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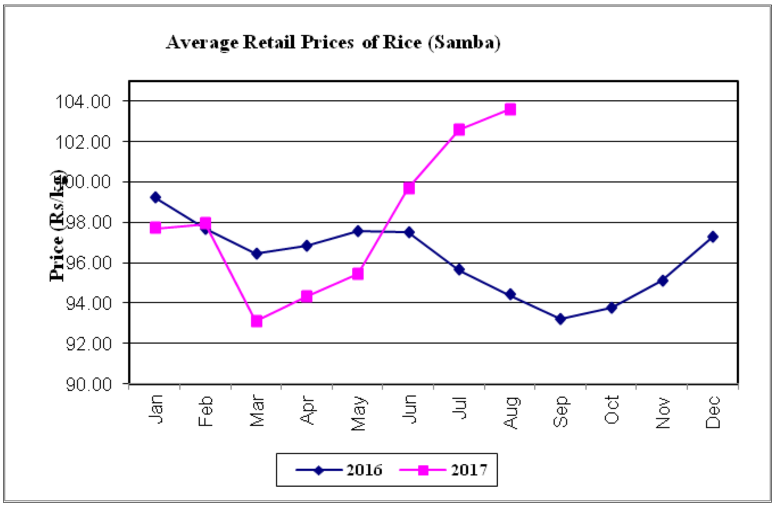
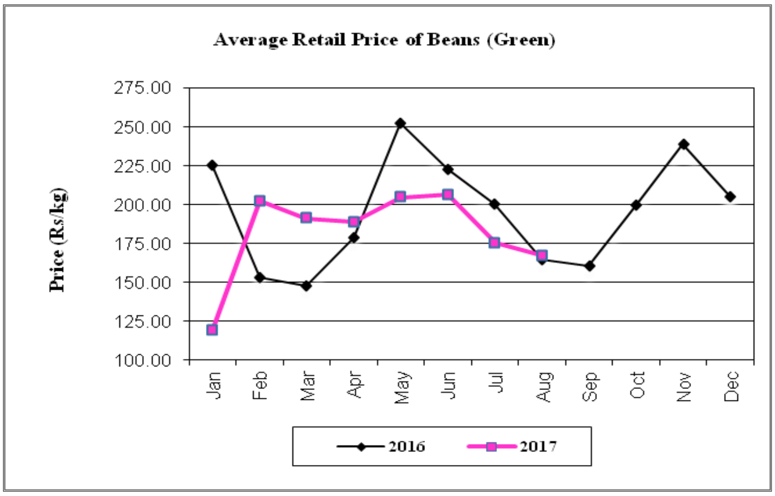
RICE:

With the commencement of harvesting in some of the paddy producing areas, prices of most of the local rice varieties have slightly decreased. Consequently, price of local raw red has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00/kg. Meanwhile, the prices of all the imported rice varieties have also decreased. Hence, the highest price decrement of Rs.4.00/kg was noted for imported nadu and the price ranged between Rs.75.00-90.00/kg.

VEGETABLES:

As the peak *Yala* harvesting season reached, supplies had increased from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas whereby prices started to drop, compared to last month for most of the varieties. Of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties, the highest price decreases were reported for cabbage and drumsticks as 42% and 71%, respectively.





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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season was in progress in most of the major paddy producing areas. However, prospects of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season have deteriorated sharply with low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs and the drought situation prevailed throughout the season. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent downgraded and it was 400,020 ha. The cultivation progress up to end August is 265,697 ha and it is 66% of the target and is 33% lower compared to the average of last three year *Yala* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.023 million mt, 33 percent lower than the previous *Yala* season. The harvesting of paddy crop is in progress in producing areas in the Eastern and North Central provinces.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Yala* 2017 (As at End of August 2017)

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss in Affected Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast Adjusted to flood Damage in the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	28,800	8,084	28	28,967	57	51	28,916
Polonnaruwa	30,000	24,791	83	110,236	4	18	110,218
Ampara	57,096	38,259	67	175,110	572	1,494	173,616
Kurunegala	60,393	16,997	28	59,783	1,268	2,230	57,553
Hambantota	20,267	21,663	107	95,677	1,542	6,312	89,365
Colombo	1,906	782	41	1,753	135	229	1,525
Gampaha	3,300	3,076	93	7,971	265	393	7,578
Kalutara	5,706	5,305	93	15,116	501	1,280	13,835
Galle	5,785	5,287	91	11,768	413	806	10,962
Matara	14,780	12,187	82	35,209	1,874	5,414	29,795
Ratnapura	8,453	5,465	65	17,630	282	760	16,870
Kegalle	8,675	1,926	22	5,744	-	-	5,744
Puttalam	18,082	2,221	12	6,938	1,051	1,642	5,296
Kandy	8,828	6,299	71	17,823	80	170	17,653
Matale	10,438	6,491	62	25,771	292	411	25,360
N' Eliya	3,029	2,097	69	4,127	-	-	4,127
Badulla	7,642	6,317	83	24,387	60	232	24,155
Moneragala	19,656	15,041	77	59,708	-	-	59,708
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	1,608	1,617	101	6,348	-	-	6,348
Vavuniya	470	496	106	2,083	-	-	2,083
Mullaitivu	5,268	857	16	3,361	-	-	3,361
Mannar	2,762	340	12	1,416	-	-	1,416
Trincomalee	13,640	9,563	70	41,711	-	-	41,711
Batticaloa	27,955	27,914	100	102,522	-	-	102,522
Udawalawa	5,815	6,215	107	33,088	-	-	33,088
System H	6,776	8,432	124	34,906	-	-	34,906
System H1	1,810	2,899	160	12,001	-	-	12,001
System B	9,836	10,064	102	41,662	-	-	41,662
System C	9,017	11,669	129	48,307	-	-	48,307
System G	1,050	2,941	280	12,175	-	-	12,175
System D	255	242	95	1,002	-	-	1,002
Rambakenoya	397	136	34	563	-	-	563
System L	525	23	4	95	-	-	95
Sri Lanka	**400,020**	**265,696**	**66**	**1,044,958**	**8,396**	**21,442**	**1,023,516**

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2017 Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Prices of both short grain and long grain white paddy have decreased during the month due to the progress of harvesting of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season in producing areas in the Eastern and North Central provinces. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by 2% -7% in most of the major producing areas and prices ranged between Rs.40.00-58.00/kg in all major producing areas. The highest and the lowest prices of long grain white paddy were recorded in Kurunegala and Matara respectively. The lowest prices were recorded for the newly harvested high moisture paddy. Prices of short grain have decreased by less than 5% in Kurunegala, Ampara, Kalawewa and Nikaweratiya areas and prices ranged between Rs.42.00-57.00/kg in all considered major producing areas. The lowest prices for short grain were recorded in Ampara. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have decreased by less than 6% and the prices ranged between Rs.38.00-46.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province and the lowest price was recorded in Matara. Price of *keeri s*amba paddy ranged between Rs.55.00-56.00/kg in major producing areas.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 25%-72% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 28%-38% in all major producing areas. Meanwhile the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 38%-59% in all producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – August 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	48.00-54.00	50.00-53.00	51.65	50.97	35.04	*0.68*	*1.33*	*16.61*	*47.40*
Polonnaruwa	48.00-50.00	44.50-51.50	49.19	47.81	34.61	*1.38*	*2.88*	*14.58*	*42.12*
Kalawewa	47.00-57.00	48.00-56.25	51.96	53.31	-	*-1.35*	*-2.54*	-	-
Kurunegala	45.00-50.00	48.00-52.00	47.31	49.83	34.32	*-2.52*	*-5.05*	*12.99*	*37.86*
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	36.20	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	55.00-55.00	55.00-56.00	55.00	55.81	34.53	*-0.81*	*-1.45*	*20.47*	*59.28*
Ampara	42.00-46.00	42.74-49.00	44.11	45.52	30.08	*-1.41*	*-3.10*	*14.03*	*46.64*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	48.00-52.00	48.00-52.00	50.61	50.44	32.04	*0.17*	*0.34*	*18.57*	*57.97*
Polonnaruwa	44.00-52.50	47.50-51.00	46.72	49.09	32.02	*-2.37*	*-4.83*	*14.70*	*45.90*
Kalawewa	43.00-53.00	43.00-54.00	48.50	49.74	-	*-1.24*	*-2.50*	-	-
Kurunegala	48.00-58.00	48.00-51.00	51.00	49.87	31.26	*1.13*	*2.27*	*19.74*	*63.15*
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	34.18	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	32.82	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	54.00-54.00	54.00-56.00	54.00	55.06	31.33	*-1.06*	*-1.93*	*22.67*	*72.36*
Matara	40.00-42.00	42.00-45.00	40.67	43.89	32.60	*-3.22*	*-7.34*	*8.07*	*24.75*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	26.77	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	38.00-42.00	42.00-45.00	40.33	44.08	31.46	*-3.75*	*-8.50*	*8.87*	*28.21*
Hambantota	45.00-46.00	44.00-46.00	45.13	44.90	32.93	*0.23*	*0.50*	*12.20*	*37.03*
Embilipitiya	42.00-45.00	42.00-46.00	44.00	44.16	31.86	*-0.16*	*-0.36*	*12.14*	*38.10*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

With the commencement of harvesting in some of the major paddy producing areas, prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased considerably. New market arrival of rice stocks have further booted the price decrease. Hence, the highest price decrement of Rs.3.00/kg was reported for raw red. Furthermore, prices of local samba grade I, grade II, raw white and nadu prices have also decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. Meanwhile, total rice imports for the month of August was 52,846mt. worth of 3,262mn. Compared to the previous month, this quantity has increased by 1,149mt. Out of the total imports, 42,942mt. comprised of raw white, nadu and *ponni* samba. The rest comprised of basmati and broken rice. Among these varieties majority (15,148mt.) comprised of imported nadu and the rest 15,808mt., 11,986mt., 9,23mt. and 674mt. comprised of imported raw white, *ponni* samba, broken rice and basmati respectively. Referring to the prices of imported rice, the highest price decrement of 7% was reported for imported nadu. The second highest price decrement of 2% was reported for imported samba. Price of imported raw white has also decreased, however, it was not a significant change.

Imported nadu had been mainly imported from India which was 13,848mt. The rest was imported from Myanmar and Pakistan. The CIF price for nadu ranged between Rs.52.00-68.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.67.00/kg. Likewise, the highest *ponni* samba quantity had been imported from India and the rest from Myanmar. The CIF price for *ponni* samba ranged between Rs.53.00-67.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.66.00/kg. However, the highest raw white quantity was imported from Myanmar. The rest was imported from India, Pakistan and Vietnam. The CIF price for raw white ranged between Rs.53.00-71.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.56.00/kg. The highest quantity of basmati had been imported from Pakistan and the rest from India, Thailand, Vietnam and United States. The average CIF price for basmati was Rs.116.00/kg. In addition, the highest quantity of broken rice was imported from India and the rest from Myanmar and Pakistan. The CIF price for broken rice ranged between Rs.49.00-54.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.53.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties have increased considerably. However, price of imported samba has decreased by 31%.

Retail Prices

When referring to the retail prices, Rs.1.00/kg price increment was noted for both local samba grade I and II. However, price of local raw red has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. Further, the price of nadu has also decreased slightly, but it was not a significant change. Meanwhile, the prices of all the imported rice varieties have decreased notably. Consequently, the highest price decrement was noted for imported nadu as Rs.4.00/kg, and the price ranged between Rs.75.00-90.00/kg. Price of imported raw white has also decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. A slight price decrement was noted for *ponni* samba as well.

Referring to the retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price ranged between Rs.105.00-110.00/kg and it was reported from Kandy market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Hanguranketha market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.95.00-97.00/kg was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.80.00-86.00/kg from Mannar market. Likewise, the highest price of Rs.96.00/kg for raw red was reported from Nikaweratiya market, while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was reported from Thissamaharama market. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.88.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kurunegala market, while the lowest price of Rs.82.00/kg was reported from Mannar market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased considerably, while the price of *ponni* samba has decreased by 30%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – August 2017

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-100.00	97.16	98.27	84.75	*-1.11*	*-1.13*	*12.41*	*14.64*
Samba 2	90.00-95.00	92.65	93.57	75.96	*-0.92*	*-0.99*	*16.69*	*21.97*
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	70.61	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	85.00-90.00	88.45	89.08	66.56	*-0.63*	*-0.71*	*21.89*	*32.89*
Raw red	75.00-79.00	77.02	79.99	59.81	*-2.97*	*-3.71*	*17.21*	*28.78*
Raw white	80.00-86.00	83.38	84.24	59.55	*-0.86*	*-1.03*	*23.82*	*40.00*
Imported Samba	72.00-81.00	76.56	78.18	110.92	*-1.62*	*-2.07*	*-34.35*	*-30.97*
Imported Raw White	60.00-75.00	71.77	71.91	-	*-0.14*	*-0.19*	-	-
Imported Nadu	68.00-78.00	71.27	76.73	-	*-5.46*	*-7.12*	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	102.00-120.00	107.72	106.81	98.31	*0.91*	*0.85*	*9.41*	*9.57*
Samba 2	90.00-100.00	99.45	98.34	90.51	*1.11*	*1.12*	*8.94*	*9.87*
Samba 3	-	-	-	84.31	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	79.49	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-100.00	95.76	96.01	72.89	*-0.25*	*-0.26*	*22.87*	*31.37*
Raw red	80.00-100.00	88.70	89.80	66.41	*-1.10*	*-1.22*	*22.29*	*33.57*
Raw white	85.00-100.00	91.71	91.36	69.85	*0.35*	*0.38*	*21.86*	*31.29*
Imported *Ponni* Samba	80.00-95.00	86.44	86.82	122.52	*-0.38*	*-0.44*	*-36.08*	*-29.45*
Imported Raw White	70.00-85.00	78.41	79.18	-	*-0.77*	*-0.97*	-	-
Imported Nadu	75.00-90.00	83.13	86.88	-	*-3.75*	*-4.32*	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop Situation

The targeted extent for green chillies of *Yala* 2017 was 5,272 ha and around 3,844 ha was achieved by the end of August representing 73% of the target. The highest targeted and cultivated extent of green chillies was reported from Puttalam and by the end of August 2017, 543 ha had been cultivated representing 87% of the target. However, more than 50% of the production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of August. The production forecast of chillies for the season is 16,695 mt and out of that 57% of the production could be expected from Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Moneragala, Kurunegala, Badulla, Ampara and Kandy districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for *Yala* 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of August 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	586	277	47	1,535
Puttalam	623	543	87	4,356
Moneragala	397	206	52	1,376
Kurunegala	318	181	57	312
Badulla	250	196	78	557
Ampara	248	162	65	455
Kandy	332	187	56	905
Other areas	2,518	2,092	83	7,199
Total	**5,272**	**3,844**	73	**16,695**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies to the market has increased from main producing areas during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies has decreased by about Rs.41.00/kg and Rs.40.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.224.17/kg and Rs.402.32/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the prices of imported dried chillies. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by 59% and 34% respectively.

The market consisted of only imported dried chillies. A quantity of 5,183 mt of dried chillies was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 1,179 mt compared to the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.145.75/kg and it was an increase of Rs.18.60/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.14.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies had decreased by about 39% and 36% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies
August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	120.00-300.00	224.17	264.83	141.09	*-40.66*	*-15.35*	*83.07*	*58.88*
Dried Chillies	180.00-190.00	182.20	168.02	298.32	*14.18*	*8.44*	*-116.12*	*-38.92*
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	230.00-500.00	402.32	441.94	301.27	*-39.62*	*-8.97*	*101.05*	*33.54*
Dried Chillies	200.00-280.00	238.44	232.12	*369.99*	*6.32*	*2.72*	*-131.55*	*-35.56*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	5,183	755.45	145.75	238.44	92.68
July	4,004	509.13	127.15	232.12	104.97
June	3,181	393.87	123.83	230.27	106.44
May	4,321	526.72	121.88	241.70	119.81
April	3,237	414.84	128.16	257.93	129.77
March	6,048	932.54	154.18	269.67	115.49

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – August 2017

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	251.00	172.00	192.00	204.00
Hambantota	285.00	260.00	270.00	240.00
Embilipitiya	319.17	206.67	224.17	224.17
Puttalam	-	119.00	144.00	226.00
A'Pura	276.67	240.00	195.00	245.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 3,300 ha were targeted for big onion cultivation in Matale district for this *Yala* season and out of that 1,221 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2017, which represent 37% of the targeted extent. However, no cultivation took place during this month in this district. Around 1,179 mt of big onion had been supplied to the market during this month representing 5% of the expected production of Matale district, while another 7,845 mt will be expected during next month (September). However, peak harvesting will also take place during the month of October (12,608 mt) and harvesting will take place during the month of November.

Cultivation progress of big onion in Anuradhapura district was 376 ha which represent only 42% of the targeted extent at the end of August 2017. Compared to the last *Yala* season, lower cultivation progress was reported for big onion in Matale and Anuradhapura districts due to unfavourable weather condition at the beginning of the season.

A good cultivation progress of big onion was observed in System H_1 (Huruluwewa, Galkiriyagama and Madatugama) areas and at the end of this month about 1,024 ha of big onion had been cultivated representing 89% of the targeted extent. Total big onion production for *Yala* 2017 was estimated at nearby 45,583 mt and out of that 92% will be supplied from Matale (54%), System H_1 (25%) and Anuradhapura (13%) areas.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for *Yala* 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of August 2017		Expected production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	%of the targeted extent	
Matale	3,300	1,221	37	24,413
Anuradhapura	898	376	42	5,899
System H_1	1,154	1,024	89	11,505
System H	500	130	26	1,461
Other areas	1,064	180	17	2,305
Total	**6,916**	**2,931**	**42**	**45,583**

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

In Jaffna district, around 1,364 ha which represent 61% of the targeted under red onion cultivation had been cultivated at the end of August 2017. Compared to last *Yala* season red onion cultivation had dropped by about 34% in Jaffna district. About 551 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Puttalam district for this *Yala* season and the cultivated extent has exceeded the target representing 108%. However, compared to last *Yala* season, cultivated extent of red onion in Puttalam district has also dropped by about 10% and the targeted extent has also dropped by 56%, during this *Yala* season. The production forecast of red onion for this *Yala* season is about 27,448 mt and out of that 80% was supplied from Jaffna (46%) and Puttalam (34%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of August 2017		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	2,225	1,364	61	12,570
Puttalam	551	595	108	9,406
Trincomalee	249	141	57	1,382
Vavuniya	375	81	22	935
Mullaitivu	431	90	21	995
Other areas	644	272	42	2,160
Total	**4,475**	**2,543**	**57**	**27,448**

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both local and imported big onion varieties were available at the wholesale market during this month. Stocks of local big onion started to reach the market slightly from last week of this month. According to the field information, about 1,179 mt of big onion had arrived to the market from Matale district during the month of August and this represents only about 5% of the total expected production of the district. A quantity of 18,172 mt of big onion was imported from India (14,289 mt-79%), Pakistan (3,631 mt-20%) and China (252 mt-1%). It was a decrease of 2,380 mt compared to last month. Average CIF price was Rs.56.60/kg and it was an increase of Rs.24.72/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.29.00/kg and Rs.36.00/kg respectively. Local big onion stocks were only available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.105.00-110.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 62% and 52% respectively.

Supplies of vedalan red onion from Puttalam district have increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan red onion have decreased by about Rs.28.00/kg and Rs.77.00/kg respectively. Sinnan red onion varieties and imported red onion varieties were not available at the most of markets. A quantity of 80 mt of red onion was imported from India in August 2017 and it was a decrease of 391 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.89.71/kg and it is lower than the last month by Rs.46.97/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about 125% and 67% respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
August 2017

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	93.33	54.67	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-210.00	167.25	194.85	74.21	*-27.60*	*-14.16*	*93.04*	*125.37*
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	256.39	69.58	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	101.17	71.97	62.47	*29.20*	*40.57*	*38.70*	*61.94*
Big Onion (Local)	105.00-110.00	107.50	-	79.40	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-300.00	225.63	302.86	135.32	*-77.23*	*-25.50*	*90.31*	*66.74*
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	329.44	106.62	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-160.00	132.19	96.33	87.07	*35.86*	*37.23*	*45.12*	*51.83*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	103.85	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Aug 2017	56.60	101.17	132.19	*44.56*	*31.03*
	July 2017	31.61	71.97	96.33	*40.36*	*24.36*
	Aug 2016	29.35	62.47	87.07	*33.12*	*24.60*
Red onion	Aug 2017	89.71	-	-	-	-
	July 2017	137.59	256.39	329.44	*118.80*	*73.05*
	Aug 2016	55.90	69.58	106.62	*13.68*	*37.04*

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017
Red Onion	80	471	7.15	64.41	89.71	136.68
Big Onion	18,172	20,552	1028.62	655.13	56.60	31.88

Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion March to August 2017

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
August	18,172	56.60	101.17	132.19	75.59
July	20,552	31.88	71.97	96.33	64.46
June	22,746	30.41	74.08	97.25	66.84
May	21,555	28.69	67.35	96.33	67.64
April	20,169	31.47	72.28	99.33	67.86
March	21,721	29.89	71.38	95.60	65.71

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2017 is 3,028 ha and about 2,268 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of August achieving 75% of the targeted extent. Though the cultivated extent was low in April to June of this *yala* season, the extent of potato cultivated in August was high, which was recorded as 836 ha. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2016, the cultivated extent has decreased by 37% in *yala* 2017 due to prevailed dry weather condition at the beginning of the season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 865 ha for this *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,145 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 706 ha and 1,557 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 82% and 73% of the targeted extent. The extent of potato cultivated in August was at a high level compared to the previous months of this *yala* season in the Badulla district. In both districts, the cultivated extents were at a low level during this *yala* season compared to the same period of last *yala* season. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 36,091 mt for this *yala* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2017)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production Mt
	Yala 2016*	*Yala* 2017	*Yala* 2016*	*Yala* 2017	*Yala* 2017	
N'Eliya	1,285	865	1,087	706	82	12,406
Badulla	2,045	2,145	2,507	1,557	73	23,684
Sri Lanka	**3,330**	**3,028**	**3,595**	**2,268**	**75**	**36,091**

Source: MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.4 Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 13,832 mt of potato had been imported in August which was 2,349 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were received from China (70%), India (19%) and Pakistan (11%) during this month. Compared to August, 2016 (16,445 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.38.00/kg in August.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the stocks of Welimada potato was not available in the market. Only stocks supplied from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. In August, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 3% and 1% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.118.00/kg in August. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported potato has decreased by 2%, while the retail price has increased by 3%. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.130.00-150.00/kg and Rs.75.00-100.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of Nuwara Eliya (8%) potato has increased, while the price of imported potato has not changed significantly. Supply of local potato will be low till the commencement of harvesting season for Welimada potato in September and the prices of local potatoes are expected to decrease in September.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	13,832	533.55	38.57	115.06	*76.49*
July	11,483	419.33	36.52	112.13	*75.61*
June	15,227	643.34	42.25	115.84	*73.59*
May	12,903	473.86	40.27	121.48	*81.22*
April	10,587	340.24	32.14	117.58	*85.44*
March	11,898	354.90	29.83	110.06	*80.23*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	80.00-100.00	91.25	-	106.25	-	-	*-15.00*	*-16.44*
Nuwara Eliya	108.00-125.00	117.90	123.20	112.04	*-5.30*	*-4.50*	*5.86*	*4.97*
Imported – CIF	28.08-57.13	38.57	36.52	28.99	*2.05*	*5.32*	*9.58*	*24.84*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	105.00-125.00	120.28	-	100.00	-	-	*20.28*	*16.86*
Nuwara Eliya	130.00-150.00	140.89	137.00	134.66	*3.89*	*2.76*	*6.23*	*4.42*
Imported	75.00-100.00	85.85	87.14	81.95	*-1.29*	*-1.50*	*3.90*	*4.55*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	146.54	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-200.00	184.34	182.06	168.81	*2.28*	*1.24*	*15.53*	*8.42*
Imported	100.00-140.00	115.06	112.13	115.55	*2.93*	*2.55*	*-0.49*	*-0.43*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	40.29	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		66.44	58.86	56.77	*7.58*	*11.41*	*9.67*	*14.55*
Imported (CIF-RP)		76.49	75.61	86.56	*0.88*	*1.14*	*-10.07*	*-13.17*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	46.54	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		43.45	45.06	34.15	*-1.61*	*-3.70*	*9.30*	*21.41*
Imported		29.20	24.99	33.60	*4.21*	*14.43*	*-4.40*	*-15.05*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Even though, a cultivation extent of 13762 ha has been targeted for green gram in 2017 *Yala* season, only 37% of the target (i.e., 5152 ha) have been fulfilled by the end of August according to the newest report on crop forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture. The highest targeted cultivation extent was recorded as 7153 ha in Hambantota District; however, the cultivation progress in Hambantota District is recorded as 2736 ha. A cultivation progress of 402 ha is recorded from Kurunegala District, and all other areas had lower cultivation extent of green gram than that in Kurunegala District. Moreover, compared to 2016 *Yala* season, the cultivation progress of green gram in all other areas is lower in this season. The anticipated production in this season is 7207 MT, and 63% of that (i.e., 4542 MT) have been expected from Hambantota District.

The targeted cultivation extent of cowpea is 6759 ha in 2017 *Yala* season; however, the cultivation progress anticipated to be was 53% (i.e., 3586 ha) of the target by the end of August. In the meantime, the anticipated yield of cowpea is 4941 MT. The highest targeted cultivation extent of 3805 ha is recorded from Ampara District, whilst the targeted cultivation extent in Monaragala District and Mahaweli C Zone are 726 ha and 360 ha, respectively. The cultivation progress of cowpea in Ampara District is 1985 ha, whilst that in Monaragala and Hambantota Districts are 534 ha and 111 ha, respectively. Compared to the previous Yala season, the cultivation progress of cowpea has increased by 22% (i.e., 651 ha).

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala 2017*)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected production
		**Yala* 2016	*Yala* 2017	**Yala* 2016	*Yala* 2017	*Yala* 2017	
Green gram	Hambantota	1,832	7,153	722	2736	38	4542
	Kurunegala	833	644	626	402	62	302
	Moneragala	1,525	1,891	1,773	320	17	320
	Sri Lanka	**8,709**	**13,762**	**5,677**	**5152**	**37**	**7207**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,954	3,805	1,519	1985	52	2978
	Moneragala	807	762	844	534	70	670
	Anuradhapura	154	142	123	53	37	65
	Sri Lanka	**6,890**	**6,759**	**3,708**	**3586**	**53**	**4941**
		1,832	7,153	722	2736	38	4542

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast, Yala, 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Approximately, 2205 MT of green gram have been imported during August 2017, which is an increase of 1174 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. Moreover, compared to the same period of last year (during which 1017 MT were imported), the quantities imported have increased during this month. Of the total imports of green gram, 50% have been imported from Australia, 36% from Argentina, and the rest from Uzbekistan, Thailand, Tanzania, India, Turkey, and Myanmar. The average CIF price of green gram was recorded as Rs.146.52/kg, and it is a reduction of Rs.9.24/kg compared to the previous month. The CIF price of green gram from Australia (from where the highest quantity was imported) was reported as Rs.148.17/kg. The least CIF price was reported as Rs.132.27/kg for green gram from Tanzania, and the highest CIF price was reported as Rs.160.07/kg for green gram from India. Due to the decrement of CIF prices, the wholesale and retail prices of local green gram have been decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.1.00/kg, respectively. The average wholesale price of green gram was Rs.210.18/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale and retail prices have increased by 21% and 11%, respectively.

Approximately, 837 MT of cowpea have been imported during August 2017, and it was an increase of 601 MT compared to the previous month. Of the total quantity of cowpea imported, 42% (i.e., 350 MT) have been imported from Madagascar, whilst 24% have been imported from Turkey, 20% from Myanmar, and the rest from China and Singapore. The least CIF price was recorded as Rs.133.14/kg for cowpea imported from Madagascar. Moreover, the highest CIF price was recorded as Rs.171.58/kg for 100 MT of cowpea imported from China. The average CIF price was recorded as Rs.139.32/kg, and it did not change significantly compared to the previous month.

Wholesale prices of white cowpea and red cowpea have increased by 5% and 10%, respectively; however, their retail prices have decreased by 1%-2%. Retail price ranges of white and red cowpea were Rs.250.00-280.00/kg and Rs.300.00-380.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea have increased by 7% and 17%, respectively, whilst, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have increased by 52% and 35%, respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	2,205	323.08	146.52	248.47	101.95
July	1,031	160.57	155.76	249.56	93.80
June	1,694	267.98	158.19	249.99	91.79
May	1,183	177.68	150.17	250.02	99.85
April	917	139.13	151.77	250.80	99.03
March	1,922	278.89	145.09	240.83	95.74

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	837	116.58	139.32	296.36	157.04
July	236	32.90	139.39	302.22	162.83
June	359	50.40	140.37	296.90	156.54
May	443	61.28	138.32	296.59	158.28
April	1,072	152.23	142.06	303.53	161.47
March	829	105.75	127.57	295.93	168.36

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	200.00-220.00	210.18	212.06	173.72	-1.88	-0.89	36.46	20.99
Cowpea (White)	228.00-240.00	234.45	222.61	219.61	11.84	5.32	14.84	6.76
Cowpea (Red)	245.00-310.00	294.00	268.21	193.93	25.79	9.61	100.07	51.60
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	248.47	249.56	223.71	-1.09	-0.44	24.76	11.07
Cowpea (White)	250.00-380.00	296.36	302.22	253.77	-5.86	-1.94	42.59	16.78
Cowpea (Red)	300.00-380.00	334.91	337.22	248.65	-2.32	-0.69	86.26	34.69

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.5: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram And Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Aug 2017	146.52	210.18	248.47	63.66	38.30
	July 2017	155.76	212.06	249.56	56.30	37.50
	Aug 2016	159.34	173.72	223.71	14.38	49.99
Cowpea (White)	Aug 2017	139.32	234.45	296.36	95.13	61.91
	July 2017	139.39	222.61	302.22	83.22	79.61
	Aug 2016	114.65	219.61	253.77	104.96	34.16
Cowpea (Red)	Aug 2017	-	294.00	334.91	-	40.91
	July 2017	-	268.21	337.22	-	69.01
	Aug 2016	-	193.93	248.65	-	54.72

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A total quantity of 11,970mt. red dhal had been imported this month and out of that, 80% was whole type red dhal. Accordingly, from the total imports 9,507mt. consisted of split type red dhal and from that 7,887mt. which was 83% had been imported from Australia and the rest from Canada. The average CIF price for dhal in the month of Augusts was Rs.101.96/kg. The CIF price of Rs.100.80/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks from Australia. A quantity of 972mt. of split type dhal had been imported from Canada. The rest was imported from United Arab Emirates (936mt.), India (266mt.), Australia (240mt.) and Turkey (48mt.) respectively. The average CIF price of Rs.117.38/kg was reported for split type dhal. The highest CIF price for red dhal was reported as Rs.131.36/kg for Canada stocks and the lowest CIF price was Rs.107.00/kg for Australian stocks.

The local wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.127.00-135.00/kg and the average price was Rs.131.30/kg. Compared to the previous month, wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by Rs.6.00/kg. When considering the retail price of red dhal, price ranged between Rs.140.00-180.00/kg and the average price was reported as Rs.156.96/kg. Retail price of red dhal has also decreased by Rs.2.00/kg with the decrement of wholesale prices. Further, compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 19% and 9% respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – August 2017

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	127.00-135.00	131.30	137.59	161.19	-6.29	-4.57	-29.89	-18.54
Retail Price	140.00-180.00	156.96	159.18	172.34	-2.22	-1.39	-15.38	-8.92

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
August	11,970	105.12	131.30	156.96	26.17	25.66
July	12,016	106.83	137.59	159.18	30.75	21.59
June	9,967	102.53	140.47	159.55	37.94	19.08
May	8,832	103.93	140.26	161.52	36.33	21.27
April	10,046	112.08	140.41	162.43	28.33	22.02
March	19,421	104.45	141.32	163.20	36.87	21.88

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Crop Situation

According to the Department of Meteorology data, during the month of August, a below average rainfall was received in almost all the major producing districts. Meanwhile, peak harvesting season was reached in most of the early - established up country major producing areas. The most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya, and Badulla reported a cultivation progress of 87% and 63% respectively for upcountry varieties, of the seasonal target, by the end of August. Yet, these figures were considerably low, compared to last years' cultivation progress values of over 100%, reported by the end of August, for both Nuwara Eliya, and Badulla districts, due to low water availability for agriculture. Furthermore, delayed commencement of the season had been observed this year, compared to that of last year, due to continued dry weather in April to mid-May period. As a result, cultivation had been affected at the initial stage of the season and thereby progress remained comparatively less than expected in 2017. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress reported for Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts were 56%, 56% and 81% respectively, by the end of August 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had improved for Jaffna and Kurunegala districts from its last month's figures, up to 54% and 63% respectively, by the end of August.

Meanwhile, reaching of the peak harvesting season was observed in the early - established fields in most of the lowcountry areas. However, due to dry weather experienced at the initial phase of the season, the cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties remained low in most of major lowcountry vegetable producing districts. Anuradhapura and Hambantota, the two leading districts for lowcountry vegetable cultivation, reported 49% and 57% cultivation progress respectively, for *Yala* season by the end of August. These figures too, were considerably low, compared to the same period of year, which recorded 107% and 115% for Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, respectively. Of all the lowcountry vegetable producing districts, the highest cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties was reported for Puttlam as 76% of the seasonal target whilst the lowest figure was recorded for Moneragala district as 34%, by the end of August, 2017.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the peak *Yala* harvesting season reached, supplies had increased from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas, whereby prices started to drop, compared to last month for most of the varieties. The total daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) had reported a value of 2,100 mt in August, which was a 57% increase compared to previous month.

As the peak harvesting season approaches, supplies from upcountry areas had increased, hence prices of most of the upcountry varieties decreased, considerably. Regarding the price behaviour of upcountry vegetables, the highest price decrease was recorded for cabbage as 42% followed by carrot as 40% and beetroot as 30% due to increasing trend in market supplies from upcountry areas. Meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties except beans, had dropped in the range of 10% - 24% compared to last month. Meanwhile, price of capsicum had further decreased by 44% as a result of high supplies from lowcountry areas. Similarly, price of tomato had also started to drop, by 4%, due to high supply of lowcountry variety to the market.

Supplies of domestic vegetable varieties had also increased with the reaching of the *Yala* peak harvesting season. The highest price decrease was recorded for drumsticks as 71%, followed by pumpkin as 55% and ladies' fingers as 37%. Prices of pumpkin had started to decrease for the first time during the period of last three months, due to reaching of its peak harvesting season in Anuradhapura, Matale and Hambantota. In addition, except for cucumber, brinjal and ash plantain, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had dropped in the range of 13% - 28%, compared to last month. As the peak supply of early established cucumber plantation had reached the market during the last three weeks of July, cucumber prices had decreased to Rs.23.00/kg last month. As the supplies continued to drop, prices had showed an increasing trend in August, recording a price increase of 28%, compared to last month.

Meantime, price of green chilies had further decreased by 15%, as a result of high supply from Jaffna and Anuradhapura. However, prices of lime had remarkably increased by 90%, compared to last month due to low supply from Monaragala and Ampara.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in August. The highest price decrease was reported for drumsticks as 63%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	70.00-160.00	106.67	104.33	108.15	*2.34*	*2.24*	*-1.48*	*-1.37*
Carrot	60.00-140.00	88.33	146.15	62.40	*-57.82*	*-39.56*	*25.93*	*41.56*
Leeks	40.00-60.00	46.04	54.25	64.47	*-8.21*	*-15.13*	*-18.43*	*-28.58*
Beetroot	25.00-60.00	39.63	56.76	50.05	*-17.13*	*-30.18*	*-10.42*	*-20.82*
Knolkhol	35.00-60.00	46.04	51.17	30.61	*-5.13*	*-10.02*	*15.43*	*50.40*
Radish	20.00-40.00	27.08	35.67	20.98	*-8.59*	*-24.07*	*6.11*	*29.11*
Cabbage	30.00-80.00	42.97	74.73	58.94	*-31.76*	*-42.50*	*-15.97*	*-27.10*
Tomato	80.00-140.00	106.35	110.83	32.37	*-4.48*	*-4.04*	*73.98*	*228.52*
Ladies Fingers	20.00-45.00	33.73	53.94	24.52	*-20.21*	*-37.46*	*9.21*	*37.56*
Brinjal	70.00-120.00	94.02	86.63	58.23	*7.39*	*8.53*	*35.79*	*61.46*
Capsicum	50.00-130.00	90.21	161.50	112.86	*-71.29*	*-44.14*	*-22.66*	*-20.07*
Pumpkin	30.00-80.00	46.46	104.25	50.35	*-57.79*	*-55.44*	*-3.89*	*-7.73*
Cucumber	20.00-40.00	27.74	21.75	13.34	*5.99*	*27.53*	*14.39*	*107.86*
Bittergourd	60.00--140.00	96.56	134.35	43.78	*-37.79*	*-28.13*	*52.78*	*120.56*
Snakegourd	70.00-100.00	87.08	106.46	35.10	*-19.38*	*-18.20*	*51.99*	*148.13*
Drumstick	15.00-100.00	33.33	113.87	43.20	*-80.54*	*-70.73*	*-9.87*	*-22.84*
Luffa	50.00-80.00	66.67	90.00	30.80	*-23.33*	*-25.93*	*35.87*	*116.45*
Long Beans	60.00-100.00	71.25	82.00	60.70	*-10.75*	*-13.11*	*10.55*	*17.38*
Ash Plantain	60.00-80.00	67.08	63.50	60.12	*3.58*	*5.64*	*6.96*	*11.58*
Green Chillies	12.00-300.00	224.17	264.83	141.09	*-40.66*	*-15.35*	*83.07*	*58.88*
Lime	50.00-180.00	95.83	50.50	135.73	*45.33*	*89.77*	*-39.90*	*-29.39*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-250.00	167.12	175.50	164.58	*-8.38*	*-4.77*	*2.54*	*1.55*
Carrot	100.00-280.00	165.94	235.44	137.01	*-69.50*	*-29.52*	*28.93*	*21.12*
Leeks	70.00-200.00	120.69	126.94	130.15	*-6.25*	*-4.93*	*-9.46*	*-7.27*
Beetroot	70.00-200.00	115.43	137.03	115.64	*-21.60*	*-15.76*	*-0.21*	*-0.18*
Knolkhol	8.00-240.00	130.42	144.09	107.66	*-13.67*	*-9.49*	*22.76*	*21.14*
Radish	60.00-160.00	106.04	116.94	90.63	*-10.90*	*-9.32*	*15.41*	*17.01*
Cabbage	60.00-200.00	123.65	167.94	134.50	*-44.29*	*-26.37*	*-10.85*	*-8.06*
Tomato	120.00-240.00	180.35	181.99	86.37	*-1.64*	*-0.90*	*93.98*	*108.81*
Ladies Fingers	60.00-160.00	113.07	130.92	98.33	*-17.85*	*-13.64*	*14.74*	*14.99*
Brinjal	120.00-240.00	173.72	160.88	111.62	*12.84*	*7.98*	*62.10*	*55.64*
Capsicum	100.00-350.00	182.93	278.43	192.29	*-95.50*	*-34.30*	*-9.36*	*-4.87*
Pumpkin	60.00-200.00	117.15	183.19	123.30	*-66.04*	*-36.05*	*-6.15*	*-4.99*
Cucumber	50.00-160.00	90.69	94.30	72.29	*-3.61*	*-3.83*	*18.40*	*25.45*
Bittergourd	120.00-280.00	171.41	226.86	127.67	*-55.45*	*-24.44*	*43.74*	*34.26*
Snakegourd	100.00-240.00	163.49	187.96	109.19	*-24.47*	*-13.02*	*54.30*	*49.73*
Drumstick	60.00-280.00	92.30	250.77	134.18	*-158.47*	*-63.19*	*-41.88*	*-31.21*
Luffa	80.00-240.00	146.62	182.66	106.41	*-36.04*	*-19.73*	*40.21*	*37.79*
Long Beans	100.00-240.00	148.19	168.85	125.84	*-20.66*	*-12.24*	*22.35*	*17.76*
Ash Plantain	90.00-200.00	134.39	134.80	126.44	*-0.41*	*-0.30*	*7.95*	*6.29*
Green Chillies	230.00-500.00	402.32	441.94	301.27	*-39.62*	*-8.97*	*101.05*	*33.54*
Lime	120.00-400.00	215.95	163.09	296.97	*52.86*	*32.41*	*-81.02*	*-27.28*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to previous month, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased. Prices of banana had increased in the range of 3%-41%. A price increase of 41% was observed for Ambul and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-120.00/kg. Prices of Seeni and Kolikuttu had increased by 26% and 3% respectively and price ranges recorded were Rs.70.00-100.00/kg and Rs.120.00-160.00/kg respectively. Further, prices of Anamalu and Ambun had increased by 21% and 6% respectively and price ranges recorded were Rs.12.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit respectively. According to the data in previous years, prices of all the banana varieties except Anamalu could further increase in the coming month due to decreased supply. In addition, prices of all the mango varieties had increased in the range of 6%-44% due to decreased supply with the off-season. At the same time, more low quality stocks were observed in the market. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.80.00-140.00. According to market information, mango prices could further increase in the coming month due to the off-season. Further, prices of oranges had increased by 12% due to the end of the harvesting season. In addition, prices of avocado also had increased by 9%. However, according to market information, it is expected to have decreased prices for both orange and avocado in the coming month due to the commencement of the harvesting season.

Meanwhile, prices of large and medium sized pineapple had decreased by 1% and the monthly average wholesale prices of medium and large sized fruits were Rs.180.37/fruit and Rs.230.76/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.150.00-280.00/fruit. At the same time, price of small sized pineapple had increased by 9% and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-160.00/fruit. According to market information, prices of pineapple could increase in the coming month due to limited supply. Price of papaw also had decreased by 8% and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-90.00/kg. According to the data in previous years, papaw prices could further decrease in the coming month also. In addition, prices of wood apple, passion fruit and slime apple had decreased by 29%, 8% and 6% respectively due to the harvesting season. According to the data in previous years, decreased prices could be expected for passion fruit and wood apple in the coming month. However, increased prices could be expected for slime apple. Prices of imported grapes had also decreased by 3% and the price ranged between Rs.450.00-570.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for banana (Seeni) as 55%.

However, prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased at the retail level. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased in the range of 4%-6% and the retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.120.00-400.00/fruit. In addition, prices of woodapple and passion fruit had decreased by 17% and prices of avocado, slime apple and imported grapes had decreased by 11%, 9% and 1% respectively. Prices of banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun had also decreased slightly and their price range recorded was Rs.20.00-30.00/fruit.

However, retail prices of other banana varieties, Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni had increased in the range of 2%-18%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.120.00-170.00/kg, Rs.180.00-240.00/kg and Rs.100.00-160.00/kg respectively. Prices of mango varieties, Vilad and Karthakolomban too had increased by 18% and 11% respectively and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.100.00-200.00/fruit. However, price of Betti had decreased by 43% mainly due to low quality stocks available in the market. Further, price of papaw had increased by 1% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-140.00/kg. In addition, price of oranges had increased by 19% and the price of a fruit ranged between Rs.40.00-70.00.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for wood apple as 69%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received an increased price for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the previous month. The prices had increased by 31% for Ambul, 6% for papaw and 2% for Kolikuttu. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.55.00-75.00/kg, Rs.99.17-145.00/kg and Rs.38.67 - 48.60/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had increased only for Ambul by 30% and had decreased for both Kolikuttu by 27% and papaw by 34% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 706.1mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs. 115.9mn. Of the exported quantity, 86% were papaw and 9%, 3% and 1% were fresh pineapple, fresh mangoes and fresh avocados respectively. In the month of July, 2017, the quantity exported was 528.7mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 34%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 4,155mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.655mn. Of the imported quantity, 43% were apple and 26%, 22% and 9% were oranges, grapes and mandarin respectively. The main importing countries of apple were China, South Africa, United States and New Zealand. Australia and South Africa were the importing countries of oranges. In addition, grapes had been imported from China, Italy and Egypt while, mandarin had been imported from Australia and South Africa. In the month of July, 2017, the quantity imported was 2,727mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 52%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-120.00	96.07	67.95	78.38	*28.12*	*41.38*	*17.69*	*22.57*
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-160.00	140.89	136.74	191.67	*4.15*	*3.04*	*-50.77*	*-26.49*
Seeni (Kg)	70.00-100.00	87.20	69.35	56.28	*17.85*	*25.74*	*30.92*	*54.93*
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-20.00	15.39	12.68	11.50	*2.71*	*21.40*	*3.89*	*33.84*
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	20.52	19.31	16.37	*1.21*	*6.26*	*4.14*	*25.31*
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	230.76	233.73	201.87	*-2.97*	*-1.27*	*28.90*	*14.31*
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-220.00	180.37	182.22	168.40	*-1.85*	*-1.02*	*11.97*	*7.11*
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	131.29	120.48	134.33	*10.81*	*8.98*	*-3.04*	*-2.26*
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	26.39	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	80.00-140.00	109.00	102.89	169.43	*6.11*	*5.94*	*-60.42*	*-35.66*
Vilad (Fruit)	31.00-60.00	41.60	29.96	46.63	*11.64*	*38.85*	*-5.03*	*-10.78*
Kohu (Fruit)	19.00-25.00	22.00	15.25	15.83	*6.75*	*44.26*	*6.17*	*38.95*
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-90.00	62.18	67.51	110.15	*-5.33*	*-7.89*	*-47.97*	*-43.55*
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-13.00	10.12	10.99	10.59	*-0.87*	*-7.90*	*-0.47*	*-4.42*
Woodapple (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	22.47	31.54	14.68	*-9.07*	*-28.76*	*7.79*	*53.10*
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	26.83	23.93	31.01	*2.90*	*12.12*	*-4.18*	*-13.49*
Avocado (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	35.34	32.39	29.36	*2.95*	*9.09*	*5.98*	*20.36*
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00-50.00	37.36	39.90	48.56	*-2.55*	*-6.38*	*-11.20*	*-23.07*
Grapes Imported (Kg)	450.00-570.00	500.84	518.29	479.91	*-17.45*	*-3.37*	*20.93*	*4.36*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00-170.00	138.24	117.44	116.88	*85.39*	*72.71*	*21.36*	*18.28*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	180.00-240.00	205.50	202.24	247.32	*218.10*	*107.84*	*-41.82*	*-16.91*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00-160.00	131.43	119.43	98.04	*82.53*	*69.10*	*33.39*	*34.06*
Anamalu	20.00-30.00	23.15	23.17	23.28	*18.55*	*80.06*	*-0.13*	*-0.54*
Ambun	20.00-30.00	27.21	27.60	24.77	*19.79*	*71.70*	*2.44*	*9.86*
Pineapple								
Large	250.00-400.00	302.52	318.42	267.17	*-15.90*	*-4.99*	*35.35*	*13.23*
Medium	180.00-280.00	231.15	246.77	206.04	*-15.62*	*-6.33*	*25.11*	*12.19*
Small	120.00-200.00	158.62	165.16	160.49	*-6.54*	*-3.96*	*-1.87*	*-1.16*
Mango								
Betti	25.00-30.00	28.33	49.69	-	*-21.36*	*-42.99*	-	-
Karthakolomban	100.00-200.00	159.38	142.92	202.50	*16.46*	*11.52*	*-43.12*	*-21.29*
Vilad	40.00-100.00	66.76	56.55	87.18	*10.21*	*18.06*	*-20.42*	*-23.42*
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00-140.00	112.37	111.42	154.24	*0.95*	*0.85*	*-41.87*	*-27.15*
Passionfruit	12.50-35.00	18.23	21.95	18.26	*-3.72*	*-16.95*	*-0.03*	*-0.16*
Woodapple	30.00-100.00	58.81	70.93	34.79	*-12.12*	*-17.08*	*24.02*	*69.05*
Orange	40.00-70.00	53.56	45.00	54.92	*8.56*	*19.01*	*-1.36*	*-2.48*
Avocado	40.00-100.00	66.23	74.08	61.35	*-7.85*	*-10.60*	*4.88*	*7.95*
Slime Apple	50.00-120.00	79.66	87.77	72.70	*-8.11*	*-9.24*	*6.96*	*9.58*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	700.00-900.00	798.71	808.29	762.24	*-9.58*	*-1.19*	*36.47*	*4.78*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	55.00-75.00	66.47	50.87	51.07	15.60	30.66	15.40	30.16
Kolikuttu	99.17-145.00	114.41	112.32	157.77	2.09	1.86	-43.36	-27.48
Papaw	38.67-48.60	46.18	43.47	69.59	2.71	6.24	-23.41	-33.64
Pineapple	-	-	-	101.20	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
June – August 2017

Type of Fruit	August			July			June		
	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	67.28	16.57	246.29	72.23	27.30	377.97	104.01	37.53	360.84
Papaw	607.30	80.11	131.92	435.84	48.10	110.37	418.91	46.01	109.84
Fresh Mango	22.78	16.32	716.59	15.54	7.41	476.90	4.85	1.81	373.01
Oranges, fresh	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.81	0.60	329.76
Avocados, fresh	8.76	2.85	325.27	5.09	1.66	326.26	1.90	0.63	332.67

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
June – August 2017

Type of Fruit	August			July			June		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,809	230.24	127.27	1,185	188.27	158.86	2,031	344.88	169.77
Grapes	904	250.44	277.16	594	180.07	302.94	400	140.12	350.63
Oranges	1,090	145.30	133.28	698	91.08	130.53	591	67.64	114.38
Mandarin	352	28.99	82.33	250	20.28	81.05	258	20.14	77.94

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.126.00/kg and Rs.1217.00/kg in August 2017. During this month, prices of all fresh fish types have increased except Thalapath, Thora, and Salaya. The highest price increase was reported for Kelawalla as 14%, followed by Balaya (11%). Prices of Paraw, Mora, and Shrimp have increased by 5%. Especially, supplies of Kelawalla and Paraw have been low during the month. In addition, price of Hurulla has increased by 2%. In the meantime, of price decreased fresh fish types, the highest price decrease of 4% was noted for both Thalapath and Thora. Price of Salaya has decreased by 2%. Market observations proved that there were high supplies of small fish types such as Salaya, which probably accounted for its price decrease during this month. Most fish types sold during this month have been supplied from the East coast of the country, especially, from Trincomalee.

Weekly price observations noted that fresh fish prices have increased and decreased in alternate weeks. For example, price increments were observed in the second and last weeks, whilst price decrements were observed in the first and third weeks of the month. In general, prices of most fish types have increased with the rising demand. More people, especially, those engaged in agricultural activities have obtained their income through *Yala* harvests; thus, their affordability to purchase fish has improved. Fish prices may continue to increase in the next month due to limited fish supply from the West coast. Fishing activities in the West coast will be highly limited with the prevailing South West monsoon rains associated with winds.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fresh fish types have increased. The highest price increase was noted as 29% for Thalapath, followed by Kelawalla (27%) and Mora (22%). Prices of Shrimp, Thora, and Paraw have increased by 19%, 11%, and 8%, respectively. In the meantime, prices of Hurulla, Salaya, and Balaya have decreased by 11%, 10%, and 3%, respectively.

Retail prices of all selected fresh fish types except Balaya have increased in August 2017. Consumers had to pay a price between Rs.130.00 and Rs.2400.00 to purchase one kilogram of any type of fresh fish. The highest price increase of 8% was noted for both Kelawalla and Shrimp. In addition, price increment of Paraw was 4%, followed by 3% for Salaya and Mora. The least price increase of 1% was noted for Thora, Hurulla, and Thalapath. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types except Balaya, Salaya, and Hurulla have increased by more than 20%, and the highest price increase was noted for Mora as 29%. Prices of Balaya and Salaya have increased by 3% and 1%, respectively, whilst, price of Hurulla has decreased by 1%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-150.00	125.66	127.87	139.60	*-2.21*	*-1.73*	*-13.94*	*-9.99*
Hurulla	250.00-350.00	282.35	277.53	317.71	*4.82*	*1.74*	*-35.36*	*-11.13*
Balaya	250.00-350.00	280.24	251.57	289.00	*28.67*	*11.40*	*-8.76*	*-3.03*
Kelawalla	500.00-700.00	581.07	511.93	457.82	*69.14*	*13.51*	*123.25*	*26.92*
Thora	1,000.00-1400.00	1216.94	1266.00	1100.50	*-49.06*	*-3.87*	*116.44*	*10.58*
Paraw	550.00-700.00	611.30	581.80	566.78	*29.50*	*5.07*	*44.52*	*7.85*
Mora	550.00-650.00	587.75	559.93	483.27	*27.82*	*4.97*	*104.48*	*21.62*
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1000.00	899.25	858.22	754.89	*41.03*	*4.78*	*144.36*	*19.12*
Thalapath	600.00-900.00	764.75	799.00	595.16	*-34.25*	*-4.29*	*169.59*	*28.50*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	130.00-500.00	204.25	198.06	202.79	*6.19*	*3.13*	*1.46*	*0.72*
Hurulla	260.00-600.00	375.54	373.28	377.98	*2.26*	*0.61*	*-2.44*	*-0.64*
Balaya	300.00-720.00	468.71	482.59	457.14	*-13.88*	*-2.88*	*11.57*	*2.53*
Kelawalla	580.00-1200.00	897.43	833.17	742.86	*64.26*	*7.71*	*154.57*	*20.81*
Thora	1,200.00-2400.00	1666.61	1648.19	1330.00	*18.42*	*1.12*	*336.61*	*25.31*
Paraw	600.00-1300.00	934.32	896.97	763.18	*37.35*	*4.16*	*171.14*	*22.42*
Mora	900.00-1600.00	798.34	776.83	618.43	*21.51*	*2.77*	*179.91*	*29.09*
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1600.00	1140.90	1060.24	911.93	*80.66*	*7.61*	*228.97*	*25.11*
Thalapath	750.00-1400.00	1092.64	1086.97	850.47	*5.67*	*0.52*	*242.17*	*28.48*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.258.00/kg and Rs.1129.00/kg in August 2017. Compared to last month, prices of most dried fish types have decreased during this month. Quantities of dried fish imported from Maldives have increased; thus, prices of all imported dried fish except Kattawa, Mora, and Anguluwa have decreased. The highest price decrement was noted as 20% for local Balaya, followed by 19% for imported Balaya and 14% for imported Sprats. Prices of imported and local Maduwa, local Sprats, Salaya, and Anguluwa plus imported Thora have decreased by less than 10%. Of price increased dried fish types, the highest price increment was noted as 3% for local Thora, followed by imported and local Mora (2%). The lowest price increment was noted as 1% for local Kattawa. Interestingly, prices of imported Anguluwa and Kattawa have not changed significantly during this month.

Weekly price observations showed that prices of dried fish have decreased during the first two weeks of the month due to increased availability of dried fish in the market. However, by the third week of the month, prices have started to increase slightly. Balaya was highly prominent in the markets; consequently, its price has reduced drastically compared to the previous month. If the rainy weather prevails in the next month (i.e., September), prices of dried fish is expected to increase along with increased importation of dried fish. Quantities of sprats imported during this month have decreased only by 3 MT compared to the previous month. Thus, the total value of the imported sprats in August was recorded as Rs.917 millions, and it was a reduction of Rs.34 millions than the amount spent for Sprats importation in the previous month. The average CIF price was recorded as Rs.416.00/kg, which was a reduction of Rs.15.00/kg compared to the previous month. The highest percentage of sprats was imported from Thailand (84%), followed by Vietnam (11%). The total sprat percentage imported from the United Arab Emirates and Oman were less than 5%. In addition, sprats have been imported from India and Indonesia; yet, those quantities were insignificant.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish have decreased by 1%-35%, and the highest price decrement was noted for imported Balaya, followed by local Balaya (33%). Prices of local and imported Maduwa, local Salaya, Thora, Anguluwa, and imported Kattawa have decreased by less than 10%. Of price increased dried fish types, the highest price increase was noted in local Sprats (8%). Prices of imported and local Mora, imported Sprats, Anguluwa, and Thora, and local Kattawa have increased by 5% or less.

Retail prices of all dried fish types except imported Sprats and Balaya have increased in the range of 1%-5%. The highest price increase was noted for Thora, followed by Maduwa (4%), Anguluwa (3%), and Mora (3%). Prices of Kattawa has increased by 2%, and prices of Sprats and Salaya have increased by 1%. In the meantime, prices of imported Sprats and Balaya have decreased by 6% and 1%, respectively. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.400.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase one kilogram of any type of dried fish. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all dried fish types except Balaya have increased in the range of 4%-42%, and the highest price increment was noted for imported Sprats.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	900.00-1100.00	988.91	1027.00	914.43	*-38.09*	*-3.71*	*74.48*	*8.14*
Sprats (imported)	400.00-550.00	489.07	568.71	478.73	*-79.64*	*-14.00*	*10.34*	*2.16*
Kattawa	700.00-900.00	809.20	803.22	787.69	*5.98*	*0.75*	*21.51*	*2.73*
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-850.00	756.58	758.64	760.60	*-2.06*	*-0.27*	*-4.02*	*-0.53*
Thora	1000.00-1200.00	1128.61	1096.40	1170.87	*32.21*	*2.94*	*-42.26*	*-3.61*
Thora (imported)	1000.00-1200.00	1082.29	1117.40	1030.73	*-35.11*	*-3.14*	*51.56*	*5.00*
Mora	780.00-900.00	834.73	817.00	813.70	*17.73*	*2.17*	*21.03*	*2.58*
Mora (imported)	720.00-820.00	787.51	770.20	755.02	*17.31*	*2.25*	*32.49*	*4.30*
Balaya	300.00-420.00	355.92	445.33	529.60	*-89.41*	*-20.08*	*-173.68*	*-32.80*
Balaya (imported)	250.00-450.00	324.00	398.00	497.47	*-74.00*	*-18.59*	*-173.47*	*-34.87*
Anguluwa	650.00-850.00	784.75	790.82	797.00	*-6.07*	*-0.77*	*-12.25*	*-1.54*
Anguluwa (imported)	400.00-800.00	726.82	729.40	700.50	*-2.58*	*-0.35*	*26.32*	*3.76*
Maduwa	440.00-600.00	524.77	565.60	537.59	*-40.83*	*-7.22*	*-12.82*	*-2.38*
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	423.50	465.50	448.75	*-42.00*	*-9.02*	*-25.25*	*-5.63*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-300.00	257.80	262.73	282.65	*-4.93*	*-1.88*	*-24.85*	*-8.79*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	758.14	802.46	534.75	*-44.32*	*-5.52*	*223.39*	*41.77*
Sprats	1000.00-1800.00	1214.64	1197.23	992.35	*17.41*	*1.45*	*222.29*	*22.40*
Kattawa	1000.00-1500.00	1225.15	1201.84	1111.87	*23.31*	*1.94*	*113.28*	*10.19*
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1510.88	1444.73	1279.60	*66.15*	*4.58*	*231.28*	*18.07*
Mora	800.00--1500.00	1125.43	1097.47	1038.62	*27.96*	*2.55*	*86.81*	*8.36*
Balaya	480.00-1200.00	822.67	834.54	854.79	*-11.87*	*-1.42*	*-32.12*	*-3.76*
Anguluwa	800.00-1400.00	1041.52	1012.51	1001.10	*29.01*	*2.86*	*40.42*	*4.04*
Maduwa	700.00-90.00	822.92	792.00	686.78	*30.92*	*3.90*	*136.14*	*19.82*
Koduwa	-	-	-	950.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	592.93	585.72	536.35	*7.21*	*1.23*	*56.58*	*10.55*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sprats – March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	2205	917.04	415.87	758.14	*342.27*
July	2208	951.25	430.90	802.46	*371.56*
June	1,797	737.15	410.30	792.77	*382.48*
May	2,463	1032.57	419.24	778.68	*359.44*
April	1,398	572.65	409.52	695.78	*286.26*
March	2,044	800.30	391.62	618.30	*226.67*

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

Eggs

Wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 15% in August 2017. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.11.50 and 14.00 with an average of Rs.12.13. Price of a white egg ranged between Rs.10.00 and 11.50 with an average of Rs.10.88. Prices of eggs have increased mainly due to two reasons: 1) increased supply of eggs from farms and 2) availability of different sizes of eggs. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 30% and 33%, respectively.

Retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 10% and 9%, respectively. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.64. Price of a white egg ranged between Rs.11.00 and Rs.14.00 with an average of Rs.12.53. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 28% and 30%, respectively. Interestingly, prices of eggs are expected to increase next month.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	11.50-14.00	12.13	14.27	17.31	*-2.15*	*-15.03*	*-5.19*	*-29.95*
White (each)	10.00-11.50	10.88	12.83	16.31	*-1.96*	*-15.24*	*-5.44*	*-33.32*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	12.00-15.00	13.64	15.08	18.92	*-1.44*	*-9.53*	*-5.28*	*-27.89*
White (each)	11.00-14.00	12.53	13.83	17.89	*-1.30*	*-9.42*	*-5.36*	*-29.98*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of Broiler Chicken and Curry Chicken have decreased by 7% and 4% compared to the previous month. Price of one kilogram of broiler chicken ranged between Rs.450.00 and Rs.620.00, whilst that of curry chicken ranged between Rs.400.00 and Rs.590.00. In the meantime, price of mutton has increased by 2%, and the price ranged between Rs.1600.00/kg and Rs.1900.00/kg. Interestingly, prices of beef and pork have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of Broiler and Curry Chicken along with Pork have decreased by 12%, 8%, and 4%. In contrast, prices of Beef and Mutton have increased by 16% and 9%, respectively.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	850.00-1000.00	951.43	947.72	818.85	*3.71*	*0.39*	*132.58*	*16.19*
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-620.00	516.96	555.27	585.42	*-38.31*	*-6.90*	*-68.46*	*- 11.69*
Chicken (curry)	400.00-590.00	497.07	516.95	542.23	*-19.88*	*-3.85*	*-45.16*	*-8.33*
Mutton	1600.00-1900.00	1759.31	1726.67	1618.09	*32.64*	*1.89*	*141.22*	*8.73*
Pork	550.00-650.00	583.33	583.33	604.69	*0.00*	*0.00*	*-21.36*	*-3.53*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Total imported quantity of wheat grain for the month of August was 164,673mt. worth of Rs.6,350mn. Compared to the previous month this has decreased by only 1,064mt. The highest quantity of wheat grain had been imported from Canada which was 124,074mt. worth of Rs.4,883mn. As a percentage this was 75% and the CIF price of Rs.39.00/kg was applied for this stock. The second highest quantity was imported from Australia which was 21,302mt. worth of Rs.790mn. As a percentage this was 13% and the CIF price of Rs.37.00/kg was applied for this stock. Other than these two countries, wheat grain had been also imported from Russia and United States; which were 10,000mt. and 9,077mt. respectively. In addition, a few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price ranged between Rs.33.00-51.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat grain was reported as Rs.39.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the India wheat grain stock, whilst the lowest was recorded for the Russian stock.

When considering the wheat flour, total imported quantity for the month of August was 361mt worth of Rs.26mn. August wheat flour quantity has decreased by 291mt. compared to the previous month. The average CIF price for wheat flour for the month of August was Rs.72.00/kg. Compared to the previous month average CIF price has increased by 8%, and the CIF price ranged between Rs.66.00-141.00/kg. Wheat flour had been imported from India, Singapore and Germany. Meanwhile, the retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.89.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has increased slightly, but it was not a significant change.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – August 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	July 2017	Aug 2016	July 2017		Aug 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	88.68	89.20	88.36	*-0.52*	*-0.58*	*0.32*	*0.36*
Sugar	98.00-110.00	106.96	106.05	*94.90*	*0.91*	*0.86*	*12.06*	*12.71*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
August	361	25.89	71.63	88.68	*17.04*
July	652	43.33	66.41	89.20	*22.79*
June	88	6.34	72.25	89.24	*16.99*
May	603	41.05	68.07	88.90	*20.83*
April	93	6.32	68.17	89.87	*21.70*
March	312	18.96	60.83	89.25	*28.42*
Wheat Grain					
August	164,673	6350.05	38.56	88.68	*50.12*
July	165,737	6448.11	38.91	89.20	*50.29*
June	103,969	3819.93	36.74	89.24	*52.50*
May	197,026	7256.36	36.83	88.90	*52.07*
April	208,579	7304.23	35.02	89.87	*54.85*
March	232,040	8298.01	35.76	89.25	*53.49*

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 42,264mt. worth of Rs.3,085mn of sugar was imported during the month of August. Compared to the month of July, this has increased by 8,473 mt. Out of total imports for the moth of August, the highest quantity had been imported from Guatemala which was 14,365mt. worth of Rs.1,006mn. The CIF price of Rs.70.00/kg was applied for this stock. The second highest quantity was imported from the Unites Arab Emirates. The rest was imported from Thailand (17%), Poland (9%), India (9%), Brazil (5%), Nicaragua (3%), Egypt (2%) and El Salvador (2%). Few quantities were also imported from Algeria, Tunisia and Korea. The CIF price ranged between Rs.68.00-84.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.73.00/kg. Compared to the month of July, average CIF price has decreased by 4%. The highest CIF price was applied for the Thailand sugar stock, while the lowest price was applied for the Nicaragua sugar stock.

Referring to the retail price of sugar, month of August prices ranged between Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and the average price was Rs.107.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 13%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- March to August 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	42,264	3084.5	72.98	106.96	*33.97*
July	33,791	2560.1	75.76	106.05	*30.28*
June	44,132	3526.8	79.92	106.87	*26.95*
May	54,875	4649.9	84.74	106.95	*22.21*
April	30,689	2615.6	85.23	108.95	*23.72*
March	25,703	2237.3	87.04	105.36	*18.32*

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – August 2017

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Aug 2017	July 2017		Aug 2017	July 2017		Aug 2017	July 2017	
Rice	52,846	51,697	2.2	3262.4	3374.2	-3.3	61.73	65.27	-5.4
Red Onion	80	471	-83.1	7.1	64.4	-88.9	89.71	136.68	-34.4
Big Onion	18,172	20,552	-11.6	1028.6	655.1	57.0	56.60	31.88	77.6
Potato	13,832	11,009	25.6	533.5	401.4	32.9	38.57	36.46	5.8
Dried Chillies	5,183	4,004	29.4	755.5	509.1	48.4	145.75	127.15	14.6
Masoor Dhal	11,970	11,262	6.3	1258.3	1202.5	4.6	105.12	106.77	-1.5
Green Gram	2,205	1,007	119.0	323.1	157.0	105.8	146.52	155.95	-6.0
Cowpea	837	164	410.2	116.6	21.9	431.5	139.32	133.73	4.2
Garlic	4,057	3,697	9.7	615.2	461.9	33.2	151.66	124.94	21.4
Wheat flour	361	652	-44.6	25.9	43.3	-40.2	71.63	66.41	7.9
Wheat grain	164,673	165,737	-0.6	6350.0	6448.1	-1.5	38.56	38.91	-0.9
White crystalline cane sugar	42,264	33,791	25.1	3084.5	2560.1	20.5	72.98	75.76	-3.7
Maize (Seed)	797	400	99.3	521.4	259.6	100.8	654.18	649.06	0.8
Maize (Other)	10,648	2,255	372.1	381.2	86.5	340.5	35.80	38.37	-6.7
Sprats, dried unsalted	2,205	2,208	-0.1	917.0	904.9	1.3	415.87	434.22	-4.2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

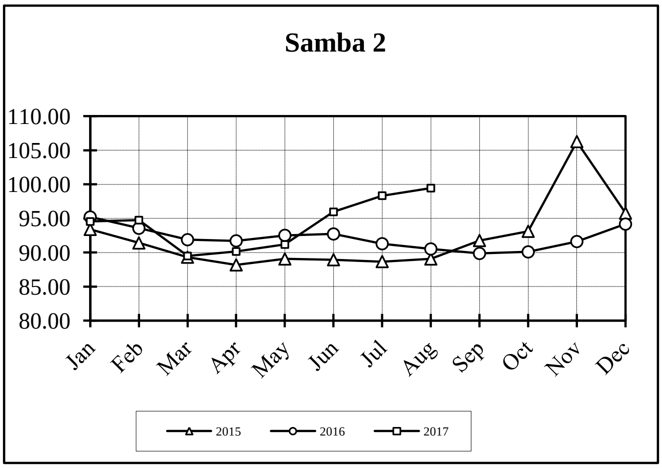
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – August 2017

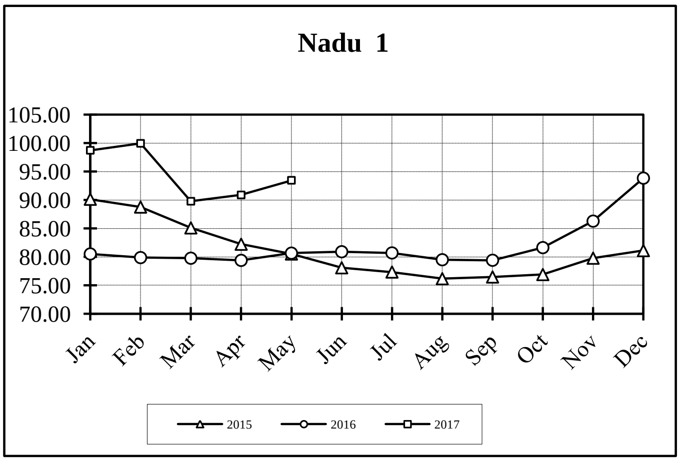
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	148.3	39.8	9	3
Badulla	88.9	93.2	13	7
Bandarawela	58.7	69.3	10	6
Batticaloa	196.7	48.5	5	4
Colombo	70.3	119.5	14	11
Galle	179.0	185.9	22	16
Hambantota	27.5	56.3	4	7
Jaffna	70.0	38.7	8	3
Katugastota	103.9	112.8	17	13
Katunayaka	49.5	117.6	8	9
Kurunegala	83.1	98.0	16	10
Mahailuppallama	97.2	32.0	8	3
Mannar	48.8	12.3	4	1
Nuwara Eliya	127.8	161.0	21	16
Pottuvil	21.8	18.9	6	na
Puttalam	6.0	17.1	4	2
Ratmalana	49.8	139.3	15	12
Ratnapura	353.0	304.1	22	20
Trincomalee	106.6	85.9	10	5
Vavuniya	147.1	75.0	8	4
Polonnaruwa	41.5	na	9	na
Moneragala	89.8	na	21	na
Mattala	10.6	na	5	na

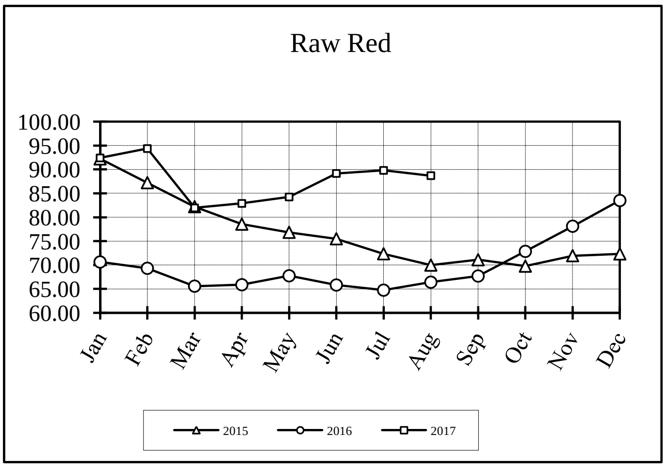
Source: Department of Meteorology

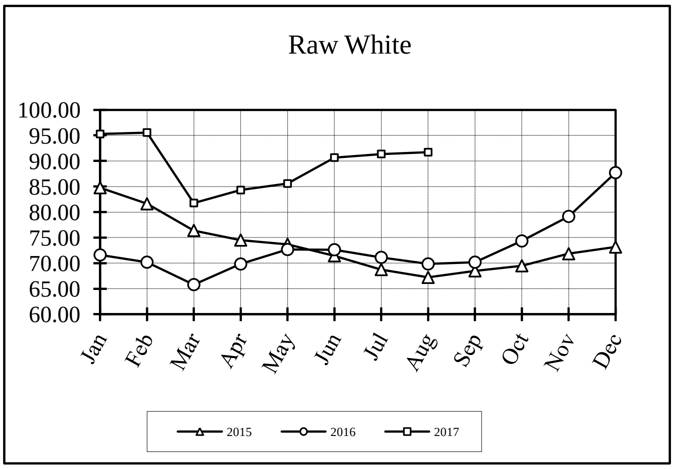
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	93.38	95.20	94.54	90.13	80.51	98.73	92.21	70.64	92.41	84.76	71.61	95.27
Feb	91.39	93.55	94.74	88.75	79.87	99.95	87.23	69.32	94.37	81.61	70.19	95.56
Mar	89.30	91.87	89.48	85.09	79.76	89.77	82.21	65.58	81.95	76.40	65.80	81.77
Apr	88.17	91.70	90.14	82.22	79.38	90.88	78.56	65.88	82.89	74.51	69.83	84.30
May	89.04	92.51	91.16	80.50	80.65	93.46	76.85	67.75	84.24	73.70	72.67	85.58
Jun	88.93	92.71	95.95	78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82	89.17	71.45	72.63	90.65
Jul	88.66	91.28	98.34	77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74	89.80	68.75	71.13	91.36
Aug	89.04	90.51	99.45	76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41	88.70	67.22	69.85	91.71
Sep	91.75	89.85		76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70		68.49	70.19	
Oct	93.10	90.08		76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86		69.49	74.34	
Nov	106.27	91.60		79.77	86.28		71.96	78.12		71.84	79.14	
Dec	95.76	94.16		81.10	93.83		72.33	83.50		73.15	87.71	



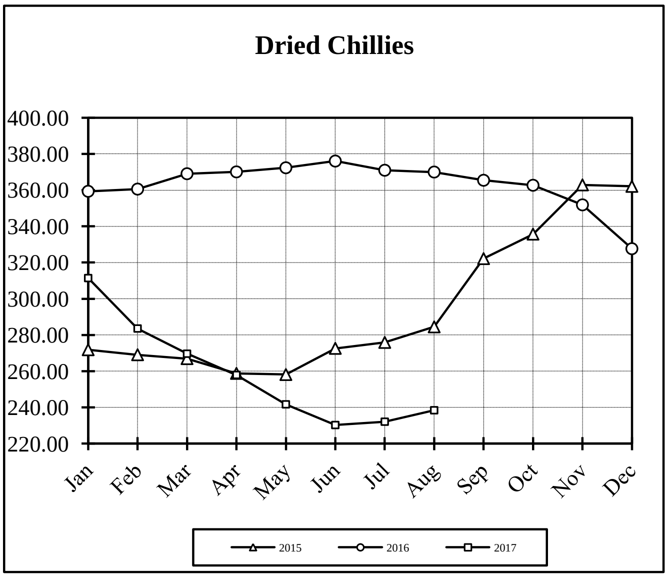


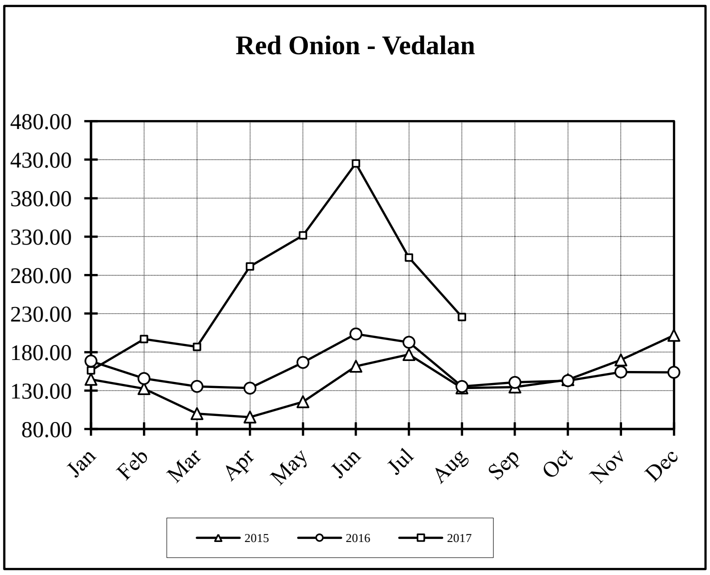


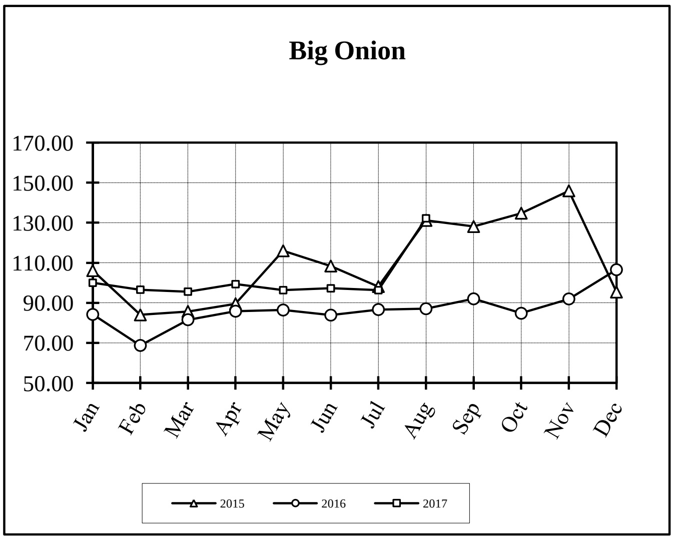


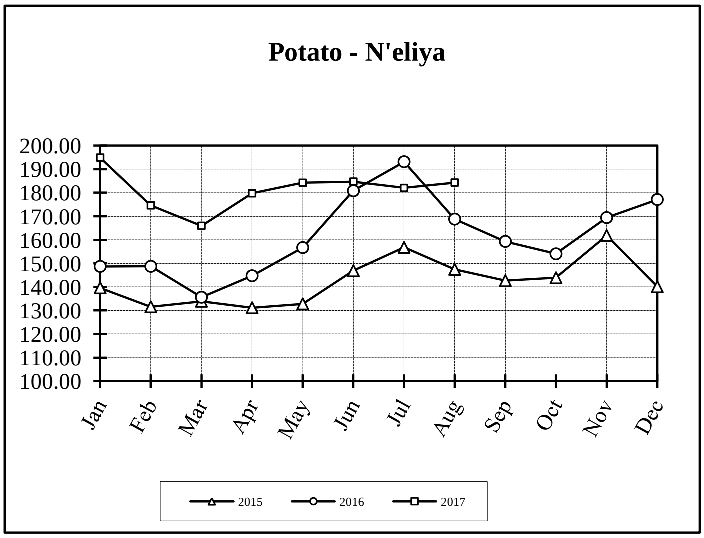
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	271.85	359.36	311.44	144.64	168.42	156.25	106.11	84.20	100.02	139.63	148.73	194.94
Feb	269.09	360.56	283.58	132.59	145.71	197.00	83.99	68.73	96.57	131.58	148.75	174.64
Mar	266.95	369.06	269.67	100.10	135.49	186.80	85.73	81.58	95.60	133.91	135.62	165.97
Apr	258.81	370.07	257.93	95.65	133.19	291.30	89.56	85.83	99.33	131.19	144.75	179.77
May	258.15	372.34	241.70	115.55	166.64	331.70	115.99	86.42	96.33	132.82	156.73	184.26
Jun	272.61	376.04	230.28	161.67	203.59	425.19	108.39	83.87	97.25	146.91	180.84	184.74
Jul	275.90	370.97	232.12	176.85	192.81	302.86	98.14	86.66	96.33	156.77	193.18	182.06
Aug	284.48	369.99	238.44	133.51	135.32	225.63	131.16	87.07	132.19	147.47	168.81	184.34
Sep	322.19	365.44		134.69	140.64		128.09	92.01		142.68	159.34	
Oct	335.70	362.69		144.23	142.94		134.76	84.79		143.91	154.06	
Nov	362.89	351.86		169.84	154.23		145.93	91.96		161.86	169.46	
Dec	362.08	327.65		201.81	153.77		95.39	106.54		140.10	177.13	









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

Aug-17

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Paddy				
Short grain				
A'pura	51.20	50.20	53.00	52.20
P'naruwa	48.25	49.50	49.75	49.25
Kalawewa	51.60	52.17	52.87	51.19
Kurunegala	49.25	49.00	45.50	45.50
Dehiattakandiya				
Ampara	43.16	43.96	44.56	44.76
Long grain (White)				
A'pura	50.60	49.80	51.25	50.80
P'naruwa	52.25	44.63	45.63	44.38
Kalawewa	49.00	49.08	47.07	48.83
Kurunegala	49.00	57.00	49.00	49.00
Dehiattakandiya				
Embilipitiya				
Ampara				
Matara	40.67	40.67		40.67
Hambantota				
Long grain (Red)				
Matara	41.00	40.67		39.33
Hambantota	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.50
Ampara				
Embilipitiya	42.60	44.40	44.40	44.60
Other Food Crops				
Dried Chillies				
A'Pura				
Galgamuwa				
Kalawewa				
Red Onion				
Puttalam		136.00	164.00	182.00
Big Onion				
Dambulla				
Kalawewa				
A'Pura				
Kurunegala				

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Potato				
N'Eliya	119.60	121.00	121.00	110.00
Badulla				
Welimada			82.50	100.00
Pulses				
Green Gram				
Galgamuwa				
Kalawewa				
Embilipitiya	192.50	192.50	192.50	192.50
Kurunegala				
A'pura			177.50	180.00
Cowpea				
A'pura				
Galgamuwa				
Nikaweratiya		178.33	176.25	181.25
Kalawewa				
Embilipitiya	215.00	215.00	215.00	215.00
Kurunegala				
Maize				
A'Pura			81.00	85.67
Kalawewa			57.50	62.50
Gingelly				
A'Pura			170.00	161.25
Kalawewa			140.00	140.00
Black Gram				
Kalawewa		130.00	130.00	130.00
A'Pura			155.00	157.50
Vegetables (Up Country)				
Beans				
Dambulla	128.00	134.00	106.00	111.00
Welimada				
Badulla	116.00	117.00	108.00	108.00
Carrot				
Hanguranketha	110.00	80.00	60.00	61.67
N'Eliya	101.00	77.80	73.00	67.80
Welimada				

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Leeks				
Welimada				
N'Eliya	38.00	38.00	38.00	37.80
Beetroot				
Hanguranketha	42.50	37.50		40.00
N'Eliya	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.80
Dambulla	32.60	30.00	31.20	34.80
Kurunegala				
Welimada		40.00		
Knokhol				
Hanguranketha		35.00	22.50	35.00
N'Eliya	27.00	27.00	23.00	24.80
Welimada				
Radish				
Hanguranketha	22.50	25.00	22.50	20.00
N'Eliya	23.00	23.00	23.00	19.00
Welimada		20.00		
Cabbage				
Hanguranketha	47.50	45.00	22.50	22.50
N'Eliya	36.80	36.80	33.00	27.40
Welimada		60.00		
Hambantota				
Badulla	52.00	49.00	32.00	31.00
Tomato				
Hanguranketha	67.50	63.75	56.25	77.50
Welimada				
Hambantota	95.00	87.50	87.50	105.00
Dambulla	85.00	81.40	89.40	101.00
Low Country				
Ladies Fingers				
A'pura	36.67	30.00	32.50	25.50
Dambulla	28.60	25.20	26.20	25.00
Hambantota	37.50	42.50	37.50	35.00
Embilipitiya	37.00	37.00	37.00	32.71
Matara	61.67	63.33		

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Brinjals				
A'pura	80.00	75.00	80.00	115.00
Dambulla	81.40	77.20	70.80	84.80
Hambantota	85.00	82.50	82.50	82.50
Embilipitiya	77.00	77.00	77.00	78.00
Matara		76.67		80.00
Welimada				
Capsicum				
Welimada				
Bitter Gourd				
A'pura	68.33	61.67	65.00	72.50
Dambulla	63.20	72.20	73.20	74.80
Hambantota	140.00	115.00	115.00	120.00
Embilipitiya	100.00	100.00	76.67	100.00
Snake Gourd				
Dambulla	63.00	62.00	64.80	61.40
Hambantota	72.50	67.50	67.50	65.00
Embilipitiya	85.00	80.00	66.00	66.00
Matara	63.33	66.67		63.33
A'pura	68.33	55.00	60.00	60.00
Luffa				
Dambulla	41.60	50.60	59.20	62.60
Hambantota	75.00	57.50	65.00	47.50
Embilipitiya	50.33	59.17	74.00	58.67
Matara	66.67	56.67		56.67
A'pura	55.00	40.00	55.00	50.00

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Pumpkin				
Dambulla	45.20	26.20	26.60	27.40
Hambantota	55.00	44.00	37.50	55.00
Embilipitiya	72.50	75.00	45.33	43.33
Matara	0.00			
A'pura	75.00	55.00	51.67	39.00
Moneragala	68.75			31.67
Cucumber				
A'pura	28.33	16.67	20.00	30.00
Dambulla	19.60	16.20	21.40	31.60
Hambantota	22.50	22.50	17.50	17.50
Matara		35.00		35.00
Long beans				
Dambulla	64.80	59.20	61.80	62.20
Hambantota	67.50	75.00	55.00	60.00
Embilipitiya	105.40	105.00	88.00	60.83
Matara	76.67	83.33		86.67
A'Pura	85.00	75.00	60.00	50.00
Ash Plantain				
Hambantota	52.50	47.50	42.50	42.50
Embilipitiya	44.50	49.17	49.17	42.83
Matara	63.33	56.67		66.67
Green Chillies				
Dambulla	251.00	172.00	192.00	204.00
Hambantota	285.00	260.00	270.00	240.00
Embilipitiya	319.17	206.67	224.17	224.17
Puttalam		119.00	144.00	226.00
A'Pura	276.67	240.00	195.00	245.00

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Lime				
Hambantota	65.00	67.50	80.00	90.00
Embilipitiya	75.00	85.00	85.00	85.00
Moneragala	44.00	56.67	71.67	70.00
Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Banana				
Ambul				
Moneragala	63.75	63.75	63.75	63.75
Embilipitiya	63.33	63.33	73.00	73.00
Hambantota	55.00	75.00	75.00	65.00
Kolikuttu				
Moneragala	120.00	120.00	126.25	103.33
Embilipitiya	110.83	99.17	99.17	99.17
Hambantota	135.00	145.00	105.00	110.00
Papaw				
Moneragala				
Embilipitiya	48.60	48.60	48.60	38.67
Hambantota	42.50	47.50	47.50	47.50
Pineapple				
Divulapitiya				