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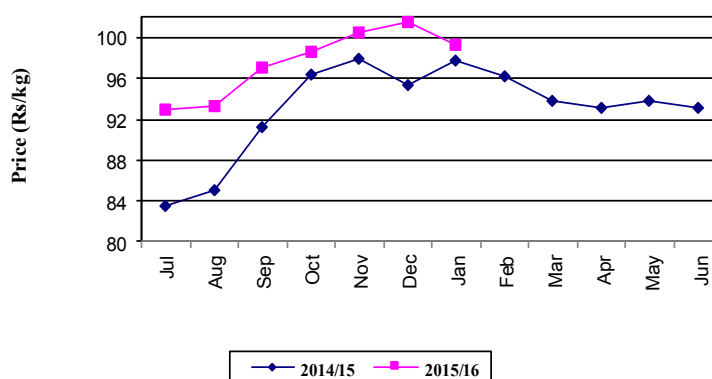
RICE:

As a result of availability of sufficient stocks, the prices of all the rice varieties have decreased during the month. The highest price decrease was reported for raw white and it was 5%.

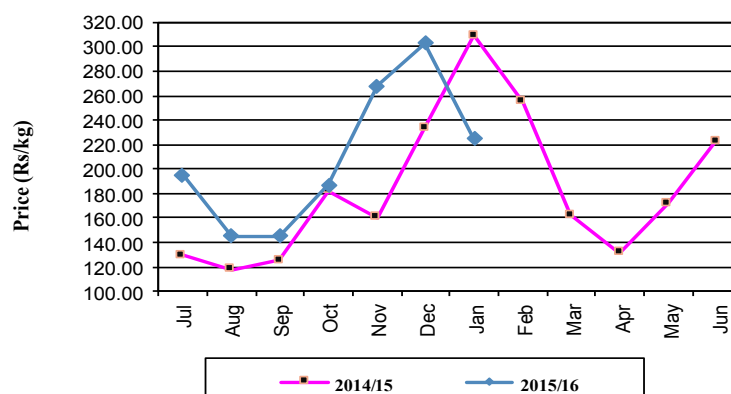
VEGETABLES:

As supplies from early established *maha* season have started to reach market in the first two weeks of January, prices of both up and low country varieties have decreased by 25% compared to last month. Prices would further decrease in February, when the peak *maha* harvesting season is reached.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Prospects of the *maha*, 2015/16 season paddy crop are favorable in most of the major producing areas during the month. The crop stages is late vegetative to maturity in major growing areas. According to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the progress of paddy cultivation was 791,369 ha and it was 94% of the target. The expected production is 2.978 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. The highest extents were recorded in Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Ampara, Batticaloa, Monaragala, Trincomalee, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota and those districts comprise nearly 60 % of the total. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture nearly 29,498 ha crop damage was recorded mainly due to the floods at the beginning of the season especially in the Eastern province. Harvesting of paddy in the wet zone areas of Kurunegala district commenced in late January and the production is expected in mid-February in the major surplus producing district of Ampara and other producing areas of Eastern province.

**Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2015/16 *Maha* season
(Up to end of January 2016)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent (ha)	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)	Total Effectuated Extent (ha)	Expected Production loss for Effectuated area (mt)	Riversed Production forecast adjusted to flood damage within the season (mt)
Anuradhapura	96,379	93,436	97	329,276	82	247	329,029
Polonnaruwa	34,421	34,138	99	151,135	40	23	151,112
Ampara	75,622	76,791	102	319,212	10425	20,612	298,600
Kurunegala	83,543	85,316	102	355,069			355,069
Hambantota	29,114	29,301	101	155,790	5	18	155,772
Colombo	4,933	3,126	63	9,369			9,369
Gampaha	13,583	9,977	73	29,773			29,773
Kalutara	15,703	11,271	72	33,494	41	94	33,400
Galle	15,082	9,963	66	28,442	82	136	28,306
Matara	16,900	13,551	80	43,178			43,178
Ratnapura	14,689	11,144	76	37,078			37,078
Kegalle	8,715	5,845	67	20,291			20,291
Puttlam	22,951	19,399	85	69,799	321	865	68,934
Kandy	15,988	13,514	85	43,724	32	78	43,646
Matale	20,665	21,676	105	84,223			84,223
N' Eliya	6,800	4,015	59	10,107			10,107
Badulla	24,185	18,977	78	77,975			77,975
Monaragala	45,745	45,397	99	181,397			181,397
Jaffna	11,460	10,723	94	22,301			22,301
Kilinochchi	23,000	20,148	88	72,492			72,492
Vavuniya	19,810	18,576	94	69,790			69,790
Mullaitivu	17,067	16,801	98	45,325			45,325
Mannar	20,774	20,220	97	104,587			104,587
Trincomalee	42,244	41,494	98	163,534	2361	6962	156,572
Batticaloa	64,587	62,779	97	144,026	16,110	49,172	94,854
Udawalawa	11,600	11,562	100	61,066			61,066
System H	22,500	23,391	104	112,514			112,514
System H1	9,500	8,978	95	43,185			43,185
System B	19,336	19,281	100	92,744			92,744
System C	23,306	23,193	100	111,561			111,561
System G	5,318	5,269	99	25,345			25,345
System L	472	456	97	6,080			6,080
System D	700	398	57	2,193			2,193
Rambakanoya	1,450	1,264	87	1,914			1,914
Sri Lanka	838,142	791,370	94	3,057,989	29,499	78,207	2,979,782

Source: Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Prices of short grain paddy remained at a high level in the range Rs.42.00-49.50/kg in all considered major producing areas throughout the month. The highest prices for short grain and long grain white were recorded in Polonnaruwa and Ampara. Prices of *keeri* samba ranged Rs.56.50-58.00/kg in Polonnaruwa during the month. During the second week prices of long grain red paddy have declined in producing areas in the Southern Province due to the low demand as a result of millers utilizing storage paddy. From the third week prices of both long grain white and long grain red paddy have declined in most of the producing areas. Low demand was recorded for paddy in major producing areas as a result of millers utilizing storage paddy. Open market prices of long grain white were in the range of Rs.30.00-38.00/kg in most of the major producing areas. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-36.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. It is expected that the prices of long grain white will decline sharply by the end of February especially in the Eastern Province due to the commencement of the *maha* season harvesting.

Compared to last month, the average prices of long grain white and short grain varieties have decreased by less than 3% in most of the producing areas. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red has decreased by less than 6% in producing areas in the Southern Province. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain and red varieties have decreased in the range of 11%-28% and 30%-36% respectively.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – January 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	42.00-47.00	44.00-47.00	44.65	45.10	44.75	-0.45	-1.00	-0.10	-0.22
Polonnaruwa	46.50-49.50	48.50-49.50	47.74	49.18	-	-1.44	-2.93	-	-
Kalawewa	45.00-47.00	44.00-47.00	46.00	42.25	44.17	3.75	8.88	1.83	4.14
Kurunegala	40.00-42.00	40.00-44.00	40.80	41.20	44.01	-0.40	-0.97	-3.21	-7.29
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	43.63	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	46.00-47.00	45.00-46.00	46.20	45.80	45.05	0.40	0.87	1.15	2.55
Ampara	47.00-48.00	47.00-49.00	47.45	48.08	-	-0.63	-1.31	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	30.00-37.00	34.00-37.00	34.05	35.10	42.75	-1.05	-2.99	-8.70	-20.35
Polonnaruwa	35.50-38.00	37.50-38.00	37.09	38.21	-	-1.12	-2.94	-	-
Kalawewa	35.00-37.00	35.00-37.00	36.00	36.00	40.67	0.00	0.00	-4.67	-11.48
Kurunegala	32.00-35.00	32.00-35.00	32.70	33.55	42.48	-0.85	-2.53	-9.78	-23.02
Dehiattakandiya	30.00-31.00	-	30.50	-	42.60	-	-	-12.10	-28.40
Embilipitiya	34.00-37.00	37.00-38.00	35.60	-	42.60	-	-	-7.00	-16.43
Nikaweratiya	36.00-37.00	36.00-37.00	36.40	36.40	40.75	0.00	0.00	-4.35	-10.67
Matara	33.00-36.00	34.00-37.00	34.25	34.83	42.67	-0.58	-1.67	-8.42	-19.73
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	36.00-37.50	37.00-39.00	37.13	38.18	-	-1.06	-2.76	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	32.00-34.00	33.00-35.00	33.00	33.84	47.59	-0.84	-2.48	-14.59	-30.65
Hambantota	30.00-36.00	35.00-36.00	33.38	35.60	52.25	-2.23	-6.25	-18.88	-36.12
Embilipitiya	31.00-34.00	33.00-36.00	32.60	34.88	50.45	-2.28	-6.54	-17.85	-35.38

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

Paddy harvest in the 2015/16 *maha* season has been started to receive to the market and similarly an improvement of the rice supply from major producing areas was observed. Accordingly, the prices of all the rice varieties have decreased during the month. The highest price decrease was reported for raw white and it was 5%. Furthermore, the prices have decreased by 4% for raw red, by 2% for both samba grade II and nadu grade II and by 1% for both samba grade I and nadu grade I. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports has slightly increased during this month and imported amount was 2,818mt. Accordingly, the price of imported *ponni* samba has decreased by 2% due to the availability of sufficient stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have increased by 3%-4%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 11%-30%.

Retail

In line with the price decrease in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased. The prices have decreased by Rs.4.00/kg for samba grade I, by Rs.2.00/kg for both raw red and raw white and by less than Rs.1.00/kg for all the other local rice varieties. However, the price of imported *ponni* samba has slightly increased. The highest local rice price of Rs.110.00/kg was reported for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.63.00/kg was reported for raw red.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.95.00-140.00/kg was reported in Batticaloa and Ratnapura markets while the lowest samba price range of Rs.79.00-85.00/kg was reported in Killinochchi and Nuwara Eliya markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.80.00-85.00/kg was noted in Kegalle market and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.64.00-70.00/kg was noted in Puttalam market. Furthermore, the highest prices of raw red and raw white were reported as Rs.79.00/kg and Rs.75.00/kg respectively in Kegalle market. The lowest price of Rs.59.00/kg for raw red was noticed in Matara market and that of Rs.60.00/kg for raw white was noticed in Gampaha market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local samba varieties have increased by 1%-2%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 11%-23%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – January 2016

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-98.00	96.12	97.00	92.03	-0.88	-0.90	4.10	4.45
Samba 2	87.00-93.00	89.67	91.42	86.85	-1.75	-1.92	2.82	3.24
Samba 3	-	-	-	82.33	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	72.00-75.00	73.53	74.53	82.58	-1.00	-1.34	-9.05	-10.96
Nadu 2	65.00-72.00	69.95	71.13	78.59	-1.18	-1.66	-8.63	-10.99
Raw red	57.00-63.00	60.61	63.01	86.34	-2.39	-3.80	-25.72	-29.79
Raw white	59.00-66.00	62.40	65.36	75.43	-2.96	-4.53	-13.03	-17.28
Ponni Samba (Imported)	95.00-112.00	103.96	106.55	71.50	-2.59	-2.44	32.46	45.40
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	47.07	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	100.00-110.00	103.29	107.54	102.29	-4.25	-3.95	1.00	0.98
Samba 2	90.00-98.00	95.20	95.76	93.38	-0.56	-0.58	1.82	1.95
Samba 3	-	-	92.33	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	78.00-85.00	80.51	81.10	90.13	-0.59	-0.73	-9.62	-10.67
Nadu 2	72.00-78.00	75.39	75.90	85.97	-0.51	-0.67	-10.58	-12.31
Raw red	63.00-80.00	70.64	72.33	92.21	-1.69	-2.34	-21.57	-23.39
Raw white	65.00-82.00	71.61	73.15	84.76	-1.54	-2.11	-13.15	-15.51
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-120.00	119.21	118.86	77.71	0.35	0.29	41.50	53.40
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	70.29	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

The targeted extent of chillies in *maha* 2015/16 season was 11,056 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that 7,662 ha has been cultivated at the end of January 2016 representing 69% of the target. Expected production of green chillies is 39,455 mt and from that 64% of the production will be provided by the Anuradhapura (36%), Moneragala (14%) and Puttlam (14%) districts. The highest cultivated extent (2,355 ha) was recorded in the Anuradhapura district that represents 76% of the targeted extent. Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent of green chillies has dropped by about 7% in Sri Lanka due to the prevailing unfavourable weather condition at the beginning of the season.

Table 2.1.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for Maha 2015/16

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of January 2016		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,081	2,355	76	14,068
Moneragala	1,062	773	73	5,660
Puttlam	867	542	63	5,469
Jaffna	700	581	83	1,886
Hambantota	276	388	141	1,339
Other areas	5,030	3,023	60	11,033
Total	11,056	7,662	69	39,455

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chillies in all producing areas have shown a downward trend at the end of the month due to commencement of the harvesting season. Hence, supply of green chillies had increased during the latter part of January from main producing areas and both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had decreased significantly by about Rs.382.00/kg and Rs.455.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.310.65/kg and Rs.529.89/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the prices of imported dried chillies.

A quantity of 3,851 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was a decrease of 943 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.265.35/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.2.54/kg compared to last month. About 87% of the dried chilli stocks were imported from India and 13% from China. However, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.9.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies were Rs.295.82/kg and Rs.359.36/kg respectively and these prices are lower than that of the prices of green chillies. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 35% and 32% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies January 2016

Items	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016		Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price									
Green Chillies	250.00-500.00		310.65	692.45	607.79	-381.80	-55.14	-297.14	-48.89
Dried Chillies	280.00-310.00		295.82	304.83	219.10	-9.01	-2.95	76.72	35.02
Retail Price									
Green Chillies	300.00-1000.00		529.89	984.54	856.75	-454.65	-46.18	-326.86	-38.15
Dried Chillies	320.00-400.00		359.36	362.08	271.85	-2.72	-0.75	87.51	32.19

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies August 2015 to January 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan	3,851.00	1,021.86	265.35	359.36	94.01
Dec	4,793.83	1,284.23	267.89	362.08	94.19
Nov	4,143.54	1,071.16	258.51	362.89	104.38
Oct	3,564.26	880.04	246.91	335.70	88.79
Sep	4,590.57	1,006.62	219.28	322.19	102.91
Aug	3,900.58	806.71	206.82	284.48	77.66

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – January 2016

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	-	290.00	300.00	280.00
Hambantota	550.00	365.00	-	-
Embilipitiya	568.00	360.00	428.00	336.00
Puttlam	514.00	-	357.00	277.00
A'Pura	450.00	350.00	300.00	284.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

According to the big onion promotion programme in *Maha* season, around 125 ha in Hambantota, 81 ha in Matale have been targeted for big onion cultivation and the total targeted extent was 518 ha in Sri Lanka. However, at the end of January 2016, around 67 ha was cultivated in Sri Lanka representing only 13% of the total targeted extent.

A significant progress has been achieved for red onion cultivation in the Puttalam district and it has exceeded even the targeted extent (120%). The targeted extent of red onion for *maha* 2015/16 was 2,050 ha in Jaffna and around 1,310 ha were cultivated by the end of January representing 64% of the targeted extent.

Compared to the previous *maha* season, the cultivation extent of red onion has decreased by 227 ha (9%) in Sri Lanka at the end of January 2016, due to unfavourable weather condition at the beginning of the season. The expected production of *maha* 2015/16 is 31,254 mt and out of that, 83% of the production will arrive from Jaffna (49%) and Puttalam (34%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Maha* 2015/16

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of January 2016		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,050	1,310	64	15,426
Puttalam	406	486	120	10,608
Trincomalee	680	152	22	1,474
Other areas	798	418	52	3,746
Total	3,934	2,366	60	31,254

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the wholesale market and a quantity of 27,931 mt of big onion was imported from India during this month. It was an increase of 4,312 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.35.62/kg for imported big onion and it had decreased by Rs.45.94/kg compared to that of the last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively.

No supply of local red onion was reported from main producing areas during this month. Imported Indian red onion varieties were only available at the market and about 3,353 mt of red onion was imported during this month. Compared to the previous month it has increased by 2,107 mt. Average CIF price was Rs.80.98/kg and it has decreased by Rs.28.11/kg compared to the last month. With the high imports from India both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion had decreased by about Rs.71.00/kg and Rs.47.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion had increased by 8% and 16% respectively.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion January 2016

Crop	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	83.00	72.50	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	117.50	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	75.00-120.00	93.50	164.36	86.71	-70.86	-43.11	6.79	7.83
Big Onion (imported)	40.00-65.00	52.30	58.39	65.48	-6.09	-10.42	-13.18	-20.13
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	201.81	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	120.00-260.00	168.42	215.49	144.64	-47.07	-21.84	23.78	16.44
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-100.00	84.20	95.39	106.11	-11.19	-11.73	-21.91	-20.65
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	108.34	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: 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	Jan,2016	35.62	52.30	84.20	16.68	31.90
	Dec,2015	81.56	58.39	95.39	-23.18	37.00
	Jan,2015	41.67	65.48	106.11	23.81	40.63
Red onion	Jan,2016	80.98	93.50	168.42	12.52	74.92
	Dec,2015	109.09	164.36	215.49	55.27	51.13
	Jan,2015	64.04	86.71	144.64	22.67	57.93

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

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Dec 2015
Red Onion	3353.01	1246.28	271.52	135.95	80.98	109.09
Big Onion	27930.69	23618.75	994.96	1926.44	35.62	81.56

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion August 2015 to January 2016

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Jan	27930.69	35.62	52.30	84.20	48.58
Dec	23618.75	81.56	58.39	95.39	13.83
Nov	17983.59	95.35	107.25	145.63	50.28
Oct	2780.47	84.78	89.27	117.29	32.51
Sep	4122.62	45.81	70.64	106.67	60.86
Aug	11726.68	48.58	95.57	120.90	72.32

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2015/16 is 2,993 ha and about 2,294 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 77% of the target. About 674 ha of potatoes were cultivated in the country in January. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is slightly at a low level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 32,242 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,200 ha and about 337 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at low level during this *maha* season due to rainy weather condition prevailed at the beginning of the season. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,637 ha in the Badulla district and about 1,783 ha have been cultivated by the end of January achieving 109% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at a high level compared to the same period of last *maha* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Maha* 2015/16)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2014/15*	<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2014/15*	<i>Maha</i> 2015/16		
N'Eliya	1,095	1,200	602	337	28	6,497
Badulla	1,945	1,637	1,598	1,783	109	23,947
Sri Lanka	3,153	2,993	2,313	2,294	77	32,242

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.3, *Maha* 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.3, *Maha* 2014/15, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 20,053 mt of potato had been imported in January which was 2,341 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month with low Special Commodity Levy for imported potato (Rs.15.00/kg). Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan and India. About 88% and 11% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan and India respectively during this month. Compared to January, 2015 (21,157 mt), the imports were slightly low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.28.00/kg in January.

With regard to local potato, the stocks of Welimada potato were not available in the market due to end of the harvesting period and only stocks from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. Due to availability of ample stocks of imported potatoes, the demand for Nuwara Eliya potato was low. Hence, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 3%. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.92.00/kg in January. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 24% and 7% respectively. During the month of January, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.95.00-120.00/kg and Rs.40.00-78.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato (6%) has increased, while the price of imported potato (9%) has decreased.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan	20052.65	553.62	27.61	87.96	60.35
Dec	17712.09	625.85	35.33	94.48	59.15
Nov	11891.82	438.31	36.86	118.25	81.39
Oct	3574.86	115.10	32.20	104.57	72.37
Sep	5087.67	156.36	30.73	103.24	72.51
Aug	11141.20	410.81	36.87	103.14	66.27

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	67.00-105.00	82.75	92.75	74.53	-10.00	-10.78	8.22	11.03
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-95.00	92.20	105.70	74.20	-13.50	-12.77	18.00	24.26
Imported – CIF	26.16-38.69	27.61	35.33	42.05	-7.72	-21.86	-14.44	-34.34
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	95.00-120.00	112.60	115.50	97.14	-2.89	-2.51	15.47	15.92
Imported	40.00-78.00	48.14	63.42	55.77	-15.28	-24.10	-7.64	-13.69
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-200.00	148.73	140.10	139.63	8.63	6.16	9.10	6.52
Imported	60.00-160.00	87.96	94.48	96.24	-6.52	-6.90	-8.28	-8.60
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	56.53	34.40	65.43	22.13	64.33	-8.90	-13.60
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	60.35	59.15	54.19	1.20	2.03	6.16	11.37
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	36.13	24.60	42.49	11.52	46.85	-6.37	-14.99
Imported	-	39.82	31.06	40.47	8.76	28.21	-0.64	-1.59

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green gram for *maha* 2015/16 is 7,648 ha and out of which about 5,814 ha were cultivated by the end of this month representing 76% of the total targeted extent. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of green gram is 7,491 mt for 2015/16 *maha* season. Compared to the same period of *maha* 2014/15, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is at a low level. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 860 ha for *maha* 2015/16 and about 1,971 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving higher progress. In the Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents are 1,455 ha and 862 ha for this *maha* season and about 1,015 ha and 449 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 70% and 52% of the targeted extents. In all districts, the cultivated extents during this *maha* season were at a low level compared to the same period of last *maha* season.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 10,655 ha for *maha* 2015/16 and about 6,245 ha had been cultivated by the end of the month achieving 59% of the total targeted extent. Compared to *maha* 2014/15 season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is low. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of cowpea for this *maha* season is 8,138 mt. The highest targeted extent for cowpea was recorded in the Ampara district as 3,440 ha for this *maha* season and about 1,794 ha was cultivated by the end of January. In the Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 1,650 ha and 942 ha for this *maha* season. By the end of January, about 1,280 ha and 375 ha were cultivated in the respective districts.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Maha 2015/16)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Maha 2015/16	Expected Production (mt)
		Maha 2014/15*	Maha 2015/16	Maha 2014/15*	Maha 2015/16		
Green gram	Hambantota	3,585	860	5,107	1,971	229	2,993
	Kurunegala	1,233	862	683	449	52	246
	Moneragala	1,983	1,455	1,688	1,015	70	1,059
	Sri Lanka	12,458	7,648	10,574	5,814	76	7,491
Cowpea	Ampara	3,959	3,440	2,081	1,794	52	3,807
	Kurunegala	1,216	942	467	375	40	165
	Moneragala	1,726	1,650	1,540	1,280	78	1,389
	Sri Lanka	12,318	10,655	7,196	6,245	59	8,138

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.3, Maha 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.3, Maha 2014/15, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 768 mt of green gram was imported in January and 622 mt, higher compared to that of December. The average CIF price was Rs.173.00/kg during this month. Out of the total imports, about 59% of the stocks were received from Myanmar, followed by Thailand (19%) and Australia (19%). The wholesale price of green gram has increased by 8%, while the retail price has decreased by 1%. In January, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.170.00-215.00/kg. With the arrival of harvest of mid-season cultivation of green gram, the local stocks fetched low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 19%.

A quantity of 363 mt of cowpea was imported in January, which was 141 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. Majority of 60% of the stocks were received from Brazil, while the rest of the stocks were received from India, Madagascar, Turkey and Singapore. The average CIF price was Rs.90.00/kg in January. With regard to cowpea, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 10% due to limited stocks of imported potato, while the red cowpea has decreased by 2%. Meanwhile, the retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 1% and 2% respectively. During the month of January, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.170.00-210.00/kg and Rs.190.00-220.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of white cowpea has decreased by 2%, while the red cowpea has increased by 9%.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
August 2015 to January 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan	768	133.05	173.24	240.43	67.19
Dec	146	27.95	191.45	243.05	51.60
Nov	838	158.48	189.22	246.06	56.84
Oct	802	143.76	179.14	244.34	65.20
Sep	572	100.62	175.91	246.54	70.63
Aug	777	132.59	170.54	239.69	69.15

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
August 2015 to January 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan	363	32.51	89.68	253.69	164.01
Dec	503	47.12	93.71	257.34	163.63
Nov	667	64.11	96.18	262.26	166.08
Oct	1141	120.04	105.24	264.23	158.99
Sep	715	81.95	114.65	268.49	153.84
Aug	263	26.58	101.15	255.63	154.48

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	170.00-215.00	198.15	183.58	262.57	14.58	7.94	-64.42	-24.53	
Cowpea (White)	170.00-210.00	193.44	176.04	206.70	17.40	9.88	-13.26	-6.42	
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-220.00	203.47	208.61	210.64	-5.14	-2.47	-7.17	-3.40	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	180.00-280.00	240.43	243.05	297.13	-2.62	-1.08	-56.70	-19.08	
Cowpea (White)	180.00-280.00	253.69	257.34	259.71	-3.65	-1.42	-6.02	-2.32	
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	254.35	258.84	232.32	-4.49	-1.73	22.03	9.48	

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	Jan,2016	173.24	198.15	240.43	24.91	42.28
	Dec,2015	191.45	183.58	243.05	-7.88	59.48
	Jan,2015	-	262.57	297.13	-	34.56
Cowpea (White)	Jan,2016	89.68	193.44	253.69	103.76	60.25
	Dec,2015	93.71	176.04	257.34	82.33	81.30
	Jan,2015	-	206.70	259.71	-	53.01
Cowpea (Red)	Jan,2016	-	202.89	252.68	-	49.79
	Dec,2015	-	208.61	258.84	-	50.23
	Jan,2016	-	210.64	232.32	-	21.68

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 22,496 mt (20,473 mt of whole type and 2,023 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in January and it was 635 mt higher than the quantity imported in December. About 66% and 32% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and Australia respectively, while about 78% and 20% of split type were received from Canada and India respectively. Compared to January, 2015 (17,735 mt), the imports of red dhal were high during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.127.00/kg in January.

Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have increased by 12% and 2% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.184.00/kg in January. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had increased by 2%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	160.00-210.00	184.51	164.73	158.34	19.78	12.01	26.17	16.53
Retail Price	168.00-220.00	179.96	175.96	169.64	4.00	2.27	10.32	6.08

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
August 2015 to January 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Jan	22496	127.42	184.51	179.96	57.09	-4.55
Dec	21861	123.71	164.73	175.96	41.02	11.23
Nov	11471	260.78	171.17	191.79	-89.61	20.62
Oct	7822	126.86	171.78	192.21	44.92	20.43
Sep	10306	141.90	178.06	194.74	36.16	16.68
Aug	15091	133.07	174.73	190.96	41.66	16.23

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the Department of Meteorology data, during the month of January, below average rainfall was received in most of the up and midcountry districts. In Matale district, the set target for vegetable cultivation in *maha* season is 2,768 ha of which 1,229 ha was completed by the end of January, recording a 13% increase in extent, compared to same period of the last year. The set target for upcountry varieties in the *maha* season in Nuwara Eliya district is 5,044 ha of which about 60% was achieved at the end of January. Generally, crop establishment for *maha* season has progressed well in the Kandy district with the rainy weather experienced in the beginning of the cultivation season. The reported cultivation progress for major vegetable varieties cultivated in the district was 1,136 ha, recording a 68% achievement of the seasonal target at the end of January. In Ratnapura district, beans cultivation has recorded almost 100% progress of the seasonal target, by the end of January.

Crop establishment commenced well in all the lowcountry major producing areas of low country districts with the received rainfall at the beginning of the cultivation season. However, as a result of the prevailed dry weather condition throughout the month of January, water availability for agricultural activities was low, compared to previous month. In Rathnapura district, the set target for lowcountry varieties in the *maha* season is 1,715 ha of which the cultivation progress was about 80% at the end of January. In Hambantota district, early establishment of 2015/2016 *maha* cultivation has been observed with an achievement of almost 100% at the end of January. Further, Moneragala and Anuradhapura districts recorded a 70%-75% cultivation progress for lowcountry vegetables at the end of January.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As supplies from early established *Maha* season has started to reach the market in January, prices have begun to show a decreasing trend for both up and low country varieties. In January, upcountry vegetables have supplied mainly from Matale, Puttlam, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy and Ratnapura, Kurunegala and Jaffna. The total supply of vegetables in the Matale district was around 6,888 mt in January, recording a 120% increase compared to previous month. The daily supply of vegetables at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was around 1,000-1,200 mt in January, recording a 25% increase compared to last month. Further, daily supply from Jaffna district to the Dambulla DEC was 80 -100 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties, except beetroot have decreased in January, compared to previous month, due to increasing trend in market supplies. The highest price decrease was reported for radish 46% followed by beans as 33% and cabbage by 23%. Prices of all the other upcountry varieties, except beetroot have decreased in the range of 5% - 21%. As a result of the prevailed dry weather condition throughout the month, harvesting interval of tomato have shortened to 3 - 4 days and thereby high supplies from all the producing areas have reached the market in January. Hence, prices have decreased considerably by 68%, compared to last month. Along with tomato, prices of capsicum also decreased by 14%.

The supplies of most of the domestic vegetables have also increased with the reaching of the *maha* harvest from major producing areas. The highest prices decrease was recorded for cucumber as 59% followed by long beans as 50% and brinjal as 32%. Except pumpkin and drumsticks, prices of other lowcountry varieties decreased in the range of 1%-17% in January. However, prices of pumpkin have increased by 47% in January, mainly because of the decreased prices in December, up to Rs.36.00/kg.

Prices of green chilies have decreased by 55% in January, with the supplies receiving from Puttlam and Jaffna. Further, dry weather has encouraged fruiting of lime, so that the supplies increased and the prices have decreased by 50% compared to previous month.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables have decreased in January. The highest price decrease was reported for tomato followed by long bean as 29%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-200.00	152.81	228.13	211.21	-75.32	-33.02	-58.40	-27.65
Carrot	150.00-300.00	210.66	221.00	185.29	-10.34	-4.68	25.37	13.69
Leeks	70.00-100.00	83.15	105.82	218.30	-22.67	-21.42	-135.15	-61.91
Beetroot	120.00-250.00	178.76	164.40	181.46	14.36	8.73	-2.70	-1.49
Knokhol	90.00-150.00	116.68	127.81	81.69	-11.13	-8.71	34.99	42.83
Radish	20.00-50.00	34.03	62.74	67.13	-28.71	-45.76	-33.10	-49.31
Cabbage	60.00-130.00	90.42	118.17	99.23	-27.75	-23.48	-8.81	-8.88
Tomato	30.00-60.00	42.19	132.92	127.47	-90.73	-68.26	-85.28	-66.90
Ladies Fingers	80.00-110.00	95.18	106.73	122.00	-11.55	-10.82	-26.82	-21.98
Brinjal	60.00-120.00	81.14	118.54	150.49	-37.40	-31.55	-69.35	-46.08
Capsicum	230.00-400.00	286.72	335.13	360.32	-48.41	-14.45	-73.60	-20.43
Pumpkin	40.00-70.00	53.51	36.39	48.77	17.12	47.05	4.74	9.72
Cucumber	20.00-50.00	26.04	63.91	99.02	-37.87	-59.26	-72.98	-73.70
Bittergourd	100.00-200.00	149.64	150.56	163.35	-0.92	-0.61	-13.71	-8.39
Snakegourd	60.00-90.00	70.92	85.67	96.09	-14.75	-17.22	-25.17	-26.19
Drumstick	400.00-400.00	400.00	327.86	-	72.14	22.00	-	-
Luffa	80.00-120.00	91.68	94.86	123.88	-3.18	-3.35	-32.20	-25.99
Long Beans	50.00-100.00	62.28	125.55	123.26	-63.27	-50.39	-60.98	-49.47
Ash Plantain	50.00-70.00	60.63	68.29	113.37	-7.66	-11.22	-52.74	-46.52
Green Chillies	250.00-500.00	310.65	692.45	607.79	-381.80	-55.14	-297.14	-48.89
Lime	35.00-70.00	50.08	100.89	43.61	-50.81	-50.36	6.47	14.84

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-360.00	224.92	303.08	308.84	-78.16	-25.79	-83.92	-27.17
Carrot	160.00-480.00	282.16	321.72	303.81	-39.56	-12.30	-21.65	-7.13
Leeks	110.00-280.00	162.90	196.72	342.33	-33.82	-17.19	-179.43	-52.41
Beetroot	160.00-400.00	269.77	263.88	303.34	5.89	2.23	-33.57	-11.07
Knokhol	160.00-400.00	217.01	250.42	229.53	-33.41	-13.34	-12.52	-5.45
Radish	60.00-200.00	110.59	149.99	149.14	-39.40	-26.27	-38.55	-25.85
Cabbage	100.00-320.00	165.40	216.45	210.32	-51.05	-23.59	-44.92	-21.36
Tomato	60.00-160.00	100.17	212.07	208.97	-111.90	-52.77	-108.80	-52.06
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	161.88	184.97	228.86	-23.09	-12.48	-66.98	-29.27
Brinjal	100.00-320.00	153.75	185.32	237.18	-31.57	-17.04	-83.43	-35.18
Capsicum	300.00-700.00	430.95	493.33	515.00	-62.38	-12.64	-84.05	-16.32
Pumpkin	50.00-160.00	99.53	94.48	110.20	5.05	5.35	-10.67	-9.68
Cucumber	40.00-200.00	95.03	129.11	170.31	-34.08	-26.40	-75.28	-44.20
Bittergourd	120.00-400.00	226.07	236.26	283.18	-10.19	-4.31	-57.11	-20.17
Snakegourd	80.00-280.00	140.06	162.44	187.30	-22.38	-13.78	-47.24	-25.22
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.00-320.00	194.46	187.68	271.54	6.78	3.61	-77.08	-28.39
Long Beans	70.00-360.00	151.40	213.50	244.37	-62.10	-29.09	-92.97	-38.04
Ash Plantain	90.00-200.00	137.56	147.32	194.77	-9.76	-6.63	-57.21	-29.37
Green Chillies	300.00-1000.00	529.89	984.54	856.75	-454.65	-46.18	-326.86	-38.15
Lime	70.00-400.00	191.34	350.07	179.96	-158.73	-45.34	11.38	6.32

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the last month, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase of 253% was reported for mango (karthakolomban) due to off season. The second highest price increase was noted for mango (vilad) as 143%. Price of papaw has increased by 48% as the result of end of the harvesting season and limited supply received from Vavuniya and Anuradhapura. Due to low supply received with end of the harvesting season, price of woodapple has increased by 45%. Next, price of avocado has increased by 44% with limited supply reaching the market from Welimada and Thalawakele. Also, the price of passionfruit also increased by 30% with low supply and a fungal infection was reported for passionfruit from Thanamalwila area. In addition, all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 12%-24% with low supply received from Kuliypitiya, Pannala and Dompe. Prices of banana (ambul and anamalu) have increased by 11% and 3% respectively due to limited supply received from Embilipitiya, Balangoda and Godakawela areas. With limited supply, price of slimeapple has increased by 5%.

Among price decreased varieties, the highest price decrease was noted for orange as 45% with low quality stocks reaching the market. Next, price of grapes (imported) has decreased by 10% with an increase in the supply. Further, prices of banana (kolikuttu and seeni) have decreased by 10% and 4% respectively due to low stocks.

According to market information, most of the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month with dry weather condition and end of the harvesting season.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was noted for mango (karthakolomban) as 128%.

Considering Table 4.2, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase was noted for mango (karthakolomban) as 207%. The second highest price increase was reported as 61% for mango (vilad). Next, price of passionfruit has increased by 40%. Further, prices of papaw, woodapple and avocado have increased in the range of 19%-24%. Meanwhile, all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 8%-16%. Then, prices of banana (ambul, kolikuttu, seeni and anamalu) have increased in the range of 1%-7%. The main reasons for above price decrease were, dry weather condition and low supply with end of the harvesting season. Among price decreased varieties, the highest price decrease was noted for slimeapple as 24% next 14% for orange.

According to market information, most of the fruit varieties are 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 noted as 178% for mango (vilad).

According to Table 4.3, producer prices have increased for all the selected fruit varieties and the highest price increase was noted for papaw as 54%. The second highest price increase was noted as (14%) for both banana (ambul) and pineapple. Compared to the same period of last year, the producer's prices have increased except banana (ambul) and papaw and the highest price of producer received was noted for banana (kolikuttu) as 48%. According to the acquired information, producers can increase their income in the coming month compared to last month.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Table 4.4, papaw was the most exported fruit in January with the quantity of 160.78 mt. And, the entire export quantity is 122.67 mt for other selected fruit varieties (pineapple, mango and orange). Rs.50.19mn has been earned by exporting selected fruit varieties in January. The monthly export income has decreased by Rs.29.81mn compared to last month.

Mandarin was the most imported type of fruit in January. The total quantity of 2,257 mt of mandarin was imported and 81% of mandarin have been imported from Pakistan. The highest import expenditure has been for apple and it is Rs.173.52mt. The total imported quantity is 1,480.68 and 78% of apple have been imported from China. The entire import expenditure was 425.96mn for selected fruit varieties. The monthly import expenditure has decreased by Rs.66.91mn compared to last month.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	30.00-60.00	44.15	39.75	51.90	4.40	11.07	-7.75	-14.93
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	100.00-170.00	128.16	141.81	109.90	-13.65	-9.63	18.26	16.62
Seeni (Rs/kg)	30.00-50.00	38.21	39.92	46.34	-1.71	-4.28	-8.13	-17.54
Anamalu	7.00-10.00	8.39	8.12	9.92	0.27	3.33	-1.53	-15.42
Ambun	8.00-15.00	10.68	10.72	12.72	-0.04	-0.37	-2.04	-16.04
Pineapple								
Large	130.00-170.00	141.26	125.93	100.03	15.33	12.17	41.23	41.22
Medium	100.00-140.00	119.75	105.98	75.88	13.77	12.99	43.87	57.81
Small	80.00-120.00	96.94	78.11	53.50	18.83	24.11	43.44	81.20
Mango								
Betti	-	-	21.74	18.16	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	90.00-250.00	169.26	48.01	74.12	121.25	252.55	95.14	128.36
Vilad	50.00-57.00	57.00	23.48	25.55	33.52	142.76	31.45	123.09
Kohu	26.00-26.00	26.00	-	16.67	-	-	9.33	55.97
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00-180.00	100.40	67.78	118.75	32.62	48.13	-18.35	-15.45
Passionfruit	8.00-16.00	12.17	9.33	9.77	2.84	30.44	2.40	24.56
Woodapple	15.00-30.00	23.06	15.86	17.73	7.20	45.40	5.33	30.06
Orange	15.00-45.00	25.48	46.56	26.63	-21.08	-45.27	-1.15	-4.32
Avocado	60.00-100.00	84.25	58.63	49.64	25.62	43.70	34.61	69.72
Slime Apple	15.00-50.00	28.62	27.13	22.34	1.49	5.49	6.28	28.11
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	310.00-533.00	442.38	488.84	530.24	-46.46	-9.50	-87.86	-16.57

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	84.00	78.52	84.35	5.48	6.98	-0.35	-0.41
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	180.00-250.00	200.90	195.20	155.10	5.70	2.92	45.80	29.53
Seeni (Rs/kg)	70.00-100.00	81.92	79.33	80.58	2.59	3.26	1.34	1.66
Anamalu	15.00-25.00	17.52	17.42	17.17	0.10	0.57	0.35	2.04
Ambun	15.00-25.00	17.95	18.04	17.76	-0.09	-0.50	0.19	1.07
Pineapple								
Large	160.00-220.00	187.83	174.52	147.10	13.31	7.63	40.73	27.69
Medium	140.00-160.00	150.82	129.78	108.63	21.04	16.21	42.19	38.84
Small	100.00-130.00	107.49	92.46	68.13	15.03	16.26	39.36	57.77
Mango								
Betti	-	-	25.00	80.00	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	100.00-200.00	165.51	53.86	108.38	111.65	207.30	57.13	52.71
Vilad	50.00-100.00	83.33	51.89	30.00	31.44	60.59	53.33	177.77
Kohu	-	-	12.50	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	100.00-200.00	137.39	111.10	171.66	26.29	23.66	-34.27	-19.96
Passionfruit	12.00-33.00	21.77	15.54	19.08	6.23	40.09	2.69	14.10
Woodapple	20.00-60.00	40.73	34.20	40.36	6.53	19.09	0.37	0.92
Orange	30.00-100.00	64.00	74.19	49.11	-10.19	-13.74	14.89	30.32
Avocado	100.00-200.00	142.01	118.57	102.09	23.44	19.77	39.92	39.10
Slime Apple	30.00-100.00	54.85	72.06	57.65	-17.21	-23.88	-2.80	-4.86
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	773.22	760.71	788.90	12.51	1.64	-15.68	-1.99

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	22.50-45.00	32.75	28.74	39.90	4.01	13.96	-7.15	-17.92
Kolikuttu	90.00-132.00	106.58	103.50	72.04	3.08	2.98	34.54	47.95
Papaw	52.40-52.50	52.40	34.00	56.87	18.40	54.12	-4.47	-7.86
Pineapple	61.67-61.67	61.67	53.88	44.16	7.79	14.46	17.51	39.64

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits Nov 2015 – Jan 2016

Type of Fruit	January			December			November		
	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	105.30	23.89	226.90	119.92	31.32	261.16	102.11	23.06	225.80
Papaw	160.78	16.69	103.78	277.38	33.00	118.98	250.49	27.95	111.59
Fresh Mango	16.97	9.31	548.59	21.29	15.76	740.36	22.47	8.09	360.01
Fresh Oranges	-	-	-	0.04	0.01	341.41	0.03	0.01	243.03
Avocado, fresh	0.40	0.30	760.27	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
Nov 2015 – Jan 2016**

Type of Fruit	January			December			November		
	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	1,480.68	173.52	117.19	2,405.37	248.20	103.18	2,573.45	279.45	108.59
Grapes	304.15	111.52	366.66	421.61	168.65	400.02	681.18	245.30	360.11
Oranges	483.67	48.36	99.98	-	-	-	294.87	35.83	121.50
Mandarin	2,257.01	92.56	41.01	1,771.09	76.02	42.92	600.98	35.74	59.47

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 month of December, 2015 wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 2%-12%. The off season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt had resulted in limited stocks reaching the market from those areas. Most of the stocks had been supplied to the market from Kalutara, Hikkaduwa, Beruwala, Galle, Matara, Gandra, Dondra, Tangalle, Negambo and Chilaw areas. The highest price increase of 12% was noted for balaya. Prices of thora and hurulla had increased by 11% and 9% respectively. Price increases of 8% and 2% were observed for paraw and kelawalla respectively. Meanwhile, prices of salaya, shrimp, thalapath and mora had decreased in the range of 4% - 9%. In the month of January, 2016 the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.128.25–1,212.50/kg. It can be expected that, fish prices could decrease in the coming month with the fishing season in the Southern coastal belt. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except mora and shrimp had increased in the range of 2%-36% with the highest price increase noted for thora.

In line with the price behaviour at the wholesale market, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased at the retail level. The highest price increase of 11% was reported for hurulla followed by balaya (7%). Price of thora had increased by 6%, while prices of thalapath and shrimp had increased by less than 1%. Meanwhile, price of salaya had decreased by 9%, while prices of kelawalla, paraw and mora had decreased by 2%. In the month of January, 2016 the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.155.40 – 1,398.81/kg. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 1%-19% with the highest price decrease noted for shrimp.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	120.00-150.00	128.25	141.33	112.61	-13.08	-9.25	15.64	13.89
Hurulla	250.00-330.00	297.75	273.06	222.75	24.69	9.04	75.00	33.67
Balaya	280.00-400.00	350.00	313.41	318.09	36.59	11.67	31.91	10.03
Kelawalla	350.00-550.00	493.00	484.75	417.12	8.25	1.70	75.88	18.19
Thora	1000.00-1400.00	1212.50	1094.88	888.65	117.62	10.74	323.85	36.44
Paraw	480.00-650.00	569.75	526.00	504.45	43.75	8.32	65.30	12.94
Mora	420.00-500.00	462.50	482.86	517.92	-20.36	-4.22	-55.42	-10.70
Shrimp (small)	580.00-700.00	637.00	676.37	852.42	-39.37	-5.82	-215.42	-25.27
Thalapath	480.00-650.00	592.25	625.09	579.03	-32.84	-5.25	13.22	2.28
Retail Prices								
Salaya	130.00-240.00	155.40	171.65	179.70	-16.25	-9.47	-24.30	-13.52
Hurulla	220.00-480.00	350.04	314.13	318.29	35.91	11.43	31.75	9.98
Balaya	330.00-620.00	432.02	402.01	487.64	30.01	7.46	-55.62	-11.41
Kelawalla	450.00-920.00	702.82	714.13	719.90	-11.31	-1.58	-17.08	-2.37
Thora	1000.00-1800.00	1398.81	1323.31	1192.86	75.50	5.71	205.95	17.27
Paraw	500.00-1100.00	739.88	756.45	738.58	-16.57	-2.19	1.30	0.18
Mora	450.00-880.00	583.69	597.95	671.90	-14.26	-2.38	-88.21	-13.13
Shrimp (small)	600.00-1400.00	803.60	797.44	990.29	6.16	0.77	-186.69	-18.85
Thalapath	600.00-1000.00	810.78	808.60	814.84	2.18	0.27	-4.06	-0.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of both local and imported stocks were limited. Hence, the wholesale prices of all the dried fish varieties except imported kattawa, local mora and imported anguluwa have increased. The increase was only significant for imported sprats, while the other varieties it is less than 10%. Meanwhile, the price decreased varieties such as imported kattawa, local mora and imported anguluwa has also decreased by less than 2% compared to previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the other varieties except imported balaya and local salaya had increased. The increase was in the range of 5%-47% and the highest price increase was reported for imported sprats. In addition, the stocks of imported salaya and koduwa were not available at wholesale market during the month. Local stocks of dried fish were mainly supplied from Kalpitiya, Mannar, Valachchena, Trincomalee, Negombo and Jaffna areas. Imported stocks were mainly from India, Thailand, Dubai, Oman, Vietnam and Indonesia.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs, a quantity of 1,622mt of dried sprats was imported in January. Out of that about 76% was imported from Thailand and the rest from India, U.A.E, Vietnam and Indonesia. The average CIF price was Rs.335.68/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.13.12/kg against the previous month. The total value of the imports was Rs.545mn.

Regarding the retail prices, except for sprats prices of other varieties remained without significant a change. Only a significant price change was observed for sprats and it was an increase of 73% against the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the dried fish except maduwa had increased.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	600.00-850.00	781.52	723.74	709.00	57.77	7.98	72.52	10.23
Sprats (imported)	380.00-630.00	497.77	386.80	339.42	110.97	28.69	158.35	46.65
Kattawa	680.00-830.00	780.61	767.92	693.28	12.69	1.65	87.34	12.60
Kattawa (imported)	600.00-780.00	736.61	756.25	635.50	-19.64	-2.60	101.11	15.91
Thora	960.00-1200.00	1142.15	1038.96	995.42	103.20	9.93	146.74	14.74
Thora (imported)	900.00-1150.00	1036.24	1006.80	959.94	29.43	2.92	76.30	7.95
Mora	700.00-850.00	803.83	820.43	759.75	-16.60	-2.02	44.08	5.80
Mora (imported)	650.00-800.00	738.65	732.55	687.03	6.10	0.83	51.62	7.51
Balaya	400.00-600.00	513.39	481.00	488.50	32.39	6.73	24.89	5.09
Balaya (imported)	400.00-650.00	475.62	457.00	502.58	18.62	4.07	-26.96	-5.37
Anguluwa	500.00-800.00	672.91	671.14	595.78	1.77	0.26	77.13	12.95
Anguluwa (imported)	450.00-750.00	658.38	666.50	541.25	-8.13	-1.22	117.13	21.64
Maduwa	450.00-750.00	532.00	516.71	492.66	15.29	2.96	39.34	7.99
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	465.26	445.31	357.50	19.95	4.48	107.76	30.14
Koduwa	-	-	-	550.00	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	279.66	266.68	279.75	12.98	4.87	-0.09	-0.03
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats (imported)	400.00-800.00	556.34	511.60	-	44.74	8.75	-	-
Sprats	700.00-1200.00	883.28	867.94	705.50	15.34	1.77	48.22	4.76
Kattawa	750.00-1300.00	1061.71	1036.92	1013.49	-14.68	-1.13	13.21	1.04
Thora	800.00-1500.00	1279.65	1294.33	1266.44	-14.68	-1.13	13.21	1.04
Mora	600.00-1200.00	951.55	931.97	930.94	19.58	2.10	20.61	2.21
Balaya	550.00-1100.00	822.91	823.77	763.45	-0.86	-0.10	59.46	7.79
Anguluwa	580.00-1200.00	891.90	909.39	815.41	-17.49	-1.92	76.49	9.38
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	655.85	690.91	674.55	-35.06	-5.07	-18.70	-2.77
Koduwa	-	-	-	864.11	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	529.15	521.97	517.43	7.18	1.38	11.72	2.27

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – August 2015 to January 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan	1622.88	544.77	335.68	556.34	220.66
Dec	1962.87	684.65	348.80	867.94	519.14
Nov	1754.66	592.63	337.75	604.26	266.51
Oct	1701.40	623.74	366.60	622.31	255.71
Sep	2264.85	904.30	399.28	661.95	262.67
Aug	1649.94	540.63	327.66	617.66	290.00

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

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 8% at the wholesale level due to limited farm supply. Further, an increasing trend in prices was observed in the earlier days of the month and the prices had remained unchanged during the last week of the month. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.16.35/egg and Rs.15.35/egg respectively. According to the data in previous years the egg supply will improve and therefore, it can be

expected that egg prices could decrease in the coming month. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 14% and 15% respectively.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 8% at the retail level too. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg were Rs.17.15 and Rs.16.17 respectively. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 11% and 13% respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	16.20-16.50	16.35	15.20	14.38	1.15	7.57	1.97	13.70
White (each)	15.20-15.50	15.35	14.20	13.38	1.15	8.10	1.97	14.72
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	15.50-18.00	17.15	15.94	15.39	1.21	7.59	1.76	11.44
White (each)	14.50-17.00	16.17	15.01	14.34	1.16	7.73	1.83	12.76

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of beef and mutton had increased slightly while the prices of other meat varieties had decreased. But, the changes were less than 5% and not significant. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased in the range of 4%-25% with the highest price increase reported for beef.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – January 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	700.00-760.00	749.23	737.25	600.00	11.98	1.62	149.23	24.87
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-540.00	484.21	506.49	465.58	-22.28	-4.40	18.63	4.00
Chicken (curry)	400.00-540.00	464.29	475.84	426.94	-11.55	-2.43	37.35	8.75
Mutton	1400.00-1700.00	1533.78	1533.26	1315.00	0.52	0.03	218.78	16.64
Pork	500.00-650.00	603.27	609.13	570.00	-5.86	-0.96	33.27	5.84

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The total quantity of 241,020 mt of wheat grain was imported and compared to the previous month, the quantity had increased by 82,360 mt. The value of the imports was Rs.9,172mn. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.30.57-52.40/kg and the average price was Rs.38.06/kg. The CIF price had increased by 7% against the previous month and it was Rs.2.46/kg. Among the imported

stocks about 70% was imported from Canada and nearly 30% from Australia, while very few quantities from India, United States of America and Russia.

Considering wheat flour imports, the quantity was limited to 201 mt valued at Rs.14.43mn. The highest CIF price during the past few months was reported this month and it was Rs.71.76/kg. There was an increase of Rs.4.80/kg against the previous month.

With regard to the retail prices of wheat flour, it remained in the range of Rs.80.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.87.16/kg. The retail price has increased by about 1% against the previous month, while it had decreased by 11% when compared to the same period of last year.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2015		Jan 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-100.00	87.16	86.43	97.92	0.73	0.84	-10.76	-10.99
Sugar	85.00-100.00	97.05	90.86	99.97	6.19	6.82	-2.92	-2.92

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Jan	201.10	14.43	71.76	87.16	15.40
Dec	272.70	0.54	66.96	86.43	19.47
Nov	306.91	21.89	71.32	86.57	15.25
Oct	96.51	6.64	68.75	86.90	18.15
Sep	125.81	8.74	69.45	86.49	17.04
Aug	550.80	38.21	69.37	85.99	16.62
Wheat Grain					
Jan	241020.14	9172.08	38.06	87.16	49.10
Dec	158661.24	5648.59	35.60	86.43	50.83
Nov	168958.30	5774.68	34.18	86.57	52.39
Oct	105781.50	4023.19	38.03	86.90	48.87
Sep	326790.16	12266.01	37.53	86.49	48.95
Aug	90739.07	3329.48	36.69	85.99	49.30

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

Sugar

The imported quantity of sugar has decreased gradually since November 2015. Total quantity of 22,934 mt valued at Rs.1,363mn was imported in January. The average quantity of 55,500 mt per month was imported last year. But, in the past three months imported quantity was significantly below that amount. The world sugar prices were in an increasing trend during last few months and it continued in January too. Hence, the CIF price has further increased by Rs.1.97/kg. The CIF price ranged between Rs.56.52-91.19/kg averaging Rs.60.88/kg.

Out of the total imports, 72% consisted by Indian sugar and its price was Rs.57.32/kg. In addition, 18% from Thailand and 4% each from Myanmar and Brazil was imported. The rest of the stocks were imported from Korea and France. The highest imported price of Rs.91.19/kg was recorded for Myanmar sugar.

Considering retail prices, though the world prices increased, the retail price had not increased in line with that in the previous month. Hence, the change was significant in January and it was increased by Rs.6.19/kg against the previous month. The price remained in the range of Rs.85.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.97.05/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price had decreased by about 3%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- August 2015 to January 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan	22394.30	1363.45	60.88	97.05	36.17
Dec	38590.95	2273.33	58.91	90.86	31.95
Nov	44042.06	2475.18	56.20	92.26	36.06
Oct	55301.09	2862.08	51.75	92.76	41.01
Sep	37559.18	2000.12	53.25	86.67	33.42
Aug	64088.25	3153.43	49.20	81.17	31.97

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - January 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
	Jan 2016	Dec 2015		Jan 2016	Dec 2015		Jan 2016	Dec 2015	
Rice	2818.19	2523.83	11.66	154.41	141.82	8.88	54.79	56.19	-2.49
Red Onion	3353.01	1246.28	169.04	271.52	135.95	99.71	80.98	109.09	-25.77
Big Onion	27930.69	23618.75	18.26	994.96	1926.44	-48.35	35.62	81.56	-56.33
Potato	20052.65	17712.09	13.21	553.62	625.85	-11.54	27.61	35.33	-21.87
Dried Chillies	3851.00	4793.83	-19.67	1021.86	1284.23	-20.43	265.35	267.89	-0.95
Masoor Dhal	22496.13	21861.10	2.90	2866.46	2704.34	6.00	127.42	123.71	3.00
Green Gram	768.00	146.00	426.02	133.05	27.96	375.90	173.24	191.49	-9.53
Cowpea	362.52	502.85	-27.91	32.51	47.12	-31.01	89.68	93.71	-4.30
Garlic	2555.16	2799.10	-8.71	486.50	498.31	-2.37	190.40	178.02	6.95
Wheat flour	201.10	272.70	-26.26	14.43	18.26	-20.97	71.76	66.96	7.16
Wheat grain	241020.14	158661.24	51.91	9172.08	5648.59	62.38	38.06	35.60	6.89
White crystalline cane sugar	22394.30	38590.95	-41.97	1363.45	2273.33	-40.02	60.88	58.91	3.35
Maize (Seed)	55.00	0.24	-	25.72	0.69	-	467.64	2823.00	-
Maize (Other)	23199.64	7158.13	224.10	876.42	269.03	225.77	37.78	37.58	0.51
Sprats, dried not salted	1622.88	1962.87	-17.32	544.77	684.65	-20.43	335.68	348.80	-3.76

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

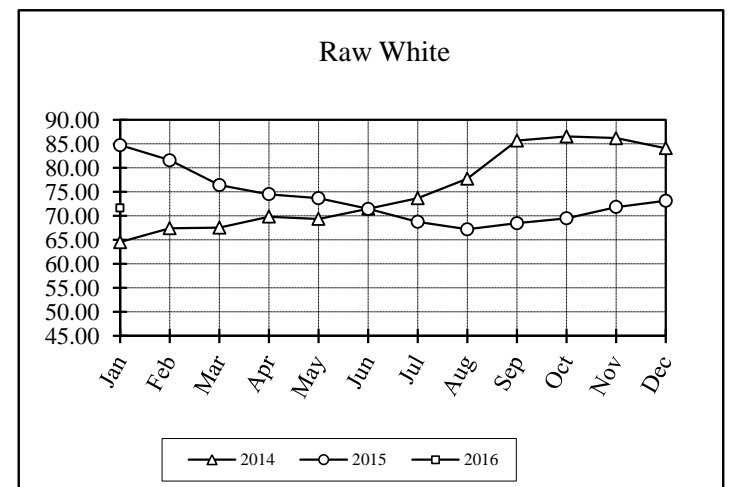
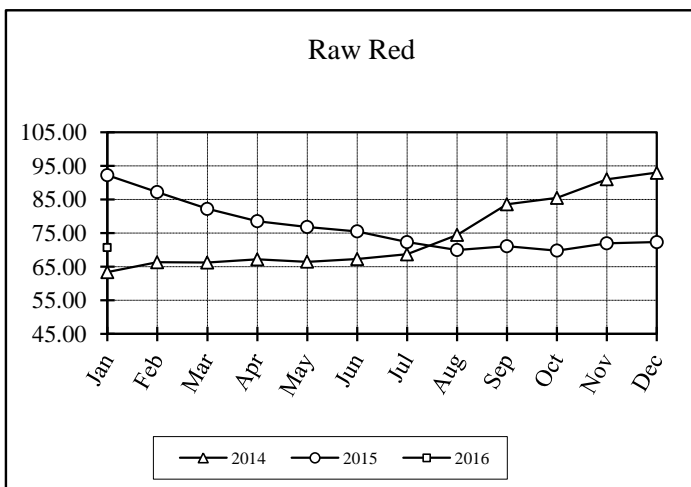
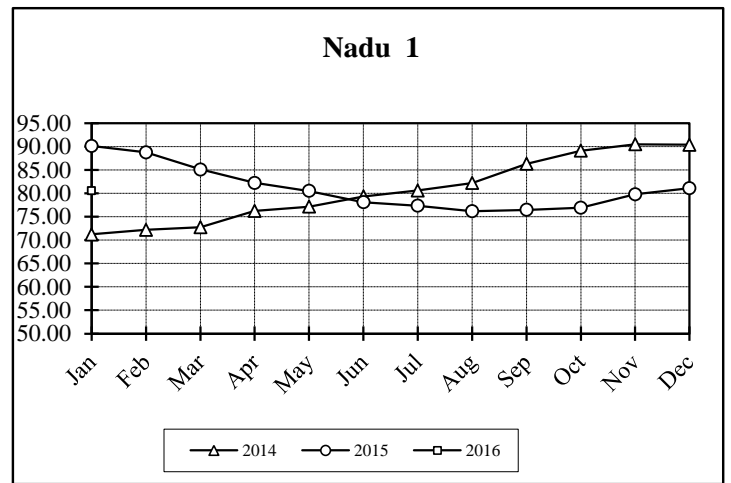
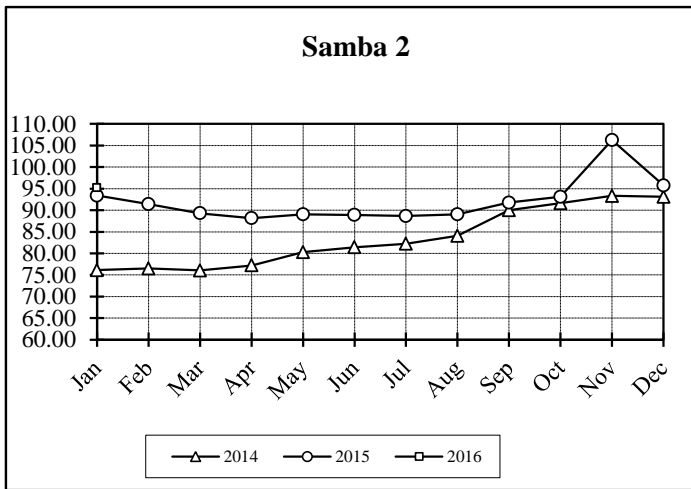
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – January 2016

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	31.9	76.6	6	6
Badulla	64.9	150.2	12	12
Bandarawela	47.0	99.1	11	10
Batticaloa	323.0	203.5	8	11
Colombo	65.3	56.3	3	5
Galle	40.7	82.4	7	8
Hambantota	1.4	53.3	1	5
Jaffna	15.9	67.1	4	4
Katugastota	4.1	76.8	4	6
Katunayaka	2.9	44.3	2	4
Kurunegala	1.7	54.6	1	4
Mahailuppallama	49.1	67.5	7	6
Mannar	20.4	37.5	6	4
Nuwara Eliya	34.8	97.4	9	8
Pottuvil	83.7	279.1	10	na
Puttlam	10.1	48.5	36	4
Ratmalana	66.1	67.1	6	5
Ratnapura	139.7	107.5	7	9
Trincomalee	101.4	112.0	9	7
Vavuniya	136.1	81.5	8	6
Polonnaruwa	147.4	na	9	na
Moneragala	26.2	na	7	na
Mattala	14.8	na	3	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

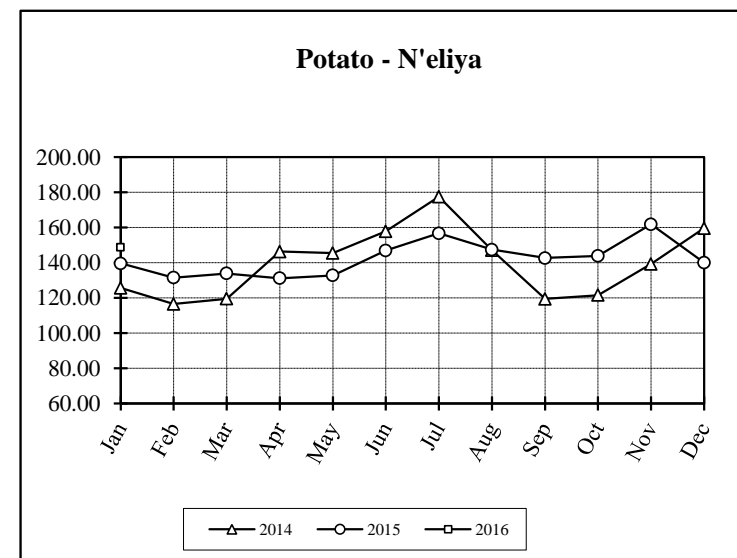
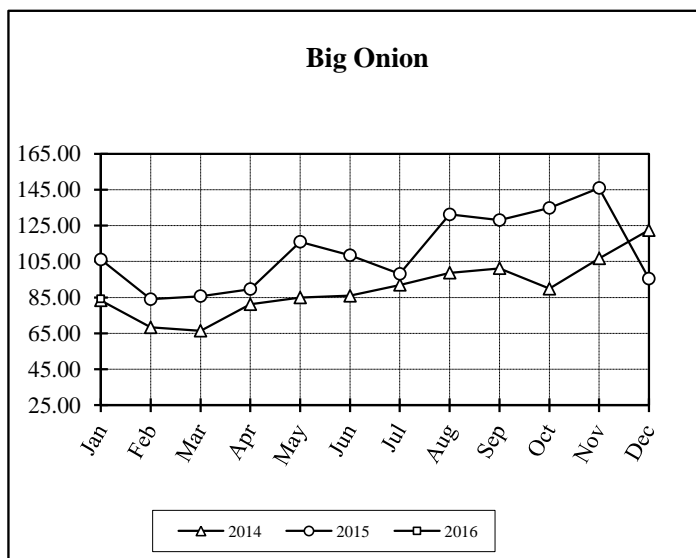
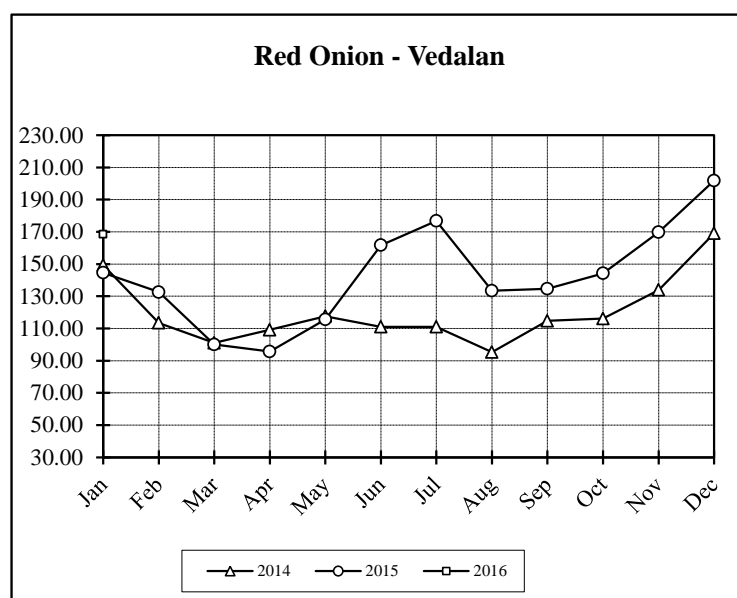
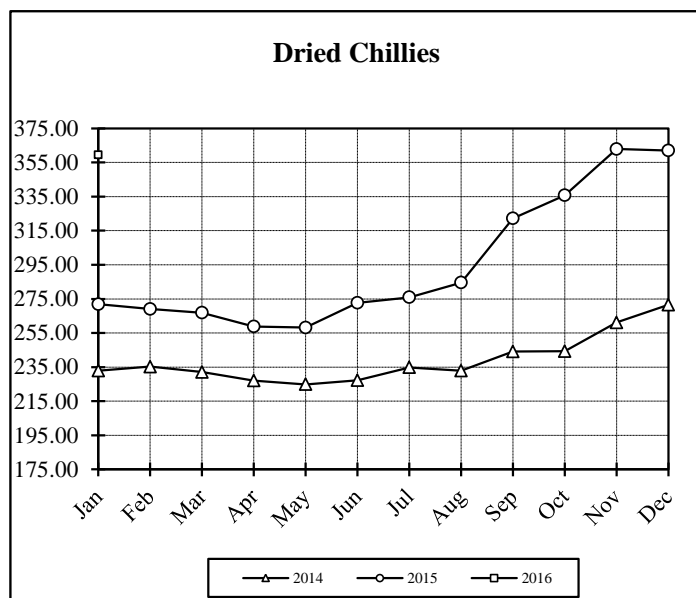
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		72.18	88.75		66.32	87.23		67.44	81.61	
Mar	76.04	89.30		72.77	85.09		66.29	82.21		67.56	76.40	
Apr	77.22	88.17		76.26	82.22		67.23	78.56		69.84	74.51	
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		113.49	132.59		68.30	83.99		116.52	131.58	
Mar	232.07	266.95		101.03	100.10		66.39	85.73		119.57	133.91	
Apr	227.14	258.81		109.14	95.65		81.18	89.56		146.34	131.19	
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)**

January 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	92.20	92.20	92.20	69.40	Welimada				
A'pura	40.00		35.80	33.60	Badulla	74.00	58.00	64.00	64.00	N'Eliya	62.40	62.40	62.40	61.40
P'naruwa	46.75	46.25	42.65	33.50	Welimada	80.00	73.00	80.00	66.00					
Kalawewa			38.33	37.50	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	40.80	40.80	36.20	35.20	Green Gram					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	42.00		40.50	36.50	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	72.00	72.00	73.00	52.00
Ampara	46.20	46.20	39.20	39.00	Kalawewa					Dambulla	64.00	69.20	52.80	40.00
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	142.00	158.00	158.00	158.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	25.40		27.40	26.40	Kurunegala					Welimada	95.00	88.20	69.00	52.00
P'naruwa	35.75	35.50	32.65	23.55	A'pura	180.00	180.00	180.00	164.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa			29.50	27.50	Cowpea					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	32.00	32.00	26.00	25.00	A'pura	170.00	160.00	162.00	156.00	N'Eliya	62.00	62.00	63.00	37.00
Dehiattakandiya	27.00	30.50	24.50	23.25	Galgamuwa					Welimada	87.40	74.00	57.00	40.00
Embilipitiya	33.60	33.60	33.60	32.40	Nikaweratiya				155.00	Radish				
Ampara	35.40	34.80	31.20	30.40	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Matara	33.67	31.67	29.67	29.67	Embilipitiya	180.00	180.00	180.00	176.00	N'Eliya	14.60	14.60	22.80	7.80
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	9.40	9.00	9.00	9.00
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara	31.00	31.00	28.67	28.67	A'Pura	40.00	40.80	41.00	43.60	Hanguranketha				
Hambantota					Kalawewa					N'Eliya	76.00	76.00	68.00	42.00
Ampara	33.50	32.80	29.60	29.60	Gingelly					Welimada	69.00	57.60	51.00	31.00
Embilipitiya	30.40	30.40	28.80	28.40	A'Pura	106.00	95.00	96.00	95.00	Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa	128.33	128.33	128.33	128.33	Badulla	63.00	54.00	56.00	56.00
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Tomato				
A'Pura					Kalawewa	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	212.00	200.00	200.00	209.00	Welimada	32.00	18.60	34.00	29.00
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota				
Red Onion					Beans					Dambulla	36.20	30.60	31.80	22.00
Puttalam	116.00	116.00	75.00	75.00	Dambulla	102.00	110.00	90.40	90.00	Low Country				
Big Onion					Welimada	82.40	77.00	79.00	91.80	Ladies Fingers				
Dambulla					Badulla					A'pura		75.00	74.00	55.00
Kalawewa					Carrot					Dambulla	92.40	79.20	67.20	46.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha					Hambantota				
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	241.00	241.00	182.00	94.00	Embilipitiya	72.40	64.40	64.40	48.00
					Welimada	141.00	139.00	121.00	81.20	Matara	50.00	41.67	50.00	50.00

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura		65.00	60.00	38.00	Dambulla	64.60	81.60	64.60	46.00	Hambantota					
Dambulla	72.80	47.40	50.40	32.40	Hambantota					Embilipitiya	42.40	54.40	54.40	38.00	
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	62.00	97.00	88.00	78.00	Moneragala	47.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	
Embilipitiya	49.40	32.00	30.00	31.40	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	31.25	28.75	31.25	31.25	A'pura		90.00	90.00	65.00	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada	69.00	53.00	41.00	38.00	Moneragal	60.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	<u>Ambul</u>					
					<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	45.00	42.50	42.50	42.50
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura		34.00	32.00	22.00	Embilipitiya	17.60	17.60	17.60	21.40	
Welimada	224.00	218.00	200.00	129.00	Dambulla	23.80	22.80	20.00	25.40	Hambantota					
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota					<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura		93.00	89.00	45.00	Matara					Moneragala	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	
Dambulla	77.60	82.80	65.60	51.60	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	82.20	100.00	98.00	103.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	46.60	47.00	43.20	39.20	Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	117.00	110.60	108.20	87.00	Hambantota					<u>Papaw</u>					
Matara	123.33	48.33	126.67		Embilipitiya	62.00	60.40	60.40	62.00	Moneragala					
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	36.67	36.67	36.67	36.67	Embilipitiya	58.00	52.40	52.40	52.40	
Dambulla	44.60	37.20	35.60	30.60	A'Pura		65.00	65.00	36.00	Hambantota					
Hambantota					<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	55.40	51.40	47.40	36.40	Hambantota					Divulapitiya					
Matara	45.00	41.67	48.33	48.33	Embilipitiya	43.40	38.40	35.00	35.00						
A'pura	0.00	39.00	35.00	40.00	Matara	41.67	41.67	41.67	41.67						
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>										
Dambulla	64.00	53.40	41.80	30.00	Dambulla	145.00	192.00	158.00	86.40						
Hambantota					Hambantota										
Embilipitiya	87.00	81.40	78.00	47.40	Embilipitiya	336.00	192.00	238.00	171.00						
Matara	53.33	43.33	48.33	48.33	Puttalam	138.00	169.00	136.00	109.00						
A'pura		62.00	63.00	35.00	A'Pura		188.00	188.00	118.00						