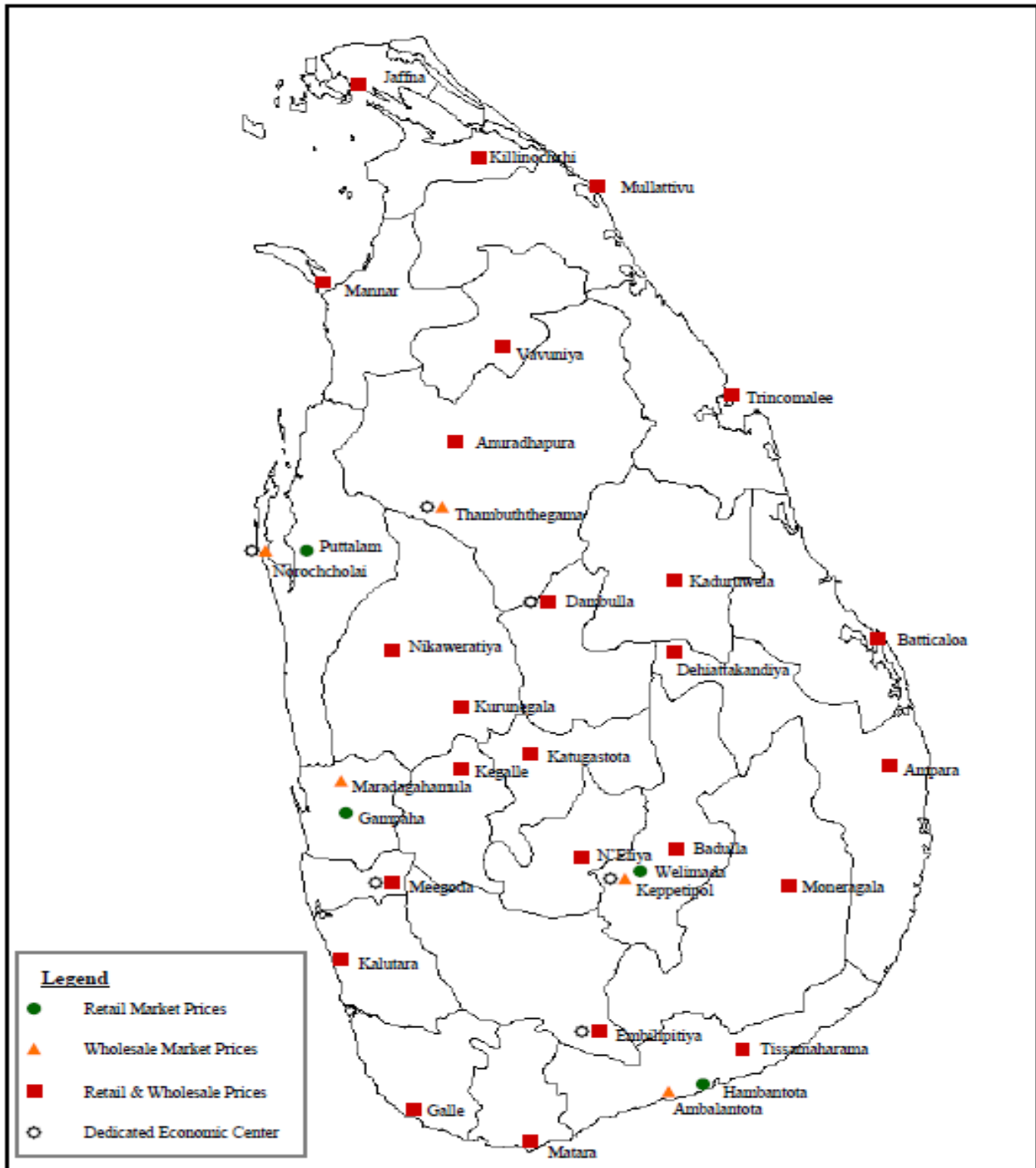
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	270.00	204.00	221.00	180.00	Welimada	152.00	140.00	149.00	134.00
A'pura	97.00	102.00	102.00	101.00	Badulla					N'Eliya	155.00	150.00	133.00	128.00
P'naruwa	103.33	103.33	104.42	109.58	Welimada	185.00	178.00	169.00	149.00	Beetroot				
Kalawewa	97.50	101.00	101.40	96.00	Pulses					Hanguranketha	116.00	68.60	67.00	103.40
Kurunegala	100.67	105.00	100.20	99.20	Green Gram					N'Eliya	106.00	75.00	97.00	111.00
Dehiattakandiya	98.33	99.67	100.67	99.83	Galgamuwa					Dambulla	83.60	98.00	154.50	161.50
Ampara	100.00	111.00	103.33	107.50	Kalawewa	875.00	875.00	880.00		Kurunegala				
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	990.00	1010.00	1010.00	1010.00	Welimada	106.00	74.00	80.00	96.00
A'pura	94.60	97.60	97.00	96.00	Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'naruwa	100.67	101.33	103.17	104.75	A'pura	970.00	920.00	1020.00	1220.00	Hanguranketha	85.60	78.60	84.00	87.40
Kalawewa	94.17	96.20	98.60	93.13	Cowpea					N'Eliya	85.00	73.00	79.00	98.00
Kurunegala	98.67	102.25	95.20	92.80	A'pura					Welimada	64.00	74.00	76.00	79.00
Dehiattakandiya	97.00	96.00	97.67	97.00	Galgamuwa					Radish				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	750.00	675.00	675.00	575.00	Hanguranketha	18.60	15.60	18.00	22.00
Ampara	89.33	90.00	95.75	92.00	Kalawewa	725.00	725.00	462.50	487.50	N'Eliya	28.00	22.00	23.20	28.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00	Welimada	13.20	13.60	18.40	18.40
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Hanguranketha	21.60	20.60	24.00	25.00
Matara	90.50	87.75	96.50	96.00	A'Pura	148.00	137.00	136.00	134.00	N'Eliya	32.00	22.00	27.40	34.00
Hambantota	93.50	92.80	97.50	97.50	Kalawewa	120.00	116.00	116.00	109.00	Welimada	16.40	17.40	18.00	18.20
Ampara	89.00	84.25	94.60	90.80	Gingelly					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	93.20	89.40	92.20	95.00	A'Pura	520.00	532.00	540.00	570.00	Badulla	35.00	37.00	34.00	32.00
Keeri Samba					Kalawewa				650.00	Tomato				
A'pura	107.00	109.00	112.80	120.20	Black Gram					Hanguranketha	147.00	162.00	131.00	121.60
Polonnaruwa	110.42	110.75	123.33	125.25	Kalawewa	575.00	575.00	476.67	476.67	Welimada	200.00	136.00	159.00	112.00
Kalawewa	103.40	106.40	107.60	110.00	A'Pura	570.00	570.00	520.00	520.00	Hambantota				
Kurunegala				110.00	Vegetables (Up Country)					Dambulla	210.00	145.00	156.00	120.00
Dehiattakandiya	107.33	109.67	111.33	114.33	Beans					Low Country				
Red Onion					Dambulla	306.00	314.00	312.00	198.50	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Welimada	264.00	277.00	246.00	146.00	A'pura	154.00	164.00	154.00	108.00
Dambulla					Badulla	260.00	334.00	232.00	152.00	Dambulla	152.00	221.00	161.50	161.50
Kalawewa					Carrot					Hambantota	126.67	146.00	146.00	146.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	77.00	70.00	70.00	81.00	Embilipitiya	184.00	184.00	179.00	179.00
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	84.00	94.00	109.00	69.00	Matara	127.50	176.25	156.25	156.25
					Welimada	68.00	57.00	92.00	44.00					

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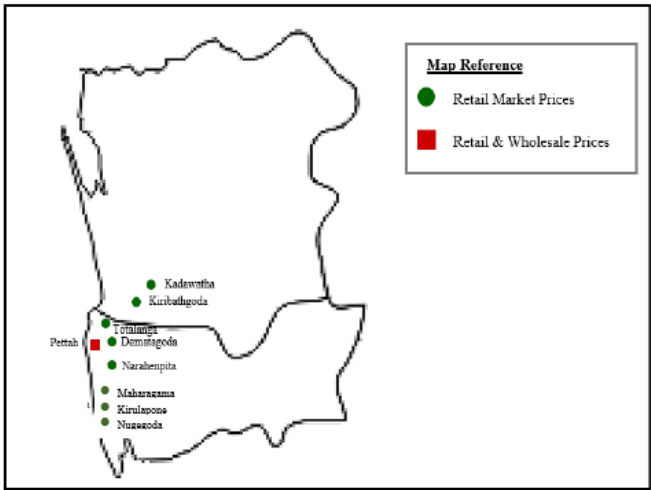
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<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	84.00	88.00	104.00	178.00	Dambulla	57.80	46.80	48.20	50.20	Hambantota				
Dambulla	62.00	99.00	146.00	222.00	Hambantota	56.00	52.00	52.00	46.00	Embilipitiya	116.00	106.00	100.00	75.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	100.00	85.83	85.83	80.00	Moneragala	54.00	64.00	84.00	94.00
Embilipitiya	59.00	125.00	125.00	149.00	Matara	55.00	55.00	52.50	47.50	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	86.25	80.00	96.25	183.33	A'pura	74.00	58.00	47.00	44.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	105.00	116.80	132.00	175.00	Moneragala					Ambul				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	84.00	88.00	84.00	74.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	84.00	108.00	74.00	64.00	Embilipitiya	120.00	120.00	132.00	116.00
Welimada	536.00	376.00	348.00	388.00	Dambulla	93.20	143.00	96.00	63.20	Hambantota	124.00	134.00	134.00	136.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	122.00	122.00	100.00	90.00	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	216.00	248.00	248.00	312.00	Matara		110.00	110.00	101.25	Moneragala	262.00	262.00	262.00	262.00
Dambulla	206.00	242.00	310.00	306.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	256.00	256.00	264.00	268.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	95.00	146.00	135.00	112.00	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	324.00	334.00	328.00	380.00	Hambantota	112.00	116.00	116.00	88.00	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	146.00	158.00	180.00	134.00	Moneragala	104.00	88.00	108.00	108.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	121.67	120.00	126.25	113.75	Embilipitiya	138.00	145.00	232.00	232.00
Dambulla	83.60	136.00	123.00	128.00	A'Pura	88.00	104.00	118.00	124.00	Hambantota	125.00	130.00	137.50	162.50
Hambantota	176.00	176.00	176.00	176.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	158.00	145.00	145.00	142.00	Hambantota	114.00	114.00	114.00	114.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	160.00	165.00	162.50	171.25	Embilipitiya	154.00	149.00	145.00	114.00					
A'pura	98.00	114.00	124.00	118.00	Matara	145.00	145.00	145.00	137.50					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	200.00	230.00	177.50	148.50	Dambulla	158.00	208.00	240.00	308.00					
Hambantota	160.00	198.00	198.00	174.00	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	250.00	258.00	258.00	196.00	Embilipitiya	252.00	268.00	296.00	376.00					
Matara	185.00	195.00	213.75	205.00	Puttalam	206.00	178.00	176.00	254.00					
A'pura	212.00	198.00	152.00	158.00	A'Pura	206.00	162.00	176.00	276.00					

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