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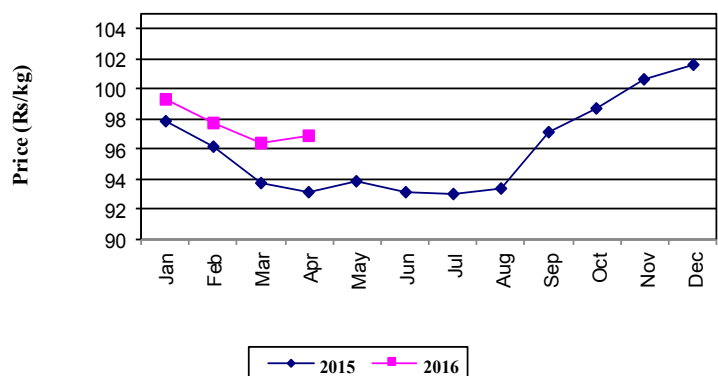
RICE:

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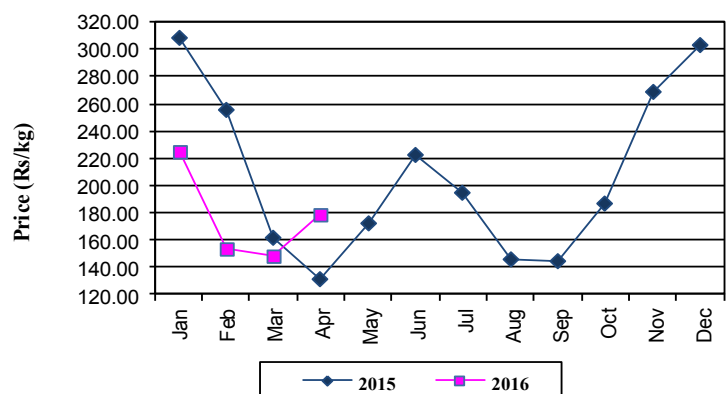
VEGETABLES:

Compared to previous month, prices of most of the upcountry varieties have increased in the range of 7%-17% in April, due to low supplies as a result of the prolonged dry weather. However, low quality supplies from the end phase of the previous *Maha* season continued to receive to the market from the major producing districts so that prices of most of the lowcountry varieties have decreased in the range of 5%-35%.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

The Food Information Bulletin is a monthly publication containing information relating to producer, wholesale and retail prices of selected food commodities in selected markets in and around Colombo and main markets in the major producing areas. Data on extent, production and imports are also available in the bulletin.

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

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of 2015/16 *Maha* season successfully ended by the mid of month with a bumper harvest of paddy released to the market. Issuing of water for 2016 *Yala* season started in most of the major irrigated areas. According to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the progress of paddy cultivation was 800,031 ha and it was 95% of the target by the end of March. The expected production is 2.97 million mt and it was an 8% increase than the average of previous three *Maha* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the *Maha*, 2015/16 season has recorded the highest ever area cultivated in recent history.

Producer Prices

An increasing trend was observed for all the paddy varieties in most of the major producing areas. Limited market arrivals as a result of the end of *Maha* season harvesting and increased arrival of well dried paddy to the market caused the price increase. Government paddy purchasing programme was still in progress in most of the major paddy producing areas during the month. Adverse rainy weather was experienced in most of the major producing areas by the end of the month. Compared to last month, prices of short grain varieties have increased in the range of 02%-9% in all considered major producing areas. Open market prices of short grain paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-41.00/kg in most of the major producing areas with the lowest prices observed in Anuradhapura. Prices of long grain white have increased in the range of 02%-43% in all considered major producing areas. Open market prices of long grain white paddy were in the range of Rs.28.00-38.00/kg in most of the major producing areas with the lowest prices observed in Matara. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red has decreased by 2% in Matara while the prices have increased by 5% in Embilipitiya. The prices of *Keeri* samba paddy ranged Rs.50.00-60.00/kg during the month in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya areas. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red varieties have decreased in the range of 3%-22%, 3%-20% and 12%-22% respectively.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy – April 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	30.00-35.00	29.00-33.00	33.65	31.60	39.13	2.05	6.49	-5.48	-14.00
Polonnaruwa	36.50-39.00	31.75-38.00	37.48	34.81	38.87	2.67	7.66	-1.40	-3.59
Kalawewa	34.00-36.00	31.00-39.00	34.96	34.17	40.23	0.79	2.30	-5.27	-13.11
Kurunegala	34.00-36.00	30.00-34.00	35.15	32.20	43.69	2.95	9.16	-8.54	-19.55
Dehiattakandiya	35.00-41.00	30.00-41.00	36.26	35.13	42.05	1.13	3.22	-5.79	-13.76
Nikaweratiya	34.00-36.00	31.00-36.00	35.25	33.83	45.24	1.42	4.19	-9.99	-22.09
Ampara	36.00-38.00	30.00-38.00	36.98	35.20	-	1.77	5.04	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	29.00-33.00	23.00-31.00	32.15	26.95	33.56	5.20	19.29	-1.41	-4.20
Polonnaruwa	30.00-35.00	22.50-34.00	33.38	28.09	31.15	5.29	18.81	2.23	7.14
Kalawewa	32.00-36.00	27.00-33.00	34.38	29.98	33.21	4.40	14.66	1.17	3.51
Kurunegala	30.00-35.00	22.00-25.00	33.10	23.20	34.56	9.90	42.67	-1.46	-4.22
Dehiattakandiya	29.00-38.00	23.00-38.00	32.16	27.56	33.50	4.60	16.70	-1.34	-3.99
Embilipitiya	30.00-34.00	29.00-32.00	31.18	30.63	37.68	0.54	1.78	-6.51	-17.26
Nikaweratiya	31.00-35.00	24.00-28.00	33.84	25.84	34.98	8.00	30.94	-1.15	-3.27
Matara	28.00-29.00	28.00-30.00	28.50	28.67	35.63	-0.17	-0.59	-7.13	-20.01
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	31.00-34.00	20.00-32.00	32.25	28.80	-	3.45	11.98	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	27.00-28.00	27.00-29.00	27.50	28.00	35.42	-0.50	-1.79	-7.92	-22.36
Hambantota	30.00-30.00	-	30.00	-	34.00	-	-	-4.00	-11.76
Embilipitiya	27.00-32.00	26.00-28.00	28.40	27.00	35.61	1.40	5.19	-7.21	-20.25

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

At the first half of the month, paddy harvesting in *maha* season has been entirely completed in all the producing areas. Government paddy purchasing programme has also functioned in most of the major producing areas during the whole month. Furthermore, paddy cultivation in 2016 *yala* season has started in some of the major producing areas.

Due to the increased paddy prices in line with government paddy purchasing programme, the prices of most of the rice varieties have increased. Accordingly, the highest price increase of 16% was reported for raw white. Also, the prices have increased by 9% for nadu grade II, by 6% for nadu grade I and by 2% for raw red. However, the price of samba varieties has decreased by 2% as result of availability of high supply corresponding to the increased demand in the New Year season. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month have doubled compared to last month and the imported amount was 3,257mt. However, the price of imported *ponni* samba has not changed significantly.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of raw red has decreased by 24%, followed by local samba varieties as 5% and nadu grade II as 1%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased by 1%-2%.

Retail

Demand has increased due to the New Year season and therefore, the price of raw white has increased by Rs.4.00/kg and that of samba grade I has increased by Rs.1.00/kg. Furthermore, the price of nadu grade II has increased by Rs.1.00/kg while that of raw red has slightly increased. However, the prices have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg for imported *ponni* samba and slightly by for all the other local rice varieties. The highest local rice price of Rs.110.00/kg was observed for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.57.00/kg was observed for raw red.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.93.00-114.00/kg was reported in Kegalle market while the lowest samba price range of Rs.79.00-85.00/kg was reported in Jaffna, Dambulla and Killinochchi markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.72.00-78.00/kg was noted in Kandy and Trincomalee markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.58.00-64.00/kg was noted in Puttalam and Killinochchi markets. Furthermore, the highest price of both raw red and raw white was observed as Rs.73.00/kg in Mannar and Kurunegala markets respectively. The lowest price of raw red was reported as Rs.49.00/kg in Hambantota market while that of raw white was reported as Rs.55.00/kg in Matara market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local samba varieties have increased by 4% while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 3%-16%.

Table1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – April 2016

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	83.00-90.00	84.61	86.38	88.95	-1.77	-2.05	-4.34	-4.88
Samba 2	75.00-79.00	77.14	78.57	80.90	-1.43	-1.81	-3.76	-4.64
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	67.00-75.00	70.81	66.59	70.19	4.23	6.35	0.62	0.89
Nadu 2	62.00-70.00	65.76	60.08	66.31	5.69	9.47	-0.55	-0.82
Raw red	50.00-55.00	52.39	51.50	68.95	0.89	1.74	-16.57	-24.02
Raw white	52.00-66.00	63.62	54.68	62.40	8.94	16.35	1.22	1.96
Ponni Samba (Imported)	96.00-105.00	99.24	98.85	82.55	0.39	0.39	16.69	20.21
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	44.36	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-110.00	101.98	101.01	98.12	0.97	0.96	3.86	3.93
Samba 2	90.00-96.00	91.70	91.87	88.17	-0.17	-0.19	3.53	4.00
Samba 3	-	-	-	85.00	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	76.00-85.00	79.38	79.76	82.22	-0.38	-0.48	-2.84	-3.45
Nadu 2	65.00-76.00	72.94	71.73	76.02	1.21	1.69	-3.08	-4.05
Raw red	57.00-75.00	65.88	65.58	78.56	0.30	0.46	-12.68	-16.14
Raw white	60.00-80.00	69.83	65.80	74.51	4.03	6.12	-4.68	-6.28
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-120.00	114.97	115.69	87.36	-0.72	-0.62	27.61	31.60
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	65.60	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With the increased supply from Puttlam, Anuradhapura and other major producing areas, wholesale price of green chillies has decreased by about Rs.20.00/kg, while the retail price of green chillies has increased by about Rs.6.00/kg due to high demand with New Year festival season. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.110.55/kg and Rs.285.22/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 196% and 82% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of dried chillies comprised only imports. A quantity of 3,617 mt of dried chillies has been imported during April 2016 and it was a decline of 2,062 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.272.08/kg and it has decreased by Rs.11.18/kg compared to last month. About 98% of the dried chillies stock was imported from India and 2% from China. Wholesale price of imported dried chillies has decreased by about Rs.6.00/kg due to decreased imported price, while the retail price has increased by Rs.1.00/kg due to prevailed high demand during festival season.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 45% and 43% respectively.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies - April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	50.00-200.00	110.55	130.63	37.39	-20.08	-15.37	73.16	195.67
Dried Chillies	285.00-320.00	302.75	309.20	209.48	214.44	69.35	93.28	44.53
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	100.00-400.00	285.22	278.75	157.02	6.47	2.32	128.20	81.65
Dried Chillies	320.00-400.00	370.07	369.06	258.81	1.01	0.27	111.26	42.99

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies November 2015 to April 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	3,617.43	984.24	272.08	370.07	97.99
Mar 2016	5,678.82	1,608.61	283.26	369.06	85.80
Feb 2016	3,764.25	1,029.70	273.55	360.56	87.01
Jan 2016	3,851.00	1,021.86	265.35	359.36	94.01
Dec 2015	4,793.83	1,284.23	267.89	362.08	94.19
Nov 2015	4,143.54	1,071.16	258.51	362.89	104.38

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – April 2016

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	126.00	121.00	42.60	40.60
Hambantota	-	-	-	115.00
Embilipitiya	192.00	209.00	209.00	128.00
Puttalam	122.00	100.00	96.00	61.00
A'Pura	121.00	144.00	-	55.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Big onion market supplies totally comprised imports and this situation would continue until *yala* harvesting begins in July or August. A quantity of 17,047 mt of big onion was imported from India in April 2016 which was about 5,545 mt less than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.31.27/kg and it was an increase of Rs.2.66/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.4.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Prevailing higher demand during this month was triggered by the New Year festival season, resulting in a price increase of imported big onion. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale price of imported big onion has not changed significantly, while the retail price has decreased by 4%. Supply of local red onion from Puttalam and Jaffna districts has decreased during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.14.00/kg respectively. However, retail price of vedalan has decreased by about Rs.2.00/kg due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market, while the stocks of sinnan were not available at the market.

About 1,222 mt of red onion were imported during this month from India and it was about 696 mt lower than was imported during the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.57.61/kg and it was an increase of Rs.12.70/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.8.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 16% and 14% respectively.

Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - April 2016

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	50.00-90.00	59.03	47.50	56.56	11.53	24.28	2.47	4.37
Red Onion (Vedalan)	60.00-130.00	84.95	70.75	83.30	14.20	20.07	1.66	1.99
Red Onion (Imported)	50.00-100.00	70.60	62.79	68.43	7.81	12.44	2.17	3.17
Big Onion (imported)	58.00-75.00	63.02	57.70	62.85	5.32	9.22	0.17	0.27
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-200.00	133.19	135.49	115.14	-2.30	-1.70	18.05	15.68
Red Onion (Imported)	80.00-120.00	108.88	104.21	95.65	4.67	4.48	13.23	13.83
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-120.00	85.83	81.58	89.56	4.25	5.21	-3.73	-4.16
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.2: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Apr 2016	31.27	63.02	85.83	31.75	22.81
	Mar 2016	28.61	57.70	81.58	29.09	23.88
	Apr 2015	44.27	62.85	89.56	18.58	26.71
Red onion	Apr 2016	57.61	70.60	108.88	12.99	38.28
	Mar 2016	44.91	62.79	104.21	17.88	41.42
	Apr 2015	50.74	68.43	95.65	17.69	27.22

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

Table 2.2.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016
Red Onion	1222	1918	70.42	86.11	57.61	44.91
Big Onion	17047	22592	533.03	646.46	31.27	28.61

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
November 2015 to April 2016**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	17047.33	31.27	63.02	85.83	54.56
Mar 2016	22592.47	28.61	57.70	81.58	52.97
Feb 2016	21268.34	30.43	43.70	68.73	38.30
Jan 2016	27930.69	35.62	52.30	84.20	48.58
Dec 2015	23618.75	81.56	58.39	95.39	13.83
Nov 2015	17983.59	95.35	107.25	145.63	50.28

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

Yala cultivation of potato commenced in both Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts in April. In Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, the targeted extents of potato for *yala* 2016 are 1,255 ha and 2,045 ha. During the month of April about 110 ha and 60 ha were cultivated in the respective districts. New cultivation was affected with the prevailing dry weather condition. Compared to *yala* 2015, the targeted extent is lower in the Badulla district, whereas it is higher in the Nuwara Eliya district in *yala* 2015. Further, compared to April 2015, the cultivated extents were high in April 2016 in both districts.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2016)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2016
	<i>Yala</i> 2015*	<i>Yala</i> 2016	<i>Yala</i> 2015*	<i>Yala</i> 2016	
N'Eliya	860	1,255	83	110	8
Badulla	2,214	2,045	20	60	3

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 8,252 mt of potato had been imported in April which was 3,620 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. The special commodity levy for imported potato was Rs.35.00/kg. Majority of the imported stocks (95%) were received from Pakistan and few stocks were received from Bangladesh and India. Compared to April, 2015 (12,471 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.22.00/kg in April.

With regard to local potato, the supply was limited at the beginning of the month from the Nuwara Eliya district and also most of the *maha* harvesting was over in the Badulla district. Hence, the wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 15% and 8% respectively. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 8% and 7% respectively. Further, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 18% and 2% respectively with low imports compared to previous month. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.83.00/kg and

Rs.87.00/kg in April. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.75.00-100.00/kg, Rs.85.00-110.00/kg and Rs.55.00-95.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of Nuwara Eliya (10%) potato has increased, while the price of imported potato (4%) has decreased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
November 2015 to April 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	8252.14	180.19	21.84	87.63	65.79
Mar 2016	11871.70	264.18	22.25	85.70	63.45
Feb 2016	17227.96	422.10	24.50	74.14	49.64
Jan 2016	20052.65	553.62	27.61	87.96	60.35
Dec 2015	17712.09	625.85	35.33	94.48	59.15
Nov 2015	11891.82	438.31	36.86	118.25	81.39

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Producer Prices (PP)									
Welimada	77.0-95.00	86.80	75.75	70.53	11.05	14.59	16.27	23.07	
Nuwara Eliya	80.00-85.00	82.93	78.00	78.73	4.93	6.32	4.20	5.34	
Imported – CIF	20.50-34.43	21.84	22.25	24.28	-0.41	-1.84	-2.44	-10.05	
Wholesale Prices (WP)									
Welimada	75.00-100.00	88.06	76.50	82.75	11.56	15.11	5.31	6.42	
Nuwara Eliya	85.00-110.00	100.38	92.94	92.15	7.43	8.00	8.22	8.92	
Imported	55.00-95.00	70.50	59.84	68.17	10.66	17.81	2.33	3.42	
Retail Prices (RP)									
Welimada	100.00-120.00	117.25	108.61	117.22	8.64	7.96	0.03	0.03	
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-180.00	144.75	135.62	131.19	9.13	6.73	13.56	10.34	
Imported	75.00-120.00	87.63	85.70	90.97	1.93	2.25	-3.34	-3.67	
Gross Margin (RP-PP)									
Welimada		30.45	32.86	46.69	-2.41	-7.33	-16.24	-34.78	
Nuwara Eliya		61.82	57.62	52.46	4.20	7.28	9.36	17.84	
Imported (CIF-RP)		65.79	63.45	66.69	2.34	3.69	-0.90	-1.35	
Gross Margin (RP -WP)									
Welimada		29.19	32.11	34.47	-2.92	-9.10	-5.28	-15.32	
Nuwara Eliya		44.38	42.68	39.04	1.70	3.98	5.34	13.67	
Imported		17.13	25.86	22.80	-8.73	-33.75	-5.67	-24.86	

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,405 mt of green gram was imported in April and it was 1,092 mt lower compared to that of March. The average CIF price was Rs.164.00/kg during this month. Out of the total imports, about 39% of the stocks were received from Australia, followed by Thailand (29%) and Myanmar (25%). Compared to April, 2015 (1,497 mt), the imports were low during this month. In

April, the wholesale price of green gram has decreased by 3%. Sufficient stocks of *maha* harvest of green gram were received to the market. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.180.00-225.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 7%.

A quantity of 325 mt of cowpea was imported in April, which was 361 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. Out of the total imports, about 64% of the stocks were received from Myanmar, followed by Madagascar (21%) and Canada (14%). The average CIF price was Rs.102.00/kg in April. With regard to cowpea, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 3%, while the retail price has decreased by 1%. Also, the wholesale price of red cowpea has decreased by 1%, while the retail price has not changed significantly. Sufficient stocks of *maha* harvest of red cowpea were received to the market. During the month of April, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.185.00-210.00/kg and Rs.185.00-220.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 1% and 5% respectively.

**Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
November 2015 to April 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	1,405	229.68	163.52	248.41	84.89
Mar 2016	2,497	422.19	169.08	246.73	77.65
Feb 2016	805	140.96	175.17	243.85	68.68
Jan 2016	768	133.05	173.24	240.43	67.19
Dec 2015	146	27.95	191.45	243.05	51.60
Nov 2015	838	158.48	189.22	246.06	56.84

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

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
November 2015 to April 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	325.45	32.21	98.98	251.89	152.91
Mar 2016	685.81	71.16	103.76	254.12	150.36
Feb 2016	382.56	36.78	96.14	251.48	155.34
Jan 2016	362.52	32.51	89.68	253.69	164.01
Dec 2015	502.85	47.12	93.71	257.34	163.63
Nov 2015	666.56	64.11	96.18	262.26	166.08

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	180.00-225.00	202.52	207.94	213.13	-5.42	-2.61	-10.61	-4.98	
Cowpea (White)	185.00-210.00	205.03	199.64	195.25	5.39	2.70	9.78	5.01	
Cowpea (Red)	185.00-220.00	204.19	206.96	230.73	-2.77	-1.34	-26.53	-11.50	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	220.00-280.00	248.41	246.73	268.51	1.68	0.68	-20.10	-7.49	
Cowpea (White)	210.00-280.00	251.89	254.12	255.26	-2.23	-0.88	-3.37	-1.32	
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	252.44	251.07	265.95	1.37	0.55	-13.51	-5.08	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram And Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Apr 2016	163.52	202.52	248.41	39.00	45.89
	Mar 2016	169.08	207.94	246.73	38.86	38.79
	Apr 2015	179.02	213.13	268.51	34.11	55.38
Cowpea (White)	Apr 2016	98.98	205.03	251.89	106.05	46.86
	Mar 2016	103.76	199.64	254.12	95.88	54.48
	Apr 2015	-	195.25	255.26	-	60.01
Cowpea (Red)	Apr 2016	-	204.19	252.44	-	48.25
	Mar 2016	-	206.96	251.07	-	44.11
	Apr 2015	-	230.73	265.95	-	35.23

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 4,275 mt (3,491 mt of whole type and 784 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in April and it was 12,917 mt lower than the quantity imported in March. About 62% and 27% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and Australia respectively, while about 82% and 18% of split type were received from India and Canada respectively. Compared to April, 2015 (13,848 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.128.00/kg in April.

In April, the wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 7% and 3% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.185.00/kg in April. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had increased by 5%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – April 2016

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	163.00-225.00	185.58	173.98	165.69	11.60	6.67	19.89	12.00
Retail Price	168.00-240.00	185.54	180.90	176.96	4.64	2.56	8.58	4.85

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal November 2015 to April 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Apr 2016	4274.96	127.90	185.58	185.54	57.67	-0.04
Mar 2016	17192.10	139.14	173.98	180.90	34.84	6.92
Feb 2016	19944.88	129.33	176.08	182.75	46.75	6.67
Jan 2016	22496.13	127.42	184.51	179.96	57.09	-4.55
Dec 2015	21861.10	123.71	161.68	171.71	37.98	10.03
Nov 2015	11470.86	260.78	171.17	191.79	-89.61	20.62

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

3. Vegetables

Prices and supply/Demand situation

According to the Department of Meteorology data, during the month of April, a below average rainfall has received in most of the major producing districts. Hence prolonged dry weather has slowed the cultivation progress of the 2016 *Yala* season. However, low quality supplies from the end phase of the previous *Maha* season has continued to receive to the market from the major producing districts. The total supply of vegetables from the Matale district was around 4,201 mt in April, recording an 4% increase compared to the previous month. The daily supply of vegetables at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was around 1,600 - 1,800 mt in April, recoding a 20% increase compared to last month. Meanwhile, supply from both Jaffna and Puttlam districts have decreased by 40% compared to the same period of the last year, due to prolonged dry weather.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased in April, compared to previous month, due to low supplies. The highest price increase was reported for leeks as 18%, followed by radish as 15%, beans as 13% and beetroot as 8%. Prices of leeks, raddish and beans have increased due to low supplies received in the end phase of the previous *Maha* season. Meanwhile, prices of knobhol, carrot and cabbage have decreased in the range of 7% - 28%.

Price of tomato has increased significantly, by 119% in April, compared to last month. Due to drought, low quality supply was received to the market so that wholesale price has decreased up to Rs.34.00/kg in March. As a result of shortened harvesting interval in the previous month, high stocks have received during a limited time period hence low stocks have received to the market in April. However, price of capsicum have further decreased by 19%. As lowcountry variety of capsicum is drought-resistant than upcountry variety, high supplies have received from Suriyawewa, Anuradhapura and Matale, during April.

Drought seems to have affected in two different ways to the supply of lowcountry vegetables. Prices of some of the lowcountry varieties have decreased due to low quality supplies, while prices of other group of lowcountry varieties have show an increasing trend as a result of limited supplies. Therefore prices of brinjal, pumpkin, long beans, cucumber and ash plantain has decreased, with the highest price decrease recorded for brinjal as 35% followed by cucumber as 31%. Meanwhile, prices of bittergourd, snakegourd, drumsticks and luffa have increased, with the highest price increase reported for drumsticks as 16% followed by luffa as 8%.

Prices of green chilies have further decreased by 15% in April, with the low quality supplies receiving from Puttlam and Jaffna as a result of dry weather. With the ending of peak harvesting season, price of lime have further increased 287% compared to previous month.

Retail prices of most of the vegetables have increased in April, compared to previous month. . The highest price decrease was reported for tomato as 84% followed by beans as 21%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	50.00-180.00	103.01	91.25	79.43	11.76	12.89	23.58	29.69
Carrot	60.00-90.00	76.34	81.82	95.88	-5.48	-6.70	-19.54	-20.38
Leeks	50.00-100.00	68.98	58.54	90.75	10.44	17.83	-21.77	-23.99
Beetroot	40.00-100.00	69.75	64.43	44.02	5.32	8.26	25.73	58.45
Knokhol	20.00-70.00	41.65	57.87	30.00	-16.22	-28.03	11.65	38.83
Radish	30.00-60.00	43.62	37.81	23.10	5.81	15.37	20.52	88.83
Cabbage	30.00-60.00	45.79	49.02	28.13	-3.23	-6.59	17.66	62.78
Tomato	30.00-160.00	73.41	33.55	58.63	39.86	118.81	14.78	25.21
Ladies Fingers	30.00-80.00	53.69	56.67	32.18	-2.98	-5.26	21.51	66.84
Brinjal	20.00-80.00	46.16	70.77	26.48	-24.61	-34.77	19.68	74.32
Capsicum	80.00-140.00	104.13	128.55	105.67	-24.42	-19.00	-1.54	-1.46
Pumpkin	20.00-30.00	24.59	31.67	26.32	-7.08	-22.36	-1.73	-6.57
Cucumber	30.00-70.00	42.74	61.88	22.48	-19.14	-30.93	20.26	90.12
Bittergourd	40.00-120.00	74.48	71.83	65.75	2.65	3.69	8.73	13.28
Snakegourd	40.00-90.00	64.99	60.63	26.71	4.36	7.19	38.28	143.32
Drumstick	100.00-250.00	177.00	152.21	254.58	24.79	16.29	-77.58	-30.47
Luffa	50.00-100.00	75.66	69.79	38.17	5.87	8.41	37.49	98.22
Long Beans	30.00-80.00	49.38	64.05	42.96	-14.67	-22.90	6.42	14.94
Ash Plantain	30.00-50.00	36.13	47.30	54.15	-11.17	-23.62	-18.02	-33.28
Green Chillies	50.00-200.00	110.55	130.63	37.39	-20.08	-15.37	73.16	195.67
Lime	150.00-500.00	310.65	80.21	114.42	230.44	287.30	196.23	171.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	90.00-320.00	178.82	147.88	131.40	30.94	20.92	47.42	36.09
Carrot	100.00-240.00	155.37	154.60	162.33	0.77	0.50	-6.96	-4.29
Leeks	100.00-200.00	142.95	128.21	155.48	14.74	11.50	-12.53	-8.06
Beetroot	80.00-240.00	147.86	135.77	104.55	12.09	8.90	43.31	41.43
Knokhol	80.00-200.00	135.65	138.71	99.75	-3.06	-2.21	35.90	35.99
Radish	60.00-160.00	115.49	107.12	80.28	8.37	7.81	35.21	43.86
Cabbage	70.00-180.00	121.10	119.74	84.54	1.36	1.14	36.56	43.25
Tomato	50.00-240.00	144.96	78.65	111.06	66.31	84.31	33.90	30.52
Ladies Fingers	80.00-200.00	123.53	120.74	88.43	2.79	2.31	35.10	39.69
Brinjal	60.00-200.00	119.80	127.65	88.57	-7.85	-6.15	31.23	35.26
Capsicum	120.00-400.00	201.45	223.30	172.58	-21.85	-9.79	28.87	16.73
Pumpkin	50.00-120.00	82.69	91.57	83.27	-8.88	-9.70	-0.58	-0.70
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	112.55	113.17	75.13	-0.62	-0.55	37.42	49.81
Bittergourd	80.00-240.00	147.10	151.94	131.79	-4.84	-3.19	15.31	11.62
Snakegourd	80.00-200.00	128.25	123.12	91.76	5.13	4.17	36.49	39.77
Drumstick	200.00-700.00	355.42	321.23	462.92	34.19	10.64	-107.50	-23.22
Luffa	80.00-300.00	151.32	138.82	103.98	12.50	9.00	47.34	45.53
Long Beans	80.00-200.00	132.09	126.01	97.63	6.08	4.83	34.46	35.30
Ash Plantain	50.00-160.00	109.19	110.92	119.55	-1.73	-1.56	-10.36	-8.67
Green Chillies	100.00-400.00	285.22	278.75	157.02	6.47	2.32	128.20	81.65
Lime	200.00-800.00	533.13	196.47	255.55	336.66	171.35	277.58	108.62

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the last month, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease was noted as 30% for papaw due to increased the supply from Anuradhapura and Vavuniya. With the harvesting season, price of mango (vilad) has decreased by 29% due to increased supply. Prices of all the other varieties of mango (betti, karthakolomban and kohu) have decreased in the range of 23%-27%. As well as, price of slimeapple has decreased by 28% due to large quantity received with small sized fruits to wholesale market. In addition, prices of all the varieties of pineapple have decreased in the range of 6%-8% due to low quantity stocks reaching the market with dry weather condition. Further, with the Sinhala and Hindu New Year season, prices of all the varieties of banana have increased in the range of 20%-62%. From them, the highest price increase was noted for banana (ambul and kolikuttu). In addition, price of orange has increased by 22% due to low supply received from Anuradhapura and Nikaweratiya areas.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming week. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple (small size) as 88%.

Considering about retail market prices fluctuation, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase of 31% was noted for banana (kolikuttu) due to increased demand in Sinhala and Hindu New Year season. And prices of other varieties of banana (ambul, seeni, anamalu and ambun) have increased in the range of 12%-27%. In addition, prices of mango (kohu) and orange have increased by 20% and 14% respectively.

Among price decreased varieties, the highest price decrease was noted for mango (betti) as 49% and prices of mango (vilad and karthakolomban) have decreased by 40% and 34% respectively. According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties can be expected to increase in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple (small size) as 56%.

According to table 4.3 producer prices of banana (kolikuttu and ambul) have increased by 30% and 19% respectively. However, producer price of papaw has decreased by 26%. Compared to the same period of last year, same price fluctuation for producer prices can be seen.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

In order to table 4.4, papaw was the most exported type of fruit with a quantity of 233.64 mt. The highest export value was acquired from exporting papaw (Rs.32.33mn). In addition, the entire export value for the considered fruit varieties is Rs.64.64mn. And, it has increased by Rs.24.14mn compared to last month.

As usual, apple was the most imported type of fruit and it was 3,234.46 mt. Rs.481.64mn was spent on apple and 60% of them were imported from Cuba. As well as, 652.20 mt of orange were imported and 96% of them were imported from Egypt. Rs.710.18mn worth of fruits has been imported this month and it is an increase of Rs.110.01mn compared to last month.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	25.00-90.00	57.34	35.33	52.90	22.01	62.30	4.44	8.39
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	120.00-300.00	191.46	117.98	145.01	73.48	62.28	46.45	32.03
Seeni (Rs/kg)	30.00-80.00	50.83	42.31	49.73	8.52	20.14	1.10	2.21
Anamalu	6.00-20.00	11.39	8.60	10.34	2.79	32.44	1.05	10.15
Ambun	8.00-20.00	14.17	10.71	14.29	3.46	32.31	-0.12	-0.84
Pineapple								
Large	150.00-180.00	167.76	178.53	108.83	-10.77	-6.03	58.93	54.15
Medium	120.00-150.00	138.40	148.52	84.31	-10.12	-6.81	54.09	64.16
Small	80.00-120.00	108.76	117.88	57.71	-9.12	-7.74	51.05	88.46
Mango								
Betti	10.00-25.00	19.80	27.15	16.64	-7.35	-27.07	3.16	18.99
Karthakolomban	30.00-70.00	57.82	79.84	39.83	-22.02	-27.58	17.99	45.17
Vilad	15.00-31.25	25.93	36.29	22.50	-10.36	-28.55	3.43	15.24
Kohu	6.00-16.66	13.13	17.06	8.17	-3.93	-23.04	4.96	60.71
Papaw (Rs/kg)	40.00-100.00	65.86	94.19	66.43	-28.33	-30.08	-0.57	-0.86
Passionfruit	10.00-15.00	12.93	14.24	7.36	-1.31	-9.20	5.57	75.68
Woodapple	20.00-45.00	32.27	33.07	47.88	-0.80	-2.42	-15.61	-32.60
Orange	20.00-30.00	23.52	19.29	22.81	4.23	21.93	0.71	3.11
Avocado	24.00-60.00	48.50	46.66	32.26	1.84	3.94	16.24	50.34
Slime Apple	20.00-40.00	26.10	36.32	34.52	-10.22	-28.14	-8.42	-24.39
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	444.00-642.10	532.32	525.74	514.35	6.58	1.25	17.97	3.49

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-130.00	98.80	77.84	86.23	20.96	26.93	12.57	14.58
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	150.00-320.00	238.40	181.50	183.90	56.90	31.35	54.50	29.64
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-120.00	90.80	78.01	83.57	12.79	16.40	7.23	8.65
Anamalu	13.00-30.00	19.66	17.53	16.49	2.13	12.15	3.17	19.22
Ambun	15.00-30.00	20.11	17.95	17.53	2.16	12.03	2.58	14.72
Pineapple								
Large	180.00-300.00	222.78	221.05	149.26	1.73	0.78	73.52	49.26
Medium	140.00-200.00	165.19	161.76	108.34	3.43	2.12	56.85	52.47
Small	80.00-150.00	115.33	120.60	73.76	-5.27	-4.37	41.57	56.36
Mango								
Betti	20.00-40.00	27.30	53.75	30.97	-26.45	-49.21	-3.67	-11.85
Karthakolomban	50.00-150.00	73.71	111.85	68.22	-38.14	-34.10	5.49	8.05
Vilad	20.00-60.00	38.90	64.88	44.04	-25.98	-40.04	-5.14	-11.67
Kohu	15.00-30.00	23.93	20.00	22.83	3.93	19.65	1.10	4.82
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00-200.00	127.58	154.47	130.22	-26.89	-17.41	-2.64	-2.03
Passionfruit	16.00-33.00	25.94	28.73	17.16	-2.79	-9.71	8.78	51.17
Woodapple	30.00-100.00	55.53	50.89	59.01	4.64	9.12	-3.48	-5.90
Orange	30.00-80.00	47.00	41.35	39.94	5.65	13.66	7.06	17.68
Avocado	40.00-120.00	62.58	76.85	56.64	-14.27	-18.57	5.94	10.49
Slime Apple	40.00-100.00	56.14	50.47	55.51	5.67	11.23	0.63	1.13
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	768.91	776.14	772.91	-7.23	-0.93	-4.00	-0.52

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	21.00-40.00	36.00	30.20	35.50	5.80	19.20	0.50	1.40
Kolikuttu	88.75-166.00	124.25	95.50	111.30	28.75	30.10	12.95	11.64
Papaw	18.60-45.00	39.68	53.60	61.46	-13.93	-25.98	-21.79	-35.45
Pineapple	61.67-61.67	61.67	-	43.13	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
February – April 2016**

Type of Fruit	April			March			February		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	116.08	31.79	273.88	117.95	20.53	174.03	138.22	36.02	260.60
Papaw	232.64	32.33	138.98	200.57	19.94	99.42	189.82	21.38	112.65
Fresh Mango	1.69	0.46	273.74	0.02	0.01	734.00	0.64	0.32	502.28
Avocados, fresh	0.16	0.06	379.79	0.05	0.02	408.42	0.03	0.01	393.82
Oranges, fresh	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.80	0.06	73.01

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
February– April 2016**

Type of Fruit	April			March			February		
	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	3,234.46	481.64	148.91	1,786.80	283.77	158.81	1,788.47	237.02	132.53
Grapes	430.85	155.82	361.66	607.70	196.89	323.99	687.01	220.06	320.31
Oranges	652.20	53.40	81.88	771.35	57.61	77.69	465.50	36.02	77.37
Mandarin	477.11	19.32	40.48	1,582.68	61.90	39.11	1,458.54	56.70	38.87

Source: Sri Lanka Customs
(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 3%-23% at the wholesale level. The highest price increase (23%) was reported for salaya and the lowest price increase (3%) was noted for paraw. Prices of balaya, kelawalla and shrimp had increased in the range of 11%-15%. In addition, a price increase of 7% was noted for thora and a 6% price increase for hurulla. Further, prices of mora and thalapath had increased by 5% and 4% respectively. Mid season for coastal fisheries prevailed in both Eastern and Southern coastal belts had resulted limited supplies to the market and it had contributed to these price increases. Further, the high demand prevailed due to the festive season had contributed too, to these price increases. In the month of April, monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.127.75– 1,009.77/kg. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that fish prices could further increase in the coming month due to the mid season for coastal fisheries.

Compared to April 2015, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except kelawalla had increased in the range of 2%-37% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 2%-18% at the retail level too. The highest price increase of 18% was reported for salaya followed by shrimp (16%) and balaya (13%). In addition, prices of hurulla, kelawalla, thora and mora had increased in the range of 5%-8%. Further, price increases of 3% and 2% were noted for thalapath and paraw respectively. In the month of April, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.180.33–1,307.78/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except kelawalla had increased in the range of 3%-28% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	90.00-160.00	127.75	103.89	93.00	23.86	22.97	34.75	37.37
Hurulla	300.00-380.00	332.50	313.00	249.25	19.50	6.23	83.25	33.40
Balaya	280.00-450.00	362.77	316.00	326.77	46.77	14.80	36.00	11.02
Kelawalla	500.00-620.00	542.75	486.90	556.46	55.85	11.47	-13.71	-2.46
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1009.77	946.25	902.50	63.52	6.71	107.27	11.89
Paraw	450.00-680.00	575.30	556.03	453.59	19.27	3.47	121.71	26.83
Mora	480.00-580.00	518.13	492.29	501.13	25.84	5.25	17.00	3.39
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1100.00	913.25	806.25	891.67	107.00	13.27	21.58	2.42
Thalapath	520.00-700.00	630.25	603.75	572.41	26.50	4.39	57.84	10.10
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-260.00	180.33	152.78	140.89	27.55	18.03	39.44	27.99
Hurulla	320.00-480.00	395.94	377.56	330.96	18.38	4.87	64.98	19.63
Balaya	300.00-760.00	480.41	425.28	456.05	55.13	12.96	24.36	5.34
Kelawalla	550.00-1000.00	764.18	725.36	791.91	38.82	5.35	-27.73	-3.50
Thora	1000.00-1600.00	1307.78	1206.36	1133.98	101.42	8.41	173.80	15.33
Paraw	560.00-1000.00	764.08	747.93	683.87	16.15	2.16	80.21	11.73
Mora	540.00-800.00	675.00	628.63	630.96	46.37	7.38	44.04	6.98
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1300.00	1050.80	908.83	1018.35	141.97	15.62	32.45	3.19
Thalapath	600.00-1100.00	841.71	817.98	810.17	23.73	2.90	31.54	3.89

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of local dried fish were slightly lower than the previous month. The availability of imported stocks also limited. The wholesale prices of all the other dried fish except sprats and balaya have increased. However the highest increase was 6% and it was reported for imported mora. Prices of local and imported kattawa have increased by 5% while the prices of imported balaya, thora and local anguluwa have increased by around 4%. Price increase of other varieties was not significant. Meanwhile the price of imported kattawa has decreased by 3%. Stocks of koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of last year except for imported balaya and local mora prices of all the other dried fish had increased in the range of 2% - 53% with the highest increase recorded for imported sprats.

Supplies of local stocks were mainly received from Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttalam, Kalpitiya, Mannar, Jaffna and Negambo areas. The main importing countries were India, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam and Thailand.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs, a quantity of 1612 mt of dried sprats was imported in April 2016. The total value of the imports was Rs.573mn. The quantity has dropped by nearly 50% against the previous month as it was a decrease of 1539 mt. The imports in the previous month were very high and it was also caused to shown a considerable decrease. Out of the total imports about 82% was imported from Thailand while 10% from United Arab Emirates and 6% from India. Rest of the stocks were imported from Vietnam, Oman and Singapore as few quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.147.00–428.10/kg and the average price was Rs.355.68/kg.

Considering retail market the price of local sprats has increased by 6% while the prices of imported sprats, thora and salaya have decreased by 2% against the previous month. Prices of other dried fish remained more or less unchanged. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the other dried fish varieties except thora had increased. The increase was significant for anguluwa, maduwa and salaya.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	600.00-850.00	767.83	742.63	529.07	25.21	3.39	238.77	45.13
Sprats (imported)	400.00-850.00	492.75	507.08	322.75	-14.33	-2.83	170.00	52.67
Kattawa	780.00-850.00	815.97	779.07	798.00	36.90	4.74	17.97	2.25
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-820.00	773.50	737.32	758.75	36.18	4.91	14.75	1.94
Thora	1100.00-1300.00	1180.95	1148.33	987.33	32.61	2.84	193.61	19.61
Thora (imported)	1050.00-1200.00	1135.63	1087.83	972.00	47.79	4.39	163.63	16.83
Mora	750.00-850.00	815.61	798.95	833.00	16.66	2.09	-17.39	-2.09
Mora (imported)	700.00-850.00	794.98	748.75	779.23	46.23	6.17	15.75	2.02
Balaya	500.00-750.00	571.59	572.19	463.75	-0.60	-0.11	107.84	23.25
Balaya (imported)	420.00-650.00	503.75	486.25	521.00	17.50	3.60	-17.25	-3.31
Anguluwa	580.00-820.00	745.00	717.68	601.00	27.32	3.81	144.00	23.96
Anguluwa (imported)	550.00-780.00	708.79	708.16	567.44	0.63	0.09	141.35	24.91
Maduwa	450.00-700.00	576.25	570.86	542.17	5.39	0.94	34.08	6.29
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	461.75	457.93	421.04	3.82	0.84	40.71	9.67
Koduwa		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa (imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	286.94	309.54	214.28	-22.60	-7.30	72.66	33.91
Salaya (imported)					-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats	400.00-800.00	645.30	655.26	625.94	-9.96	-1.52	19.36	3.09
Sprats (imported)	800.00-1300.00	977.61	925.01	-	52.60	5.69	-	-
Kattawa	850.00-1300.00	1127.31	1117.00	1077.55	10.31	0.92	49.76	4.62
Thora	1200.00-1600.00	1334.09	1362.74	1376.53	-28.65	-2.10	-42.44	-3.08
Mora	700.00-1200.00	998.79	988.60	938.84	10.19	1.03	59.95	6.39
Balaya	600.00-1000.00	850.51	854.75	783.34	-4.24	-0.50	67.17	8.57
Anguluwa	580.00-1300.00	995.01	994.50	824.80	0.51	0.05	170.21	20.64
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	733.74	737.33	654.77	-3.59	-0.49	78.97	12.06
Koduwa		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	564.76	576.05	500.01	-11.29	-1.96	64.75	12.95

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – November 2015 to April 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	1612.39	573.49	355.68	645.30	289.62
Mar 2016	3151.52	1252.33	397.37	655.26	257.89
Feb 2016	2134.70	877.98	411.29	627.91	216.62
Jan 2016	1622.88	544.77	335.68	556.34	220.66
Dec 2015	1962.87	684.65	348.80	511.60	162.80
Nov 2015	1754.66	592.63	337.75	604.26	266.51

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

Eggs

As predicted in the previous month, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had further increased by 4% and 7% respectively with the increased consumer demand. The monthly average wholesale price of a brown egg was Rs.16.96 while, the price range was Rs.14.50-18.50/egg. The monthly average wholesale price and the price range for a white egg was Rs.16.48 and Rs.13.50-17.50 respectively. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that egg prices could decrease in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 30% and 32% respectively.

Prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 9% at the retail level with the increased wholesale prices. The monthly average retail price of a brown egg was Rs.19.25 and it was Rs.18.24 for a white egg. Further, the price range for eggs was noted as Rs.14.50-21.00/egg during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 29% and 31% respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.50-18.50	16.96	16.33	13.00	0.63	3.86	3.96	30.46
White (each)	13.50-17.50	16.48	15.33	12.50	1.15	7.50	3.98	31.84
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	15.50-21.00	19.25	17.63	14.90	1.62	9.19	4.35	29.19
White (each)	14.50-20.00	18.24	16.67	13.93	1.57	9.42	4.31	30.94

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Price of chicken has increased significantly. Prevailing high demand during the Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival period was the main reason. Price of broiler chicken has increased by Rs.68.35/kg while curry chicken has increased by Rs.40.82/kg. Meanwhile the price of pork has decreased by Rs.26.67/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest increase of 22% reported for beef.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	750.00-800.00	756.66	750.81	619.75	5.85	0.78	136.91	22.09
Chicken (Broiler)	480.00-610.00	549.13	480.78	523.05	68.35	14.22	26.08	4.99
Chicken (curry)	450.00-610.00	536.82	496.00	498.16	40.82	8.23	38.66	7.76
Mutton	1500.00-1800.00	1545.84	1547.71	1316.61	-1.87	-0.12	229.23	17.41
Pork	550.00-650.00	593.33	620.00	575.50	-26.67	-4.30	17.83	3.10

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity of wheat grain was low in last two months and a quantity of 287,231mt was imported in April. Compared to the previous month the quantity has increased by 193,276mt. The total value of the imports was Rs.9,794mn. The average CIF price was Rs.34.10/kg recording a decrease of Rs.2.43/kg.

Among the imported stocks Canadian wheat grains consisted 46% while 33% from Russia, 20% from German and the rest were imported from Australia, India and the United States of America as few quantities. The CIF price remained in the range of Rs.29.62–49.05/kg. The majority imported from Canada fetched the price of Rs.38.74/kg. The highest and the lowest prices were recorded for German and Indian wheat grains respectively.

A limited quantity of only 65 mt valued at Rs.5.27mn was imported as wheat flour. Out of that about 60% (39mt) was imported from India while 24 mt from Pakistan. The price of Indian wheat flour was Rs.89.73/kg and Pakistan wheat flour fetched Rs.66.97/kg. The average CIF price was Rs.80.87/kg recording an increase of Rs.13.05/kg against the previous month. However such a high price was reported in January 2015 in recent past and it was Rs.89.01/kg. Since then the CIF price remained in the range of Rs.53.80–71.76/kg until the previous month.

The retail price of wheat flour has also increased by Rs.3.42/kg and the average price was Rs.92.23/kg. The price ranged between Rs.80.00–98.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year the retail price had increased by 7%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – April 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar 2016		Apr 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-98.00	92.23	88.81	86.55	3.42	3.85	5.68	6.57
Sugar	87.00-110.00	103.78	99.52	85.65	4.26	4.28	18.13	21.17

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – November 2015 to April 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Apr 2016	65.20	5.27	80.87	92.23	11.36
Mar 2016	304.75	20.67	67.82	88.81	-67.82
Feb 2016	246.06	16.59	67.42	86.72	19.30
Jan 2016	201.10	14.43	71.76	87.16	15.40
Dec 2015	272.70	0.54	66.96	86.43	19.47
Nov 2015	306.91	21.89	71.32	86.57	15.25
Wheat Grain					
Apr 2016	287231.31	9793.99	34.10	92.23	58.13
Mar 2016	93955.21	3431.82	36.53	88.81	-36.53
Feb 2016	74376.48	2556.86	34.38	86.72	52.34
Jan 2016	241020.14	9172.08	38.06	87.16	49.10
Dec 2015	158661.24	5648.59	35.60	86.43	50.83
Nov 2015	168958.30	5774.68	34.18	86.57	52.39

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

Sugar

The recorded high stock was imported in the previous month and therefore the quantity imported has shown a decrease in April. A total quantity of 62,588 mt valued at Rs.4,042mn of sugar was imported. Considering CIF prices of sugar, it remained in the range of Rs.50.00–60.00/kg during throughout the year 2015 and with the beginning of 2016 it has exceeded Rs.60.00/kg. The world prices of sugar had stated to increase from October 2015 and it was continuing in April too recording an increase of Rs.1.76/kg. The average CIF price was Rs.64.58/kg.

Among the total quantity of imported 57% from India, 31% from Brazil while 7% and 5% from United Arab Emirates and Thailand respectively. Another few stocks from Korea and Malaysia were also included. The CIF price ranged between Rs.62.68–85.60/kg with the highest price reported for Korean sugar while the lowest being Brazilian.

The increase in world sugar prices was reflected in local market showing an increase of Rs.4.26/kg against the previous month at retail level. The retail price was in the range of Rs.87.00–110.00/kg in April and the average was Rs.103.78/kg. Compared to same period of last year the retail price had increased by 21%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- November 2015 to April 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2016	62588.59	4042.27	64.58	103.78	39.20
Mar 2016	80914.83	5083.00	62.82	99.52	-62.82
Feb 2016	38492.23	2430.31	63.14	97.88	34.74
Jan 2016	22394.30	1363.45	60.88	97.05	36.17
Dec 2015	38590.95	2273.33	58.91	90.86	31.95
Nov 2015	44042.06	2475.18	56.20	92.26	36.06

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - April 2016

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Apr 2016	Mar 2016		Apr 2016	Mar 2016		Apr 2016	Mar 2016	
Rice	3256.58	1774.41	84	172.06	127.47	35	52.83	71.84	-26
Red Onion	1222.48	1917.51	-36	70.42	86.11	-18	57.61	44.91	28
Big Onion	17047.33	22592.47	-25	533.03	646.46	-18	31.27	28.61	9
Potato	8252.14	11871.70	-30	180.19	264.18	-32	21.84	22.25	-2
Dried Chillies	3617.43	5678.82	-36	984.24	1608.61	-39	272.08	283.26	-4
Masoor Dhal	4274.96	17192.10	-75	599.00	2392.11	-75	140.12	139.14	1
Green Gram	1404.59	2496.96	-44	229.68	422.19	-46	163.52	169.08	-3
Cowpea	325.45	685.81	-53	32.21	71.16	-55	98.98	103.76	-5
Garlic	1200.88	2657.80	-55	272.02	613.24	-56	226.52	230.73	-2
Wheat flour	65.20	304.75	-79	5.27	20.67	-74	80.87	67.82	19
Wheat grain	287231.31	93955.21	206	9793.99	3431.82	185	34.10	36.53	-7
White crystalline cane sugar	62588.59	80914.83	-23	4042.27	5083.00	-20	64.58	62.82	3
Maize (Seed)	2.00	-	-	1.01	-	-	504.06	-	-
Maize (Other)	100.00	125.00	-20	8.54	10.96	-22	85.37	87.72	-3
Sprats, dried not salted	1612.39	3151.52	-49	573.49	1252.33	-54	355.68	397.37	-10

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

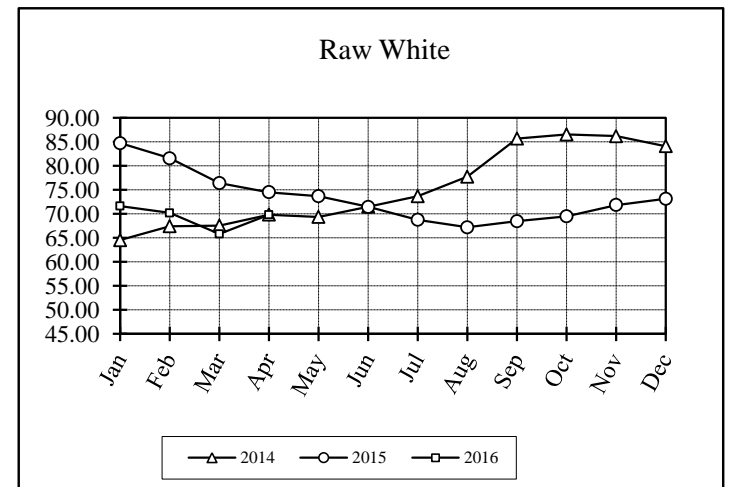
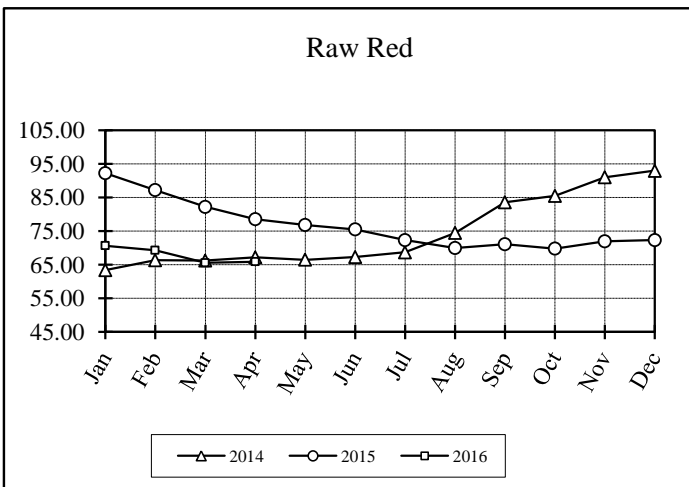
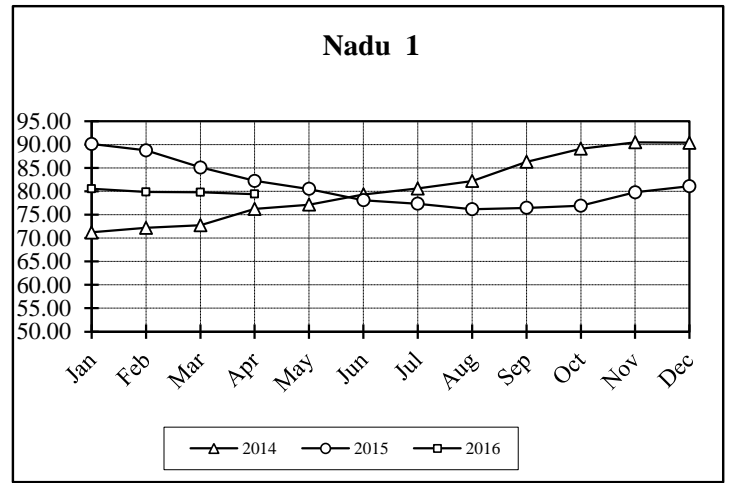
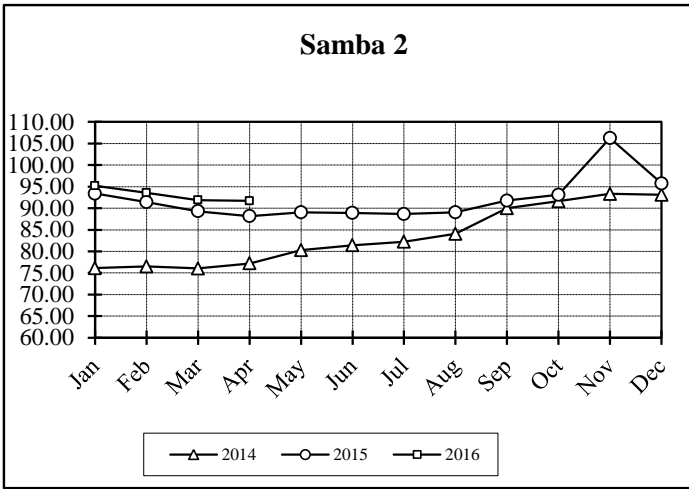
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – April 2016

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	114.1	151.6	12	12
Badulla	35.7	203.5	8	14
Bandarawela	70.2	158.3	11	12
Batticaloa	0.5	55.0	1	5
Colombo	185.9	245.6	12	14
Galle	76.0	206.8	10	12
Hambantota	61.4	99.6	8	8
Jaffna	0.5	52.3	1	4
Katugastota	123.2	187.7	9	14
Katunayaka	42.6	241.4	10	13
Kurunegala	306.5	264.3	15	16
Mahailuppallama	90.9	179.5	9	12
Mannar	10.8	81.4	4	6
Nuwara Eliya	56.3	158.4	8	13
Pottuvil	0.0	81.9	0	na
Puttalam	55.0	181.5	7	10
Ratmalana	250.3	246.5	17	14
Ratnapura	396.5	338.9	24	20
Trincomalee	4.1	49.2	1	5
Vavuniya	16.0	128.5	6	10
Polonnaruwa	35.3	na	8	na
Moneragala	66.0	na	4	na
Mattala	68.2	na	7	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

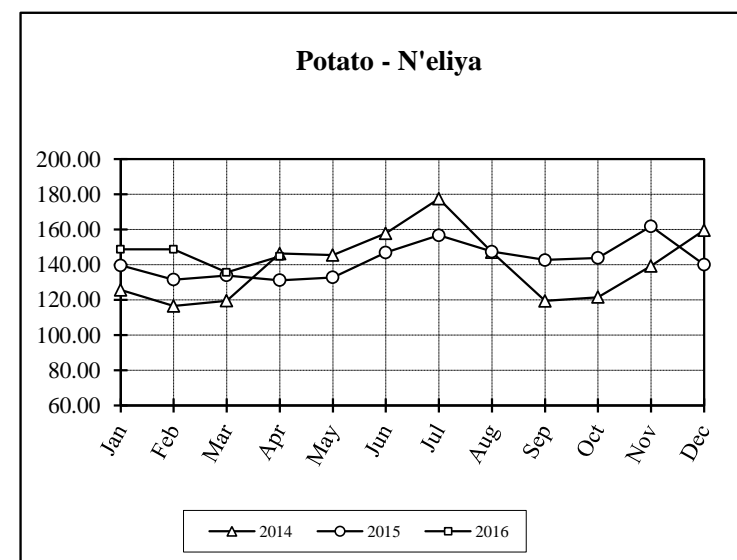
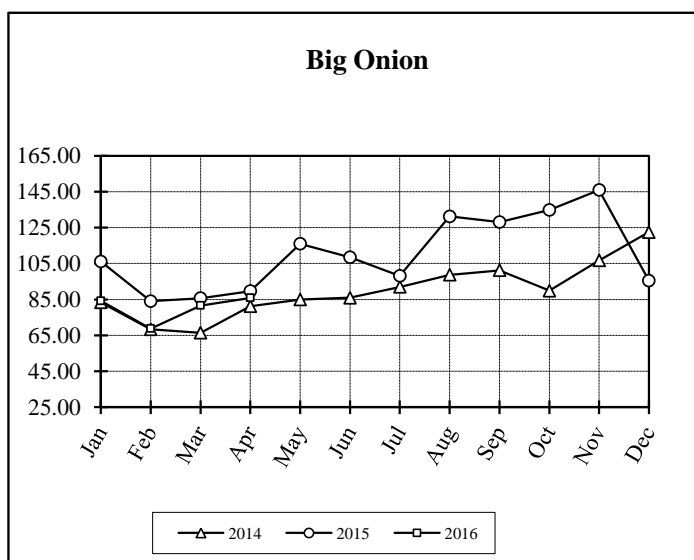
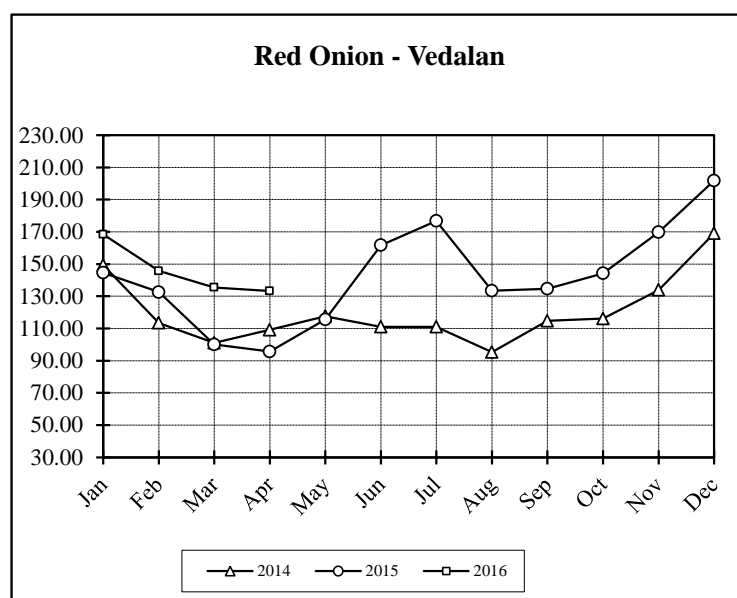
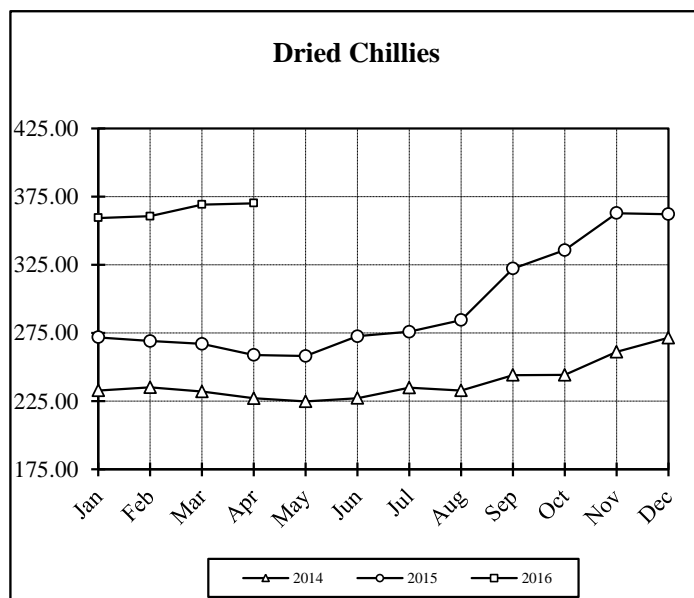
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	76.11	93.38	95.20	71.22	90.13	80.51	63.39	92.21	70.64	64.54	84.76	71.61
Feb	76.54	91.39	93.55	72.18	88.75	79.87	66.32	87.23	69.32	67.44	81.61	70.19
Mar	76.04	89.30	91.87	72.77	85.09	79.76	66.29	82.21	65.58	67.56	76.40	65.80
Apr	77.22	88.17	91.70	76.26	82.22	79.38	67.23	78.56	65.88	69.84	74.51	69.83
May	80.30	89.04		77.15	80.50		66.48	76.85		69.36	73.70	
Jun	81.44	88.93		79.33	78.08		67.30	75.50		71.50	71.45	
Jul	82.22	88.66		80.59	77.33		68.70	72.36		73.70	68.75	
Aug	84.09	89.04		82.18	76.16		74.47	69.99		77.75	67.22	
Sep	89.99	91.75		86.30	76.46		83.61	71.10		85.68	68.49	
Oct	91.63	93.10		89.10	76.89		85.52	69.77		86.58	69.49	
Nov	93.32	106.27		90.47	79.77		91.02	71.96		86.20	71.84	
Dec	93.12	95.76		90.37	81.10		92.98	72.33		84.10	73.15	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	232.90	271.85	359.36	149.35	144.64	168.42	83.40	106.11	84.20	125.68	139.63	148.73
Feb	235.25	269.09	360.56	113.49	132.59	145.71	68.30	83.99	68.73	116.52	131.58	148.75
Mar	232.07	266.95	369.06	101.03	100.10	135.49	66.39	85.73	81.58	119.57	133.91	135.62
Apr	227.14	258.81	370.07	109.14	95.65	133.19	81.18	89.56	85.83	146.34	131.19	144.75
May	224.87	258.15		117.65	115.55		84.92	115.99		145.56	132.82	
Jun	227.29	272.61		111.07	161.67		85.92	108.39		157.84	146.91	
Jul	234.85	275.90		111.07	176.85		91.93	98.14		177.57	156.77	
Aug	232.85	284.48		95.25	133.51		98.70	131.16		147.11	147.47	
Sep	244.16	322.19		114.80	134.69		101.20	128.09		119.46	142.68	
Oct	244.33	335.70		116.12	144.23		89.85	134.76		121.58	143.91	
Nov	261.19	362.89		133.87	169.84		106.71	145.93		139.24	161.86	
Dec	271.53	362.08		169.07	201.81		122.46	95.39		159.65	140.10	



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

April 2016

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	83.40	-	83.80	81.60	Welimada				
A'pura	32.00	33.00	35.00	34.60	Badulla	77.00	93.00	88.00	98.00	N'Eliya	60.60	-	57.80	63.00
P'naruwa	36.95	38.55	36.75	37.65	Welimada	81.00	90.80	89.40	86.00					
Kalawewa	35.33	35.00	34.50	35.00	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	34.40	35.40	35.40	35.40	Green Gram					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	36.70	36.70	35.25	36.40	Galgamuwa	-	-	-	-	N'Eliya	57.60	-	52.20	58.40
Ampara	36.80	36.80	36.80	37.50	Kalawewa	190.00	170.00	200.00	185.00	Dambulla	59.20	61.60	63.60	69.80
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	196.00	196.00	196.00	196.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	30.60	32.40	33.00	32.60	Kurunegala	94.00	-	-	-	Welimada	56.00	61.00	56.00	54.00
P'naruwa	34.00	31.00	33.75	34.75	A'pura	192.00	192.00	-	186.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa	35.00	35.00	34.50	33.00	Cowpea					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	30.80	33.20	34.20	34.20	A'pura	156.00	160.00	150.00	156.00	N'Eliya	36.80	-	36.80	33.00
Dehiattakandiya	32.10	32.10	31.75	32.70	Galgamuwa	-	-	-	-	Welimada	45.00	50.00	49.00	49.00
Embilipitiya	30.40	30.40	30.40	33.50	Nikaweratiya		160.00	160.00	160.00	Radish				
Ampara	31.80	31.80	31.80	33.60	Kalawewa	160.00	160.00	150.00	170.00	Hanguranketha				
Matara	28.33	-	28.50	28.67	Embilipitiya	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	N'Eliya	42.00	-	22.40	24.20
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	Kurunegala					Welimada	20.00	24.50	19.50	24.50
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara	27.33	-	27.50	27.67	A'Pura	45.00	45.60	48.00	47.00	Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	-	-	-	30.00	Kalawewa	-	-	45.00	47.50	N'Eliya	59.60	-	38.20	38.20
Ampara	26.80	26.80	27.40	30.40	Gingelly					Welimada	35.00	44.00	35.00	30.00
Embilipitiya	27.60	27.60	27.60	30.80	A'Pura		95.00	110.00	104.00	Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa	110.00	100.00	105.00	100.00	Badulla	37.00	32.00	35.00	26.00
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Tomato				
A'Pura					Kalawewa	230.00	250.00	250.00	245.00	Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	230.00	232.00	240.00	236.00	Welimada	29.00	86.00	25.00	105.00
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota	-	-	-	-
Red Onion					Beans					Dambulla	25.00	94.40	41.20	118.00
Puttalam	52.00	48.00	48.00	77.00	Dambulla	52.60	104.00	46.40	123.00	Low Country				
Big Onion					Welimada	70.00	161.00	74.00	141.00	Ladies Fingers				
Dambulla	-	-	-	-	Badulla	-	-	-	-	A'pura	32.00	53.00	-	65.00
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	Carrot					Dambulla	50.40	47.20	31.00	46.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	-	-	-	-	Hambantota	-	-	-	52.50
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	62.00	-	67.60	72.00	Embilipitiya	57.00	57.00	38.40	68.00
					Welimada	65.00	64.00	75.00	64.00	Matara	41.67	-	40.00	38.33

Appendix 03: contd.....

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	
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	47.00	48.00	-	37.60	Dambulla	17.60	18.60	17.80	19.00	Hambantota	-	-	-	-	
Dambulla	41.40	61.60	13.00	29.80	Hambantota	-	-	-	25.00	Embilipitiya	195.00	217.60	255.00	342.00	
Hambantota	-	-	-	30.00	Embilipitiya	20.80	20.80	22.20	23.20	Moneragala	90.00	181.25	181.25	271.25	
Embilipitiya	27.60	64.40	11.80	27.60	Matara	-	-	-	-	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	28.33	-	28.33	26.67	A'pura	25.40	34.00	-	22.60	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada	61.00	83.00	41.00	34.00	Moneragala	14.80	14.80	14.80	15.40	<u>Ambul</u>					
					<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	31.67	35.00	35.00	35.50
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	43.00	40.00	-	35.00	Embilipitiya	31.00	50.40	21.00	32.40	
Welimada	141.00	157.00	119.00	83.00	Dambulla	20.80	24.20	15.80	40.60	Hambantota	-	-	-	40.00	
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	-	-	-	47.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura	50.00	49.00	-	35.00	Matara	-	-	-	-	Moneragala	88.75	91.25	91.25	93.75	
Dambulla	55.00	57.60	16.20	51.20	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	126.00	166.00	108.00	126.00
Hambantota	-	-	-	95.00	Dambulla	42.80	43.20	29.20	40.60	Hambantota	-	-	-	150.00	
Embilipitiya	97.00	97.00	78.00	103.00	Hambantota	-	-	-	-	<u>Papaw</u>					
Matara	83.33	-	80.00	72.50	Embilipitiya	64.00	66.00	36.00	70.00	Moneragala	-	-	-	-	
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	33.33	-	33.33	33.33	Embilipitiya	41.40	39.40	38.00	18.60	
Dambulla	47.60	38.60	24.00	34.40	A'Pura	45.00	48.00	-	85.00	Hambantota	-	-	-	45.00	
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	45.00	35.40	26.60	41.40	Hambantota	-	-	-	-	Divulapitiya	-	-	61.67	61.67	
Matara	38.33	-	32.50	31.67	Embilipitiya	28.00	23.40	23.40	23.40						
A'pura	38.00	38.00	-	45.00	Matara	38.33	-	38.33	38.33						
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>										
Dambulla	52.40	56.20	16.40	61.20	Dambulla	126.00	121.00	42.60	40.60						
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	Hambantota	-	-	-	115.00						
Embilipitiya	62.40	66.40	66.40	66.40	Embilipitiya	192.00	209.00	209.00	128.00						
Matara	48.33	-	41.67	41.67	Puttalam	122.00	100.00	96.00	61.00						
A'pura	53.00	53.00	-	105.00	A'Pura	121.00	144.00	-	55.00						