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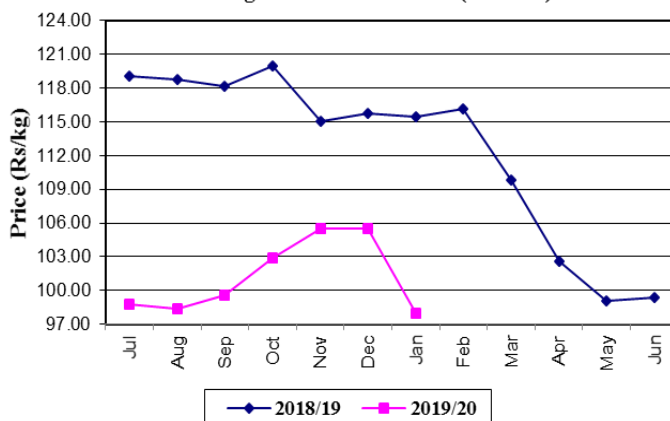
### RICE:

The Government regulated a maximum retail price for *Samba* and *Nadu* in December 2019. Hence, the retail prices of *Samba* and *Nadu* had decreased by Rs.7.00/kg compared to the last month. Price reduction could be expected for most of the rice varieties by next month with the commencement of paddy harvesting of 2019/20 *Maha* season.

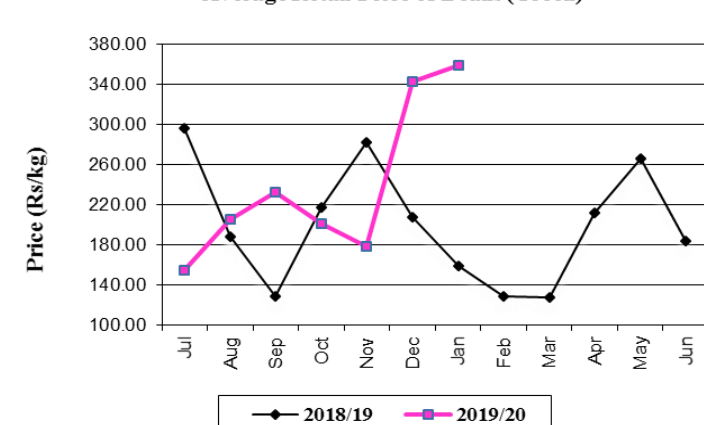
### VEGETABLES:

Supplies of vegetables to most of the markets were further remained at low position during the month. Therefore, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have further increased. The retail prices of all the up-country vegetable varieties have increased within the range of 5%-43%, followed by low-country vegetables as 7%-94%. Vegetable prices are expected to come down in coming months.

Average Retail Price of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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## EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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

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

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#### Colombo and suburb Markets

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Pettah      | 5. Peliyagoda   | 9. Kirulapone |
| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha    | 10. Nugegoda  |
| 3. Dematagoda  | 7. Kiribathgoda |               |
| 4. Thotalanga  | 8. Wellawatta   |               |

#### Outstation Markets

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

## 1. Paddy Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2019/20 *Maha* season was commenced from the wet zone producing areas of Kurunegala district by the mid of January. Despite the flood situation at the beginning of the season, paddy production outlook of 2019/20 *Maha* season remained satisfactory due to the favorable weather conditions and better water availability in irrigation tanks. Around 27,000 ha of cultivated land in Eastern and Northern provinces was damaged mainly due to floods during last December. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of 2019/20 *Maha* season was 819,721 ha. The cultivation progress up to end of December was 756,840 ha and it is 92% of the target. The cultivation progress is 60% higher than that of the average sown extent of last three *Maha* seasons. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to end of December is 2.97 Million mt, (1.88 million mt, of rice subject to 68% milling ratio), after the adjustment was made for the crop damages (Table 1.1). The major surplus of paddy can be expected from Eastern and North Central provinces. The peak harvesting will be expected in early March.

**Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Maha* 2019/20 season as at end of December 2019**

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production Forecast based on Achievement (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	97,803	89474	91	353974			353974
Polonnaruwa	34,598	34321	99	153928			153928
Ampara	74977	74026	99	336648	2538	7920	328728
Kurunegala	87161	89959	103	442597			442597
Hambantota	28641	25880	90	130242	45	113	130128
Colombo	3,908	3,024	77	8,868			8,868
Gampaha	12,743	10,495	82	32,561			32,561
Kalutara	12,940	8,942	69	29,025			29,025
Galle	11,526	8,389	73	21,336			21,336
Matara	15,689	11,831	75	39,884	58	105	39,779
Ratnapura	12,632	10,033	79	34,881			34,881
Kegalle	8,080	5,847	72	23,117			23,117
Puttalam	22,926	20,465	89	70,797	661	2,099	68,699
Kandy	13,528	9,320	69	30,198			30198
Matale	19,923	20,218	101	86,366			86,366
N' Eliya	5,762	1,998	35	4,752			4,752
Badulla	21,913	12,145	55	46,144			46,144
Monaragala	36,941	28,181	76	116,545			116,545
Jaffna	11,500	10,372	90	26,416	451	412	26,004
Kilinochchi	24,911	24,921	100	85,392	125	154	85,238
Vavuniya	19,901	19,333	97	86,827	93	319	86,508
Mullaitivu	17,537	17,378	99	62,797	626	1,407	61,390
Mannar	20,775	20,675	100	94,360	3,243	14,801	79,559
Trincomalee	42,371	40,387	95	164,710			164,710
Batticaloa	71,071	64,447	91	165,523	19,219	29,734	135,789
Udawalawa	10,113	10,943	108	53,577			53577
System H	22,000	22,382	102	88,096			88096
System H1	7,775	8,269	106	32,547			32547
System B	17,808	20,585	116	83,493			83493
System C	22,552	22,598	100	91,657			91657
System G	4,629	4,537	98	18,402			18402
System D	780	1,059	136	4,033			4033
Rambakanoya	2,783	2,885	104	10,132			10132
System L	1,523	1,520	100	6,165			6165
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>819,721</b>	<b>756,840</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3,035,990</b>	<b>27,059</b>	<b>57,065</b>	<b>2,978,925</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha2019/20, Vol 02, Department of Agriculture

## Producer Prices

The increasing trend for paddy prices, for all the paddy varieties, prevailed from last couple of months has been ended in most of the major producing areas. The situation was changed and prices were directed to downwards from the second week of the month, resulting the arrival of new harvest to the market. The average prices of short grain and long grain paddy varieties have decreased in the range of 4% -23%. A substantial price drop was noted in Ampara and Anuradhapura for long grain white due to the arrival of new harvest to the markets from Batticaloa district. The rice price ceiling imposed by the government also caused the decline of paddy prices. However, the farm gate prices of paddy remained higher level with compared to the same period of previous years because of the government introduced the new Guaranteed Prices(GP) as Rs 50.00/Kg for both *Nadu* and *Samba* varieties. The unit price of both long grain white and short grain paddy ranged as Rs.35.00-58.00/kg in most of the major producing areas while that of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.40.00-60.00/kg in Hambantota and Embilipitiya (Table 1.2).

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend in most of the considered producing areas. Prices of long grain white have increased in the range of 13 % - 20% in all considered major producing areas. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have increased by nearly 31% in Hambantota and 50% in Embillipitiya. However, the prices of short grain have decreased by 4% or less with the highest decline from Anuradhapura (Table 1.2).

**Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – January 2020**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	35.00-53.00	50.00-55.00	45.32	52.36	47.21	-7.04	-13.45	-1.89	-4.00
Polonnaruwa	39.06-53.90	53.13-57.81	51.13	54.09	-	-2.96	-5.47	-	-
Kalawewa	38.00-53.00	50.00-53.00	47.31	51.68	47.73	-4.37	-8.45	-0.42	-0.87
Kurunegala	36.00-55.00	53.00-55.00	48.66	54.05	47.79	-5.39	-9.98	0.86	1.81
Dehiattakandiya	40.63-52.00	48.00-55.00	49.22	51.33	50.67	-2.11	-4.12	-1.45	-2.86
Nikaweratiya	38.00-56.00	52.00-56.00	51.36	54.23	-	-2.86	-5.28	-	-
Ampara	40.00-58.00	55.00-60.00	47.03	57.88	42.80	-10.86	-18.75	4.23	9.87
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	35.00-55.00	52.00-57.00	45.77	54.57	39.03	-8.80	-16.12	6.74	17.28
Polonnaruwa	36.71-53.51	53.13-59.38	49.47	54.53	-	-5.06	-9.28	-	-
Kalawewa	35.00-55.00	53.00-56.00	47.97	54.32	39.96	-6.35	-11.69	8.01	20.04
Kurunegala	36.00-55.00	52.00-55.00	48.61	53.45	40.46	-4.84	-9.05	8.16	20.16
Dehiattakandiya	35.16-52.00	48.00-55.00	48.17	52.27	42.67	-4.10	-7.84	5.50	12.90
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	37.00-56.00	52.00-56.00	51.05	53.98	-	-2.92	-5.42	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	35.00-58.00	56.00-60.00	44.77	58.20	-	-13.43	-23.07	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	50.00-58.00	56.00-60.00	54.10	58.60	-	-4.50	-7.68	-	-
Hambantota	40.00-55.00	60.00-63.00	51.00	61.30	39.05	-10.30	-16.80	11.95	30.60
Embilipitiya	52.00-60.00	58.00-61.00	57.08	59.56	38.06	-2.49	-4.17	19.02	49.98

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices, Demand, and Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Wholesale market for rice was unstable during the month due to low supplies as well as high prices. The government regulated a maximum retail price for *Samba* and *Nadu* in December 2019. As a result, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties, except for raw red had decreased with the highest price decreased of 4.3% for *Nadu II*. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 46% for raw red.

According to the department of customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 3,648 mt of rice had been imported during January 2020. The total value of importing rice was Rs.392.1 million in January.

### Retail Prices

The retail prices of *Samba* and *Nadu* stopped at the government regulate price of Rs.98.00/kg and prices had decreed by Rs.7.00/kg compared to the previous month. Meanwhile, the retail price of raw red and raw white had increased by 3% and 1% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 33% for raw red.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice –January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	-	-	105.06	107.98	-	-	-	-
Samba 2	90.00-97.00	94.60	98.17	100.36	-3.57	-3.64	-5.76	-5.74
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	103.00	90.00	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-97.00	94.66	98.97	84.36	-4.31	-4.36	10.30	12.21
Raw red	90.00-110.00	102.89	102.75	70.58	0.14	0.14	32.31	45.78
Raw white	88.00-102.00	97.55	100.75	80.45	-3.20	-3.18	17.10	21.26
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	98.00-98.00	98.00	105.46	115.44	-7.46	-7.08	-17.44	-15.11
Samba 2	-	-	100.42	-	-	-	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	98.00-98.00	98.00	105.60	93.00	-7.60	-7.19	5.00	5.38
Nadu 2	-	-	100.99	-	-	-	-	-
Raw red	105.00-115.00	110.60	107.46	83.12	3.14	2.92	27.48	33.06
Raw white	100.00-110.00	108.50	107.48	90.02	1.02	0.95	18.49	20.54
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	160.36	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chill in *Maha* 2019/20 season was 10,449 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that, 5,485 ha have been cultivated as at the end of December 2019 representing 53% of the target. Both the highest targeted extent (2,986 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (1,418 ha) were recorded in Anuradhapura district and it is representing 48% of the targeted extent in that district. Expected production of green chilli is 27,079 mt and out of that, 56% will be contributed by Anuradhapura (27%), Moneragala (15%) and Puttalam (14%) districts.

**Table 2.1.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli in *Maha* 2019/20**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of December 2019		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	2,986	1,418	48	7,290
Moneragala	790	571	73	3,821
Puttalam	835	425	51	3,767
Jaffna	568	214	38	1,327
Kurunegala	254	167	66	904
Hambantota	257	206	81	851
Ampara	499	292	59	921
Badulla	428	297	70	958
Other areas	3,832	1,895	50	7,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,449</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>27,079</b>

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

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli had decreased from main producing areas and both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.24.00/kg and Rs.51.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.238.0/kg and Rs.432.00/kg respectively and both prices had increased by about 4% and 2% respectively when compared to the same period of last year. Prices of green chilli will be decreased during the next month (February) due to commencement of the harvesting season.

A quantity of 3,080 mt of dried chillies was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 2,098 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.387.11/kg and it was an increase of Rs.18.90/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.64.00/kg and Rs.50.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 84% and 72% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli-January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	180.00-280.00	238.00	213.53	229.37	24.47	11.46	8.63	3.76
Dried Chilli	485.00-510.00	497.94	433.58	270.48	64.36	14.84	227.46	84.10
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	240.00-600.00	432.08	381.37	424.03	50.71	13.30	8.05	1.90
Dried Chilli	500.00-600.00	568.88	518.89	330.31	49.99	9.63	238.57	72.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli-Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2020	3,080	1,192.4	387.11	568.88	181.77
Dec 2019	5,178	1,906.7	368.21	518.89	150.68
Nov 2019	4,700	1,700.5	361.82	502.09	140.27
Oct 2019	4,053	1,456.9	359.50	484.80	125.30
Sep 2019	5,086	1,672.2	328.77	434.22	105.46
Aug 2019	2,952	841.8	285.19	371.46	86.27

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

**Table 2.1.4: Producer prices of green chilli (Rs/kg) January 2020**

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	161.50	220.00	262.00	238.00
Hambantota	255.00	310.00	300.00	230.00
Embilipitiya	310.83	331.67	331.67	384.00
Puttalam	-	198.00	284.00	258.00
A'Pura	206.00	236.00	293.33	270.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

### Crop Situation

Total targeted extent of red onion for *Maha* 2019/20 was 3,935 ha and about 1,621 ha had been cultivated by the end of December 2019 achieving 41% of the target. The highest targeted extent (1,900 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (959 ha) was reported from Jaffna district. Around 10 ha of red onion land in Jaffna district has been damaged by rainy weather condition. The targeted extent of red onion in Puttalam district was 710 ha and 348 ha were cultivated by the end of December 2019, representing 49% of the targeted extent in Puttalam. Red onion cultivation in Mampuri, Nawakkadu, Daluwa, Nirmalapura and Narakkalliya in Puttalam district mainly reserved for the leafy onion. In Norochcholai, Ilanthadiya, Thihariya, Eththala and Thalawila areas in Puththlam district has been cultivated red onion mainly for the selling in the form of red onion bulb. The expected production of *Maha* 2019/20 is 24,160 mt and out of that, 92% of production will be arrived to the market from Jaffna (55%), Puttalam (30%) and Trincomalee (7%) districts.

### 2.2.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion in Maha 2019/20

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of December 2019		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1,900	959	50	13,258
Puttalam	710	348	49	7,261
Trincomalee	753	157	21	1,797
Other areas	572	157	27	1,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,935</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24,160</b>

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

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market and a quantity of 22,634 mt of big onion was imported from Pakistan (57%), Netherland (24%), Turkey (11%), Egypt (3%) and rest of the 5% from Spain, Iran, China, France and United Arab Emirates during this month. It was a decrease of 7,266 mt compared to previous month. Indian big onion stocks were not imported during this month. However, average CIF price was Rs.96.13/kg for imported big onion and it had decreased by Rs.5.40/kg compared to that of the last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.26.00/kg and Rs.20.00/kg respectively.

Supply of sinnan red onion has increased slightly from Jaffna and wholesale price has decreased by about Rs.75.00/kg. Vedalan red onion was not available at both wholesale and retail markets. About 1,655 mt of red onion was imported from Thailand (96%), China (3%) and Indonesia (1%) during this month. It was an increase of 768 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.265.63/kg for imported red onion and it has increased by Rs.3.29/kg compared to that of the last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has decreased slightly by about Rs.1.00/kg, while retail price has decreased by Rs.62.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about 206% and 194% respectively.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion -January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	320.00-350.00	340.00	415.00	-	-75.00	-18.07	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	540.67	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	200.00-520.00	418.88	419.50	137.09	-0.63	-0.15	281.79	205.55
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-135.00	100.21	126.44	56.95	-26.23	-20.75	43.26	75.96
Big Onion (Local)			-		-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	608.84	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	500.00-680.00	594.62	656.67	202.18	-62.05	-9.45	392.43	194.10
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-200.00	158.34	178.67	85.22	-20.33	-11.38	73.12	85.81
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI



**Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF, and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Jan ,2020	96.13	100.21	158.34	4.08	58.14
	Dec,2019	101.53	126.44	178.67	24.91	52.23
	Jan , 2019	40.01	56.95	85.22	16.94	28.27
Red onion	Jan ,2020	265.63	418.88	594.62	153.25	175.74
	Dec,2019	262.34	419.50	656.67	157.16	237.17
	Jan , 2019	93.80	137.09	202.18	43.29	65.10

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**

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Jan, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2019	Dec, 2019
Red Onion	1,655	887	439.6	232.6	265.63	262.34
Big Onion	22,634	29,000	2,175.7	2,944.3	96.13	101.53

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

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion  
Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2020	22,634	96.13	100.21	158.34	62.22
Dec 2019	29,000	101.53	126.44	178.67	77.15
Nov 2019	25,961	83.78	125.63	192.69	108.91
Oct 2019	20,928	91.48	179.63	248.02	156.54
Sep 2019	5,171	109.24	155.81	167.17	57.92
Aug 2019	16,999	63.46	108.37	132.13	68.68

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

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *Maha* 2019/20 is 2,686 ha and about 959 ha had been cultivated by the end of December achieving 36% of the target. In December, about 361 ha of potato were cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to end of December, the expected production of potato is 15,422 mt for this *Maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,132 ha and about 248 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of December (22% progress). Compared to the same period of last *Maha* season, the cultivated extent is at low level during this *Maha* season in the district with prevailed bad weather condition for new cultivation. During the month, only 60 ha of potatoes were cultivated in the Nuwara Eliya district.

The targeted extent for this *Maha* season is 1,432 ha in the Badulla district and 621 ha have been cultivated by the end of December achieving 43% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at a low level compared to the same period of last *Maha* season in the district. In December, about 211 ha of potatoes were cultivated in Badulla district. As the *Yala*

harvesting of potato was over in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in December and January.

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato up to end of December (Maha 2019/20)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Maha 2018/19*	Maha 2019/20	Maha 2018/19*	Maha 2019/20		
N'Eliya	1,323	1,132	383	248	22	4,689
Badulla	1,502	1,432	838	621	43	9,356
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15,422</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2019/20, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

\*Crop Forecast, Maha 2018/19, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 14,651 mt of potato had been imported in January, which was 295 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Special commodity levy on imported potatoes have been reduced from Rs.50.00/kg to Rs.25.00/kg with effect from 25/12/2019. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan (82%) and India (16%). Compared to January 2019 (21,206 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.56.00/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. Stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato were only available in the market. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.149.00/kg. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased by 3% and 1% respectively. Further, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 34% and 16% respectively due to ample stocks, available in the market with the decreased tax for imported potato. During the month of January, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.155.00-200.00/kg and Rs.75.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (6%) and imported (32%) potatoes have increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further till February as the new harvesting will be commenced in February from Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes-Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2020	14,651	815.84	55.69	137.70	82.01
Dec 2019	14,946	927.49	62.06	159.39	97.34
Nov 2019	9,697	517.68	53.39	139.86	86.47
Oct 2019	7,550	391.41	51.84	133.94	82.10
Sep 2019	10,490	505.32	48.17	134.36	86.19
Aug 2019	9,659	459.23	47.54	140.89	93.35

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

**Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	167.50	104.06	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	115.00-180.00	149.00	156.80	113.75	-7.80	-5.23	35.25	23.66
Imported – CIF	51.08-78.21	55.69	41.29	33.23	14.39	25.85	22.46	40.33
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	157.43	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	155.00-200.00	175.42	181.08	-	-5.67	-3.23	-	-
Imported	75.00-110.00	94.34	126.55	53.48	-32.20	-34.14	40.86	43.31
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-280.00	230.30	232.91	215.71	-2.62	-1.14	14.58	6.33
Imported	100.00-180.00	137.70	159.39	93.77	-21.69	-15.75	43.93	31.90
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		81.30	76.11	101.96	5.18	6.37	-20.67	-25.42
Imported (RP-CIF)		82.01	118.10	60.54	-36.09	-44.00	21.48	26.19
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		54.88	51.83	-	3.05	5.55	-	-
Imported		43.36	32.85	40.29	10.51	24.24	3.07	7.08

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 68% of its targeted extent as at end of December in *Maha* 2019/20 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has increased by 4,672 ha in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Maha* 2018/19). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 6,616mt which is an increase around 44% compared to the previous year green gram production.

**Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of a Green gram and Cowpea**

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2019	Expected Production (mt)
		Maha 2018/19	Maha 2019/20	Maha 2018/19	Maha 2019/20		
Green gram	Hambantota	2,078	7,112	1,073	6,339	89	4,480
	Monaragala	1,327	653	559	407	62	419
	Kurunegala	779	467	229	224	48	218
	Other districts	4,146	3,839	1,680	1,243	32	1,499
	Sri Lanka	8,330	1,2071	3,541	8,213	68	6,616
Cowpea	Ampara	4,284	4,400	358	193	4	251
	Monaragala	965	1,234	684	757	61	757
	Anuradhapura	722	618	423	339	55	630
	Other districts	3,664	3,473	2,220	1,915	55	2,006
	Sri Lanka	9,635	9,725	3,685	3,204	33	3,644

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast *Maha* 2019/20 & 2018/19, Volume 02, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 33% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 3,644mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2019/20 *Maha* season and those districts will contribute for 45% of the total production. Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts highlighted a better performance while progress of Ampara district was 4% of its target.

### Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.290/kg with an average of Rs.282/kg in January 2020. The average price has increased by 15% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 21%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.280/kg and Rs.320/kg with an average of Rs.302/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has increased by 7%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased to around 18% (Table 2.4.2).

**Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	260.00-290.00	281.75	244.95	233.03	36.80	15.02	48.72	20.91
Cowpea (White)	240.00-250.00	246.31	233.00	225.76	13.31	5.71	20.55	9.10
Cowpea (Red)	230.00-250.00	238.25	214.00	219.79	24.25	11.33	18.46	8.40
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	280.00-320.00	302.03	282.54	256.53	19.49	6.90	45.50	17.74
Cowpea (White)	260.00-320.00	297.64	285.97	273.31	11.67	4.08	24.32	8.90
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-320.00	300.76	293.48	274.91	7.28	2.48	25.85	9.40

*Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI*

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.246/kg and Rs.238/kg respectively in January 2020. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240/kg and Rs.250/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.230/kg and Rs.250/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by around 6% and red cowpea has increased by around 11%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 9% and the wholesale price of the red cowpea has increased by around 8% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.298/kg and Rs.301/kg respectively. The retail price of both white cowpea and red cowpea ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.320/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea has been increased by around 4% while red cowpea has increased by around 2%. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of white and red cowpea has been increased by around 9% (Table 2.4.2).

A total of 1,229 mt of green gram has been imported during this month, and it has increased around 70% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of green gram was Rs.183.35/kg, which was increased by about 7% compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.225.41 million which has increased by 83% out of the total value spent on green gram importation compared to December 2019. Green gram has been imported from several countries, which are Myanmar (84%), Argentina (12%), Uzbekistan (2%), and Australia (2%).

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2020	1,229	225.41	183.35	302.03	118.67
Dec 2019	723	123.29	170.53	282.54	112.01
Nov 2019	752	123.76	164.56	287.93	123.37
Oct 2019	1,163	194.53	167.34	282.16	114.82
Sep 2019	1,103	182.71	165.59	281.26	115.67
Aug 2019	1,593	263.22	165.26	283.47	118.21

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

According to the table 2.4.4, a total of 413 mt of white cowpea have been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been decreased by 19% compared to the imported quantity of December 2019. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.142/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been decreased by 15% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.58.56 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Brazil (37%), Myanmar (23%), India (17%), Madagascar (17%) and Turkey (6%).

**Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea-Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2020	413	58.56	141.81	297.64	155.82
Dec 2019	510	69.28	135.91	285.97	150.05
Nov 2019	1,067	144.65	135.57	292.20	156.63
Oct 2019	1,371	178.03	129.81	289.84	160.02
Sep 2019	797	100.74	126.35	281.73	155.39
Aug 2019	622	79.42	127.62	281.77	154.15

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

**Table 2.4.5: Monthly average CIF, wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Jan ,2020	183.35	281.75	302.03	98.40	20.28
	Dec,2019	170.53	244.95	282.54	74.43	37.58
	Jan , 2019	158.59	233.03	256.53	74.44	23.49
Cowpea (White)	Jan ,2020	141.81	246.31	297.64	104.49	51.33
	Dec,2019	135.91	233.00	285.97	97.09	52.97
	Jan , 2019	116.28	225.76	273.31	109.48	47.55
Cowpea (Red)	Jan ,2020	-	238.25	300.76	-	62.51
	Dec,2019	-	214.00	293.48	-	79.48
	Jan , 2019	-	219.79	274.91	-	55.12

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

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.120/kg and Rs.132/kg with an average of Rs.128/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.130/kg and Rs.150/kg with an average of Rs.140/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.12/kg during this month. Wholesale price has increased by 11% and the retail price has increased by 5% compared with the

December 2019. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices have been increased by 13% and 9% respectively.

**Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal – January 2020**

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	120.00-132.00	128.22	115.28	113.50	12.94	11.23	14.72	12.96
Retail Price	130.00-150.00	140.11	133.37	128.88	6.73	5.05	11.23	8.71

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 13,016 mt of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.80.53/kg and CIF price has been increased around 6% compared to the previous month. Imported total quantity was decreased by 34% compared to previous month. Total quantity was of the whole type of red dhal. From the whole type of red dhal quantity, 69% have been imported from Australia while 31% have been received from Canada. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs. 1,048 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal  
Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Jan - 2020	13,016	80.53	128.22	140.11	47.69	11.89
Dec 2019	19,642	76.23	115.28	133.37	39.04	18.10
Nov 2019	22,041	74.42	108.08	128.54	33.66	20.47
Oct 2019	18,707	76.60	107.15	128.15	30.55	21.00
Sep 2019	9,372	80.11	106.71	127.23	26.61	20.52
Aug 2019	7,737	80.80	104.28	124.47	23.47	20.19

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

Dry weather condition was experienced in most of the vegetable producing areas during the month of January (Table 08). The cultivation of *Maha* (2019/20) season was in progress in most of the producing area, and reached to a satisfactory level of cultivation progress. The total targeted extent including both up-country and low-country vegetables was 47, 176 ha and 56% of the target had been achieved by the end of December-2019. The target for up-country vegetables was 14,871ha and 50% of the target had been achieved. Beans (2,284ha), capsicum (1,229ha), and cabbage (1,010ha) were the mostly cultivated up-country vegetables. Among up-country vegetables, highest production is expected from cabbage (27,164mt) followed by beans (22,919mt). Regarding the low-country vegetable cultivation, 59% of the target (32,305ha) had been achieved by the end of December-2019. The mostly cultivated low-country vegetables were brinjals (3,463ha), long beans (3,187ha), okra (2,658ha), and pumpkin (2,525ha). Among low-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from brinjals (41,732mt) and pumpkin (35,465mt) (Crop Forecast, *Maha* 2019/20, Vol.02 Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA).

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties were further lowered in most of the markets. During the month of January, vegetable stocks started to receive from Puttlam and Jaffna, and about 60mt from each area supplied to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center (DEC) on daily basis. However, compared to the same period in previous years, supplies from Puttlam and Jaffna have decreased by about 40%. In general, about 500mt-600mt supplied on daily basis.

The prices of most of the vegetable varieties have further increased during the month because of prevailed low stock position in the market. Among up-country vegetables, the wholesale prices of carrot, cabbage and beans have increased by 61%, 27%, and 10% respectively while that of remaining up-country vegetable increased by 2%-7%. With regard to the wholesale prices of low-country vegetables, the supplies of tomato and pumpkin were very limited in the market; hence, the wholesale prices have increased by 141% and 106% respectively. The wholesale prices of rest of the low-country vegetable varieties except for brinjals, cucumber and bitter guard have increased in the range of 6%-49%. In contrast, the wholesale prices of brinjals, cucumber and bitter guard have decreased by 23%, 18%, and 6% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased between 42% (Ash plantain) and 407% (carrot).

The price behavior in the retail market observed a similar fashion as in the wholesale market. The retail prices of all the up-country vegetable varieties have increased within the range of 5%-43% recording the highest for carrot and the lowest for beans. The retail prices of most of the low-country vegetable too have increased by 7%-94%. The highest price increase of 94% was recorded for tomato, while that of lowest noted for snake guard and ash plantain. The prices for vegetables are expected to come down during next month as the production from *Maha* season (2019/20) is expected.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased between 29 % (ash plantain) and 201% (tomato).

**Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables –January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-350.00	268.00	242.80	94.34	25.20	10.38	173.66	184.07
Carrot	260.00-400.00	365.50	227.60	72.08	137.90	60.59	293.42	407.05
Leeks	180.00-350.00	278.00	272.60	70.10	5.40	1.98	207.90	296.55
Beetroot	100.00-250.00	195.09	185.68	103.69	9.41	5.07	91.40	88.15
Knolkhol	90.00-180.00	144.25	135.40	65.83	8.85	6.54	78.42	119.11
Radish	50.00-100.00	80.00	74.60	26.46	5.40	7.24	53.54	202.36
Cabbage	80.00-150.00	111.36	87.79	41.48	23.58	26.86	69.88	168.46
Tomato	150.00-400.00	288.25	119.80	59.13	168.45	140.61	229.12	387.45
Ladies Fingers	130.00-200.00	177.00	119.10	69.95	57.90	48.61	107.05	153.03
Brinjal	60.00-280.00	153.82	200.92	78.76	-47.11	-23.45	75.06	95.30
Capsicum	250.00-320.00	291.75	227.80	165.21	63.95	28.07	126.54	76.60
Pumpkin	35.00-150.00	73.38	35.70	16.85	37.68	105.53	56.52	335.44
Cucumber	50.00-90.00	73.05	88.50	38.44	-15.45	-17.46	34.61	90.04
Bittergourd	140.00-220.00	173.79	185.77	107.90	-11.98	-6.45	65.89	61.07
Snakegourd	100.00-150.00	128.50	121.80	48.33	6.70	5.50	80.17	165.86
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.00-180.00	149.75	139.60	97.37	10.15	7.27	52.38	53.79
Long Beans	120.00-180.00	150.25	141.90	50.69	8.35	5.88	99.56	196.41
Ash Plantain	80.00-100.00	94.00	85.49	66.19	8.51	9.95	27.81	42.01
Green Chilli	180.00-280.00	238.00	213.53	229.37	24.47	11.46	8.63	3.76
Lime	30.00-60.00	42.16	60.80	93.96	-18.64	-30.66	-51.80	-55.13

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables –January 2020**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	270.00-480.00	358.71	342.80	159.26	15.91	4.64	199.44	125.23
Carrot	320.00-600.00	448.07	314.29	151.65	133.78	42.57	296.42	195.47
Leeks	280.00-480.00	401.36	375.63	153.54	25.73	6.85	247.82	161.40
Beetroot	160.00-480.00	307.38	274.71	166.44	32.67	11.89	140.94	84.68
Knolkhol	160.00-320.00	257.90	223.40	158.66	34.50	15.44	99.24	62.55
Radish	100.00-280.00	173.11	156.57	106.98	16.54	10.57	66.13	61.81
Cabbage	140.00-280.00	209.40	189.41	126.22	19.99	10.55	83.18	65.90
Tomato	200.00-600.00	404.41	208.70	134.29	195.71	93.78	270.12	201.14
Ladies Fingers	200.00-360.00	278.22	212.13	141.99	66.09	31.16	136.24	95.95
Brinjal	120.00-480.00	240.38	283.31	144.90	-42.93	-15.15	95.48	65.89
Capsicum	300.00-500.00	404.17	345.31	265.28	58.86	17.05	138.89	52.35
Pumpkin	70.00-240.00	140.27	116.18	86.75	24.09	20.74	53.52	61.69
Cucumber	100.00-200.00	151.37	152.22	100.80	-0.85	-0.56	50.57	50.17
Bittergourd	180.00-380.00	296.52	300.02	188.75	-3.50	-1.17	107.77	57.10
Snakegourd	120.00-300.00	218.88	203.87	123.24	15.01	7.36	95.63	77.60
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	150.00-320.00	260.05	220.48	174.86	39.57	17.95	85.19	48.72
Long Beans	160.00-320.00	244.52	219.97	134.84	24.55	11.16	109.68	81.34
Ash Plantain	120.00-200.00	173.12	161.09	134.17	12.02	7.46	38.95	29.03
Green Chilli	240.00-600.00	432.08	381.37	424.03	50.71	13.30	8.05	1.90
Lime	60.00-300.00	178.46	273.44	328.42	-94.99	-34.74	-149.96	-45.66

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

#### 4. Fruits

##### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in December 2019, wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties except banana, orange and slime apple had increased in January 2020. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 11%, 7% and 5% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.119.47/fruit, Rs.156.75/fruit and Rs.193.27/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-220.00/fruit. Price of mango variety, Karthakolomban had increased significantly by 119% and price range recorded for a fruit was Rs.60.00-150.00. Price of papaw had increased by 25%, and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.64.48/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-90.00/kg. In addition, 181% and 87% price increases were noted for passion fruit and wood apple respectively. Further, prices of avocado and imported grapes had increased by 27% and 6% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 6%-15% and prices of Kolikuttu, Seeni and Ambul had decreased by 15%, 11% and 9% respectively and price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.80.00-140.00/kg, Rs.40.00-70.00/kg and Rs.20.00-70.00/kg respectively. In addition, prices of both Anamalu and Ambun had decreased by 6% and prices ranged between Rs.10.00-14.00/fruit and Rs.13.00-18.00/fruit respectively. In addition, as stated earlier, prices of slime apple and orange had also decreased by 30% and 27% respectively (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2019, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 60% recorded for papaw (Table 4.1).



In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of all the fruit varieties except banana varieties, Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun and orange and slime apple had increased at the retail level too. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 9%, 5% and 4% respectively. Further, price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.120.00-280.00/fruit. Price of mango variety, Karthakolomban had increased significantly by 113% compared to the previous month and price of a fruit was noted as Rs.60.00-200.00. Price of papaw had increased by 8% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-150.00/kg. Prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu had increased by less than one percent and their price ranges were noted as Rs.60.00-140.00/kg and Rs.160.00-240.00/kg respectively. Further, prices of passion fruit, wood apple and avocado had increased by 72%, 26% and 9% respectively. In addition, price of imported grapes had increased by 4% (Table 4.2).

However, prices of banana varieties, Seeni had recorded a price decrease of 6% while, Ambun and Anamalu had recorded a price decrease of 2% and their prices ranged between Rs.80.00-140.00/kg, Rs.20.00-28.00/fruit and Rs.16.00-22.00/fruit respectively. In addition, prices of slime apple and orange had decreased by 21% and 19% respectively and their prices were noted as Rs.25.00-80.00/fruit and Rs.28.00-80.00/fruit respectively (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2019, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for avocado as 59% (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the prices in December, 2019. Further, the prices had increased by 11% and 7% for Kolikuttu and Ambul respectively and it was a 5% price increase for papaw. Producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.28.00-65.00/kg, Rs.93.00-133.00/kg and Rs.45.00-55.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to January 2019, producer prices had increased for Ambul by 16% and for Kolikuttu by 34% and it was a price decrease for papaw by 59% (Table 4.3).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	20.00-70.00	47.08	51.76	46.76	-4.67	-9.03	0.32	0.69
Kolikuttu (Kg)	80.00-140.00	118.57	139.32	108.06	-20.74	-14.89	10.52	9.73
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-70.00	58.96	65.92	63.93	-6.97	-10.57	-4.97	-7.78
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-14.00	12.17	12.92	11.18	-0.75	-5.84	0.99	8.84
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-18.00	15.29	16.23	16.10	-0.94	-5.77	-0.81	-5.02
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	150.00-220.00	193.27	184.01	160.42	9.27	5.04	32.86	20.48
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-180.00	156.75	146.40	129.23	10.35	7.07	27.52	21.30
Small (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	119.47	107.99	90.87	11.48	10.63	28.61	31.48
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	20.23	27.00	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	98.92	45.20	85.56	53.72	118.86	13.36	15.62
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	21.71	34.39	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	12.50	-	-	-	-
<b>Papaw (Kg)</b>	40.00-90.00	64.48	51.58	160.69	12.90	25.02	-96.22	-59.87
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	17.00-38.00	26.94	9.58	22.24	17.35	181.09	4.69	21.10
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	16.00-36.00	24.00	12.83	15.37	11.17	87.01	8.63	56.13
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	20.00-35.00	27.02	36.88	38.39	-9.87	-26.75	-11.37	-29.62
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	35.00-60.00	47.64	37.56	109.26	10.09	26.86	-61.62	-56.40
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	13.00-25.00	17.17	24.59	25.11	-7.42	-30.17	-7.94	-31.63
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	457.00-777.00	622.72	587.97	655.02	34.75	5.91	-32.30	-4.93

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits–January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-140.00	104.81	104.45	104.33	0.36	0.34	0.48	0.46
Kolikuttu (Kg)	160.00-240.00	200.95	200.61	192.13	0.34	0.17	8.82	4.59
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-140.00	108.78	116.01	117.00	-7.23	-6.23	-8.22	-7.03
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-22.00	18.10	18.56	17.43	-0.47	-2.51	0.67	3.83
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-28.00	22.64	23.13	21.79	-0.49	-2.11	0.85	3.91
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	235.59	227.30	219.17	8.30	3.65	16.42	7.49
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	172.93	164.03	153.79	8.90	5.42	19.14	12.44
Small (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	134.74	123.91	108.28	10.83	8.74	26.46	24.44
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00-200.00	142.47	67.01	145.48	75.45	112.59	-3.01	-2.07
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	39.55	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Papaw (Kg)</b>	80.00-150.00	118.62	109.62	218.76	8.99	8.20	-100.15	-45.78
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	20.00-58.00	40.09	23.26	33.12	16.83	72.37	6.97	21.04
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	25.00-80.00	46.45	36.88	49.66	9.57	25.94	-3.22	-6.48
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	28.00-80.00	49.42	61.12	68.91	-11.70	-19.15	-19.49	-28.28
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	40.00-150.00	90.16	82.73	218.57	7.44	8.99	-128.41	-58.75
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	25.00-80.00	50.64	63.95	64.60	-13.31	-20.82	-13.96	-21.61
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	800.00-1000.00	889.76	854.11	842.78	35.65	4.17	46.97	5.57

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,068mt of fresh fruits in January, 2020 to the value of Rs. 111mn. Of the exported quantity, 88% were fresh papaw, 5% were fresh oranges, 4% were fresh pineapple and 3% were fresh mangoes. Further, nearly five metric tons of fresh avocados also had been exported. However, it was less than 1% of the total exported quantity of the month. In the month of December 2019, the quantity exported was 1,061mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had not changed significantly (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,171mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 599mn. Of the imported quantity, 69% were apple, 16% were oranges and 15% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were China, South Africa, Italy, the United States and France. Egypt and China were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported mainly from China and India. In the month of December, 2019, the quantity imported was 2,853mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 11% (Table 4.5).

**Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits–January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.86-65.00	44.07	41.10	38.10	2.98	7.24	5.97	15.67
Kolikuttu	93.33-133.33	114.10	102.78	85.15	11.32	11.01	28.95	34.00
Papaw	45.00-55.40	50.78	48.49	124.34	2.29	4.71	-73.56	-59.16

Source; Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits -Nov 2019 - Jan 2020**

Type of Fruit	Jan - 2020			Dec - 2019			Nov - 2019		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Pineapples, fresh	37.58	14.40	383.33	25.11	11.34	451.56	41.00	15.72	383.54
Papaws (papayas), fresh	943.74	74.47	78.91	985.37	133.19	135.17	1147.07	107.47	93.69
Mangoes, fresh	31.24	17.31	554.07	45.50	30.20	663.69	57.30	28.84	503.29
Avocados, fresh	4.77	2.41	506.17	5.12	2.49	485.66	4.98	2.19	439.88
Oranges, fresh	51.00	2.41	47.33	0.15	0.01	73.03	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits–Nov 2019 to Jan 2020**

Type of Fruit	Jan - 2020			Dec - 2019			Nov - 2019		
	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	2,180	352.67	161.80	1,800	250.50	139.19	2,443	368.97	151.05
Grapes	483	182.49	378.08	716	251.24	350.86	646	191.04	295.52
Oranges	508	63.75	125.40	337	52.25	155.08	453	73.96	163.16

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

## 5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the previous month, stock position of most of the fish varieties have increased during this month. Supplies of Balaya and Kelawalla increased from Gale, Matara, and Beruwala, while, Hurulla received from Kalpitiya and Mullativu. Mannar, Kalpitiya, Galle and Trincomalee were the major supplying areas for Salaya. Stocks of Thalpath have arrived from Negambo and Beruwala, while Thora received from Northern Province, shrimps from Jaffna. Therefore, the wholesale prices of most of fish varieties have decreased by 1%-9% due to increase the stock position in the market. The highest price decrease of 9% was recorded for Salaya, Balaya, and Kelawalla. In contrast, the wholesale price of Mora has increased nearly 1% due to decline the

supplies from Northern Province. However, the wholesale prices of all the fish varieties had increased by 2%-80% in comparison to month of January in last year.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish–January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	180.00-250.00	213.25	235.51	134.31	-22.26	-9.45	78.94	58.77
Hurulla	400.00-600.00	464.00	469.13	257.23	-5.13	-1.09	206.77	80.38
Balaya	300.00-450.00	376.00	413.00	257.20	-37.00	-8.96	118.80	46.19
Kelawalla	500.00-650.00	560.25	619.00	549.69	-58.75	-9.49	10.56	1.92
Thora	1200.00-1500.00	1353.75	1390.00	1062.74	-36.25	-2.61	291.01	27.38
Paraw	500.00-750.00	623.75	652.20	565.28	-28.45	-4.36	58.47	10.34
Mora	500.00-700.00	615.00	609.00	575.83	6.00	0.99	39.17	6.80
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1000.00	863.75	938.00	823.90	-74.25	-7.92	39.85	4.84
Thalapath	700.00-1000.00	856.25	869.00	731.56	-12.75	-1.47	124.69	17.04
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	240.00-400.00	303.24	293.49	229.33	9.75	3.32	73.91	32.23
Hurulla	440.00-800.00	584.79	544.60	417.29	40.19	7.38	167.50	40.14
Balaya	480.00-920.00	656.26	659.37	609.47	-3.10	-0.47	46.80	7.68
Kelawalla	800.00-1240.00	986.09	1021.13	955.20	-35.04	-3.43	30.89	3.23
Thora	1400.00-2000.00	1641.42	1641.42	1496.63	0.00	0.00	144.79	9.67
Paraw	800.00-1400.00	1118.66	1085.60	1037.87	33.06	3.04	80.79	7.78
Mora	650.00-1120.00	852.08	763.33	915.37	88.75	11.63	-63.29	-6.91
Shrimp (small)	1000.00-1400.00	1183.75	1187.72	1053.98	-3.97	-0.33	129.77	12.31
Thalapath	1100.00-1400.00	1254.08	1246.33	1184.46	7.74	0.62	69.61	5.88

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The retail price of Kelawalla has decreased by 3% followed by Balaya and shrimps as less than 1%. However, prices of the rest of the fish varieties have increased by 1%-12%. The highest price range of Rs.1400.00/kg-2000.00/kg was recorded for Thora, while the lowest price range was observed for salaya (Rs.240.00-400.00/kg). Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fish varieties had increased by 3%-40%.

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The stock position for the most of dried fish varieties were further limited in the market during this month too. Therefore, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have increased by 1%-13%. The highest price increase of 13% was recorded for Salaya due to reduce the stocks from Negambo, Chilaw and Mullativu. The Supply of Balaya has limited from Negambo and Beruwala, hence, the price has increased by 11%. Supplies of local Maduwa have decreased from Negambo and Jaffna, while imports reduced from Dubai and China. Therefore, wholesale prices of both local and imported Maduwa have increased by 9% and 4% respectively. The price of Sprats has increased by 5% -7% mainly because of lowering the imported stocks from Dubai and Iran. Further, stocks of Anguluwa(local) had been reduced from Jaffna, while the quality of imported stocks from Oman and Pakistan has increased. Therefore, the wholesale prices of both

local and imported Anguluwa have increased by 3%-6%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 1%-28%.

The price behavior of the wholesale market was more or less depicted in the retail market too. The retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties have increased by 1%-4%, recording the highest for Balaya. The highest price range of Rs.1450.00-2200.00/kg was reported for Thora, while the lowest price range of Rs.480.00-800.00/kg was observed for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 2%-12%.

**Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish –January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>								
Sprats	850.00-1050.00	958.50	916.58	1073.31	41.92	4.57	-	-10.70
Sprats (imported)	440.00-580.00	501.00	466.60	577.57	34.40	7.37	-76.57	-13.26
Kattawa	950.00-1050.00	985.25	978.00	902.50	7.25	0.74	82.75	9.17
Kattawa (imported)	820.00-950.00	902.00	878.05	799.75	23.95	2.73	102.25	12.79
Thora	-	-	1411.11	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	1250.00-1350.00	1306.25	1322.22	1200.56	-15.97	-1.21	105.69	8.80
Mora	800.00-900.00	833.00	843.89	862.00	-10.89	-1.29	-29.00	-3.36
Mora (imported)	650.00-850.00	777.25	784.80	785.50	-7.55	-0.96	-8.25	-1.05
Balaya	480.00-600.00	543.69	491.46	473.50	52.23	10.63	70.19	14.82
Balaya (imported)	-	-	483.33	605.56	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	1000.00-1150.00	1085.57	1023.55	845.42	62.02	6.06	240.15	28.41
Anguluwa (imported)	800.00-960.00	897.75	872.84	785.36	24.91	2.85	112.39	14.31
Maduwa	480.00-650.00	570.00	521.80	533.26	48.20	9.24	36.74	6.89
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-480.00	416.75	402.50	414.58	14.25	3.54	2.17	0.52
Salaya	300.00-400.00	363.00	322.00	324.60	41.00	12.73	38.40	11.83
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	728.10	708.84	735.09	19.27	2.72	-6.99	-0.95
Sprats	1000.00-1500.00	1206.16	1190.71	1245.41	15.44	1.30	-39.25	-3.15
Kattawa	1100.00-1600.00	1380.84	1379.74	1251.25	1.10	0.08	129.60	10.36
Thora	1450.00-2200.00	1847.21	1850.65	1650.28	-3.44	-0.19	196.92	11.93
Mora	900.00-1400.00	1168.45	1180.35	1149.43	-11.90	-1.01	19.02	1.66
Balaya	650.00-1200.00	923.65	891.91	878.36	31.73	3.56	45.29	5.16
Anguluwa	1000.00-1600.00	1206.92	1192.91	1101.19	14.02	1.18	105.73	9.60
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	740.48	728.68	755.00	11.79	1.62	-14.52	-1.92
Salaya	480.00-800.00	633.32	626.33	649.05	7.00	1.12	-15.73	-2.42

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Eggs

Supplies of both brown egg and white egg have not changed significantly during the month. Therefore, wholesale prices of both brown egg and white egg have remained unchanged. However, the retail prices of both brown egg and white egg have increased slightly by less than 1%. The retail price of brown egg and white egg ranged between Rs.20.00-21.00/each and Rs.19.00-20.00/each respectively during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices had decreased by 1% while the retail price decreased by 3%.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	19.50-19.50	19.50	19.50	19.71	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-1.06
White (each)	18.50--18.50	18.50	18.50	18.71	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-1.11
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	20.00-21.00	20.46	20.39	21.14	0.07	0.34	-0.68	-3.23
White (each)	19.00-20.00	19.43	19.35	20.14	0.07	0.39	-0.71	-3.52

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Meat

The price of curry chicken has further increased by 5% while that of pork increased by 3%. There was no significant price change recorded for the rest of the meat varieties. The highest price range of Rs.1800.00-2100.00/kg was reported for mutton while the lowest price range of Rs.450.00-660.00/kg was observed for broiler chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, the price of broiler chicken has decreased nearly 4% while that of the rest of the meat varieties had increased by 2%-9%.

**Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat –January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1100.00	996.25	997.00	978.36	-0.75	-0.08	17.89	1.83
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-660.00	530.16	532.53	549.51	-2.37	-0.45	-19.36	-3.52
Chicken (curry)	560.00-700.00	637.53	610.07	622.32	27.46	4.50	15.21	2.44
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1881.49	1885.67	1844.80	-4.18	-0.22	36.69	1.99
Pork	700.00-880.00	785.50	764.00	720.67	21.50	2.81	64.83	9.00

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

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 89,391mt. worth of 4,139mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of January. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased and it was more than one and a half in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of January had been mainly imported from Canada (52%) and the CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Russia (31%) and United States (14%) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Australia (4%). Few quantities were also imported from India and Ukraine as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.43.00-67.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.46.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by only Rs.1.00/kg during the month.

A total quantity of 2,735mt. of wheat flour worth of 184mn. had been imported during the month of January. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by nearly three

times in terms of quantity. Wheat flour for the month of January had been mainly imported from Turkey (53%) and the CIF price was Rs.63.00/kg. Wheat flour has also imported from India (18%). Few quantities were also imported from China, Hong Kong, Germany and Japan as well. The CIF price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.63.00-79.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.70.00/kg (Based on the prices of two major importing countries).

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.92.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by only Rs.1.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has also decreased by 2%.

**Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – January 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2019		Jan 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-100.00	92.17	93.20	94.43	-1.03	-1.11	-2.26	-2.40
Sugar	97.00-115.00	107.20	106.50	105.92	0.70	0.66	1.28	1.21

*Source: Department of Census and Statistics*

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain-Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
Jan - 2020	2,735	184.43	67.44	92.17	24.73
Dec 2019	929	71.66	77.12	93.20	16.08
Nov 2019	1,273	96.21	75.58	95.31	19.73
Oct 2019	564	41.30	73.19	93.37	20.18
Sep 2019	1,362	98.25	72.13	94.42	22.29
Aug 2019	619	46.11	74.50	95.95	21.45
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
Jan - 2020	89,391	4,139	46.31	92.17	45.86
Dec 2019	137,220	6,423	46.81	93.20	46.39
Nov 2019	276,039	12,582	45.58	95.31	49.73
Oct 2019	188,638	8,825	46.79	93.37	46.58
Sep 2019	147,317	7,185	48.77	94.42	45.65
Aug 2019	161,303	7,001	43.40	95.95	52.55

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

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

## Sugar

A total quantity of 45,565mt. worth of 2,933mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of January. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased and it was more than one and a half in terms of quantity. Sugar for the month of January had been mainly imported from India (92%) and its' CIF price was Rs.63.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (8%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Korea and United Arab Emirates as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.63.00-96.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.64.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar remained unchanged during the month. According to the World Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 200 points in January 2020, up by nearly

10% from December 2019. The latest increase was propelled by expectations of a 17% drop in India's sugar output, a 66% production fall in Brazil's largest producing region (the Centre-South) and a 25% contraction in Mexico's harvest.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of January, price ranged between Rs.97.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.107.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average retail price of sugar has increased by only Rs.1.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has also increased by 1%.

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- Aug 2019 to Jan 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2020	45,565	2933.3	64.38	107.20	42.82
Dec 2019	29,602	1890.4	63.86	106.50	42.64
Nov 2019	50,187	3110.2	61.97	107.02	45.05
Oct 2019	48,249	3092.9	64.10	106.95	42.84
Sep 2019	44,868	2936.5	65.45	107.00	41.55
Aug 2019	33,920	2215.5	65.32	106.81	41.50

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

**Table 7: Import of selected food items – January 2020**

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Jan 2020	Dec - 2019		Jan 2020	Dec - 2019		Jan 2020	Dec - 2019	
Rice	3,648	3,424	7	392.1	332.1	18	107.50	97.01	11
Red Onion	1,655	887	87	439.6	232.6	89	265.63	262.34	1
Big Onion	22,634	29,000	-22	2175.7	2944.3	-26	96.13	101.53	-5
Potato	14,651	14,946	-2	815.8	927.5	-12	55.69	62.06	-10
Dried Chillies	3,080	5,178	-41	1192.4	1906.7	-37	387.11	368.21	5
Masoor Dhal	13,016	19,642	-34	1048.2	1497.4	-30	80.53	76.23	6
Green Gram	1,229	723	70	225.4	123.3	83	183.35	170.53	8
Cowpea	413	510	-19	58.6	69.3	-15	141.81	135.91	4
Garlic	2,673	2,630	2	668.4	657.2	2	250.04	249.90	0
Wheat flour	2,735	929	194	184.4	71.7	157	67.44	77.12	-13
Wheat grain	89,391	137,220	-35	4139.3	6423.2	-36	46.31	46.81	-1
White crystalline cane sugar	45,565	29,602	54	2933.3	1890.4	55	64.38	63.86	1
Maize	25,193	15,811	59	1095.68	696.54	57	43.49	44.05	-1

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI



**Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – January 2020**

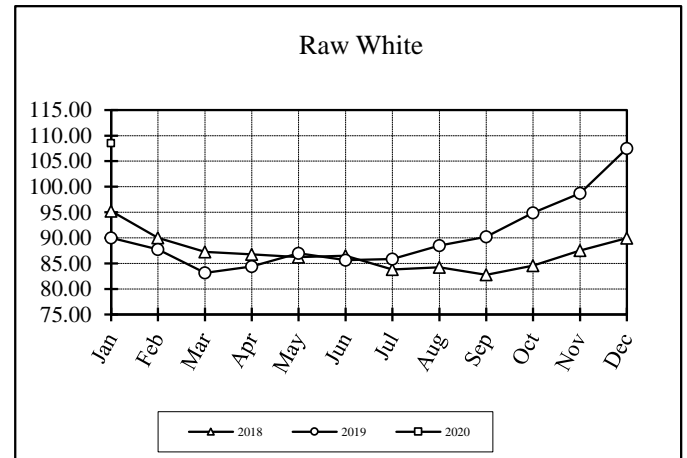
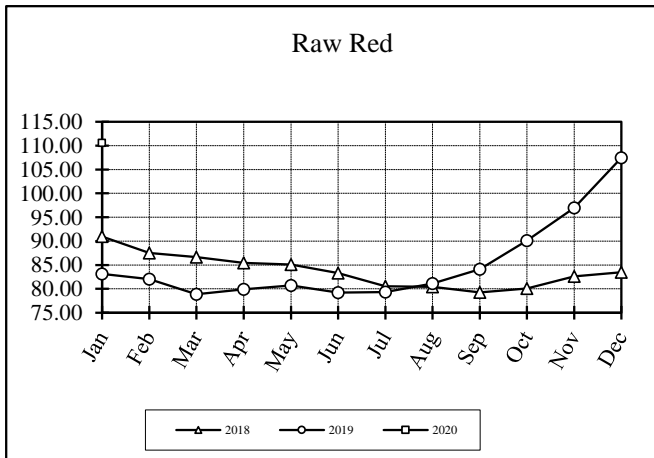
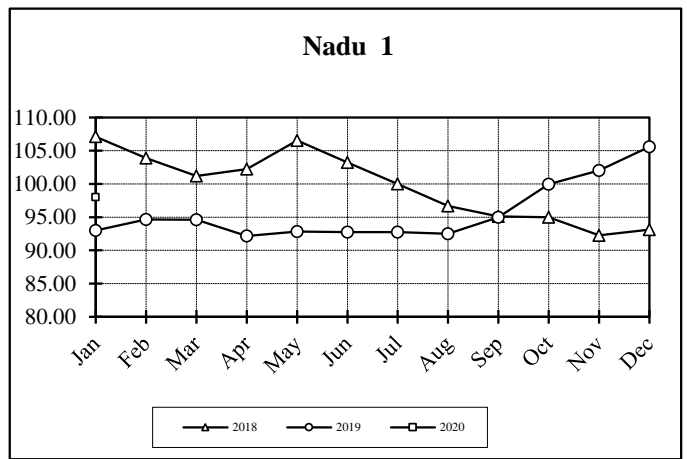
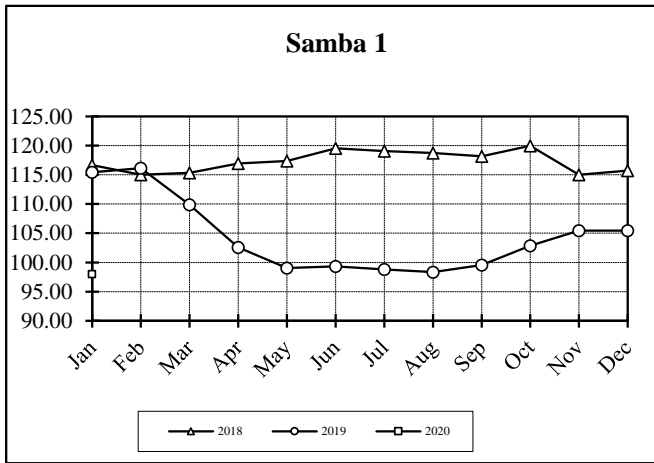
<b>Rainfall Station</b>	<b>Total Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Total Rainy Days</b>	<b>30 Year Average Rainy Days</b>
Anuradhapura	11.4	76.6	6	6
Badulla	68.8	150.2	10	12
Bandarawela	31.5	99.1	8	10
Batticaloa	120.1	203.5	9	11
Colombo	115.6	56.3	4	5
Galle	44.2	82.4	5	8
Hambantota	16.2	53.3	3	5
Jaffna	23.2	67.1	4	4
Katugastota	23.0	76.8	6	6
Katunayaka	35.7	44.3	3	4
Kurunegala	22.3	54.6	4	4
Mahailuppallama	19.8	67.5	5	6
Mannar	9.8	37.5	4	4
Nuwara Eliya	34.0	97.4	7.0	8
Pottuvil	191.5	279.1	11.0	-
Puttalam	1.8	48.5	2.0	4
Ratmalana	110.7	67.1	6.0	5
Ratnapura	122.5	107.5	8.0	9
Trincomalee	41.7	112.0	5.0	7
Vavuniya	23.7	81.5	6.0	6
Polonnaruwa	133.3	-	10	-
Moneragala	49.3	-	5	-
Mattala	34.4	-	5	-

*Source: Department of Meteorology*

**Note: na refers to not available**

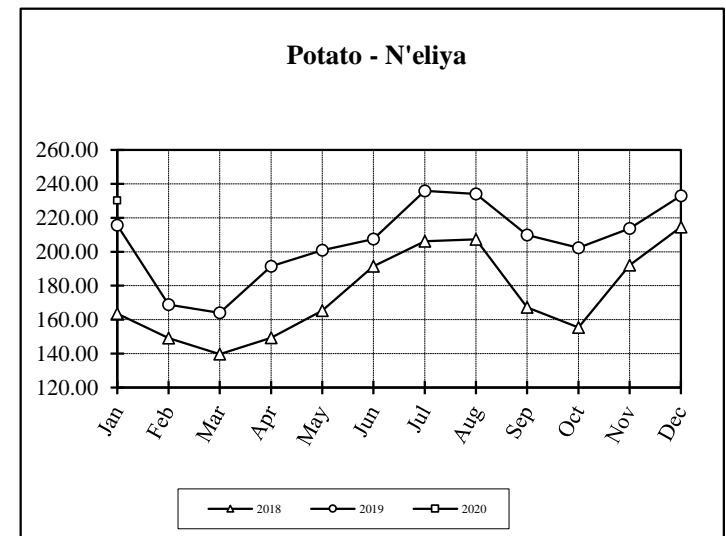
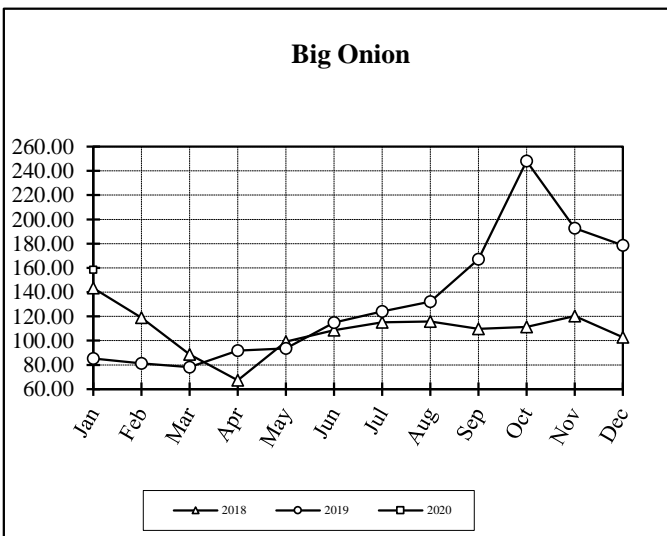
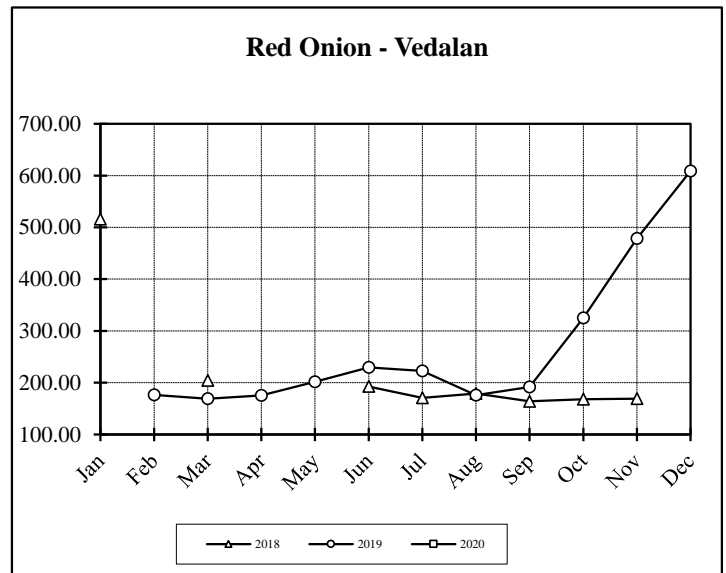
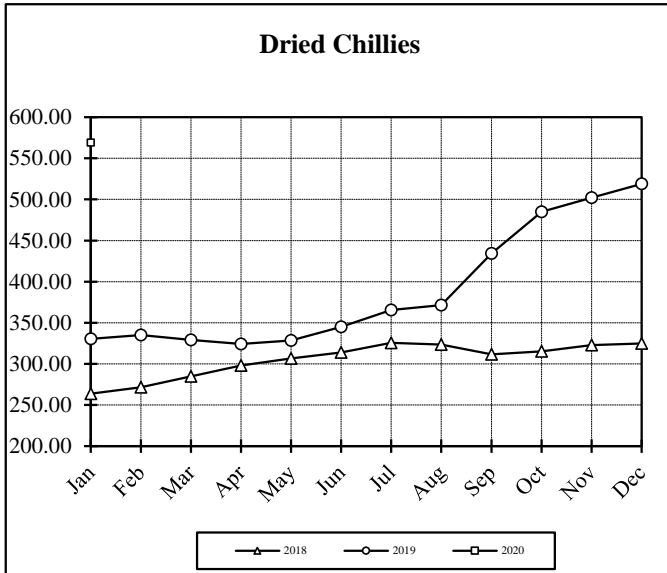
**Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)**

Month	Samba 1			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Jan	116.65	115.44	98.00	107.10	93.00	98.00	90.96	83.12	110.60	95.24	90.02	108.50
Feb	115.03	116.14		103.88	94.64		87.49	82.07		90.00	87.74	
Mar	115.34	109.87		101.20	94.63		86.63	78.87		87.25	83.14	
Apr	116.93	102.58		102.24	92.17		85.43	79.92		86.74	84.39	
May	117.36	99.05		106.56	92.83		85.08	80.74		86.25	87.00	
Jun	119.56	99.33		103.22	92.73		83.32	79.19		86.52	85.64	
Jul	119.08	98.81		99.99	92.75		80.52	79.31		83.80	85.86	
Aug	118.72	98.35		96.68	92.49		80.42	81.14		84.25	88.49	
Sep	118.15	99.58		95.11	95.00		79.26	84.14		82.76	90.23	
Oct	119.98	102.86		94.97	99.95		80.08	90.11		84.54	94.88	
Nov	115.02	105.46		92.27	102.03		82.65	96.96		87.55	98.70	
Dec	115.70	105.46		93.13	105.60		83.48	107.46		89.95	107.48	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion (Vedalan)			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Jan	263.76	330.31	568.88	515.82			143.32	85.22	158.34	163.50	215.71	230.30
Feb	271.41	335.00			176.36		118.86	81.33		149.12	168.89	
Mar	284.90	329.23		204.17	168.97		88.58	78.17		139.65	164.00	
Apr	298.03	324.25			175.37		67.31	91.75		149.37	191.47	
May	306.67	328.50			201.43		99.21	93.54		165.33	200.97	
Jun	313.87	345.06		192.53	229.57		108.62	114.91		191.52	207.45	
Jul	325.59	365.35		170.61	222.51		115.02	124.20		206.17	235.89	
Aug	323.56	371.46		179.06	175.95		115.74	132.13		207.29	234.10	
Sep	311.60	434.22		164.11	191.81		109.70	167.17		167.27	209.86	
Oct	315.11	484.80		168.06	325.31		111.28	248.02		155.45	202.38	
Nov	322.74	502.09		169.23	478.63		120.24	192.69		192.07	213.71	
Dec	324.98	518.89			608.84		102.86	178.67		214.56	232.91	



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

**January - 2020**

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
<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	137.00	164.00	177.00	118.00	Welimada	227.00	286.00	242.00	164.00
A'pura	51.50	46.71	41.86	41.20	Badulla	136.00	146.00			N'Eliya				
P'narawa	53.13	53.13	53.59	44.69	Welimada					<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kalawewa	51.80	50.40	44.43	42.63	<b>Pulses</b>					Hanguranketha	168.00	168.00	102.00	65.00
Kurunegala	54.25	54.25	45.13	41.00	<b>Green Gram</b>					N'Eliya	195.00	148.00	73.80	100.20
Dehiattakandiya	51.00	50.33	49.33	46.21	Galgamuwa					Dambulla				
Ampara	56.67	47.60	42.00	41.83	Kalawewa					Kurunegala				
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Embilipitiya	207.00	207.00	207.00	207.00	Welimada				
A'pura	52.80	46.00	42.88	41.42	Kurunegala					<b>Knokhol</b>				
P'narawa	53.20	53.20	51.72	39.76	A'pura	170.00	170.00	180.00	190.00	Hanguranketha	124.00	124.00	114.00	104.00
Kalawewa	54.20	52.00	44.00	41.69	<b>Cowpea</b>					N'Eliya				
Kurunegala	54.25	54.25	45.13	40.83	A'pura	175.00	175.00	163.33	160.00	Welimada				
Dehiattakandiya	51.67	51.00	49.33	40.68	Galgamuwa					<b>Radish</b>	55.00		50.00	
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	212.50	212.50	200.00	207.50	Hanguranketha	52.00	52.00	38.00	33.00
Ampara	56.83	45.83	39.60	36.83	Kalawewa					N'Eliya				
Matara					Embilipitiya	209.25	209.25	209.25	209.25	Welimada				
Hambantota					Kurunegala					<b>Cabbage</b>	65.00		90.00	
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					<b>Maize</b>					Hanguranketha	94.00	104.00	103.00	68.00
Matara	57.00	56.40	53.00	50.00	A'Pura	46.50	47.83	42.63	43.38	N'Eliya				
Hambantota	55.00	53.00	51.00	45.00	Kalawewa					Welimada				
Ampara	56.60	46.40	42.40	38.00	<b>Gingelly</b>					Hambantota	89.00	89.00	89.00	59.00
Embilipitiya	58.75	58.75	58.20	52.60	A'Pura	426.67	500.00	442.50	483.33	Badulla				
<b>Other Food Crops</b>					Kalawewa					<b>Tomato</b>	146.67	210.00	326.67	290.00
<b>Dried Chillies</b>					<b>Black Gram</b>					Hanguranketha				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Welimada	155.00	165.00	265.00	275.00
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	199.00	200.00	200.00	201.67	Hambantota	146.50	248.00	304.00	312.00
Kalawewa					<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Dambulla				
<b>Red Onion</b>					<b>Beans</b>					Welimada				
Puttalam					Dambulla	230.00	244.00	240.00	238.00	Badulla				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Welimada					<b>Low Country</b>				
Dambulla					Badulla	218.00	190.00	194.00	300.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>	132.50	163.33	166.67	160.00
Kalawewa					<b>Carrot</b>					A'pura	127.00	170.50	138.50	159.50
A'Pura					Hanguranketha					Dambulla	115.00	145.00	170.00	110.00
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	278.00	382.00	352.00	364.00	Hambantota	140.00	160.00	153.75	149.00
					Welimada					Embilipitiya	160.00	155.00	175.00	155.00
										Matara				

**Appendix 03: contd.....**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Brinjals</b>					<b>Pumpkin</b>					<b>Lime</b>				
A'pura	95.00	133.33	81.67	58.33	Dambulla	33.00	58.80	65.80	96.20	Hambantota	55.00	50.00	90.00	55.00
Dambulla	133.00	137.50	45.20	51.00	Hambantota	85.00	85.00	80.00	77.50	Embilipitiya	44.57	44.57	38.33	35.00
Hambantota	125.00	165.00	175.00	65.00	Embilipitiya	72.50	70.83	83.33	105.00	Moneragala		45.00	45.00	42.50
Embilipitiya	141.00	141.00	77.00	77.00	Matara	100.00	95.00	100.00	90.00	<b>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Matara	173.33	190.00	160.00	75.00	A'pura	35.00	50.75	71.67	133.33	<b>Banana</b>				
Welimada					Moneragala	37.50	57.50	57.50	57.50	<b>Ambul</b>				
					<b>Cucumber</b>					Moneragala	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
<b>Capsicum</b>					A'pura	59.00	61.25	61.67	56.67	Embilipitiya	35.29	27.86	27.86	27.86
Welimada					Dambulla	52.00	52.00	45.40	51.20	Hambantota	30.00	37.50	50.00	32.50
<b>Bitter Gourd</b>					Hambantota	52.50	65.00	65.00	27.50	<b>Kolikuttu</b>				
A'pura	170.00	192.50	123.33	143.33	Matara	90.00	75.00	75.00	44.00	Moneragala	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33
Dambulla	134.00	126.00	137.50	104.00	<b>Long beans</b>					Embilipitiya	120.83	103.33	93.33	93.33
Hambantota	245.00	205.00	300.00	225.00	Dambulla	146.50	152.00	76.80	95.00	Hambantota	110.00	110.00	110.00	95.00
Embilipitiya	231.00	276.25	225.00	189.17	Hambantota	135.00	140.00	160.00	95.00	<b>Papaw</b>				
					Embilipitiya	131.00	132.00	111.00	146.00	Moneragala	53.33	53.33	53.33	53.33
<b>Snake Gourd</b>					Matara	165.00	165.00	140.00		Embilipitiya	50.33	53.40	54.40	55.40
Dambulla	132.00	119.00	102.00	103.00	A'Pura	95.00	132.50	150.00	113.33	Hambantota	45.00	45.00	47.50	45.00
Hambantota	125.00	155.00	150.00	85.00	<b>Ash Plantain</b>					<b>Pineapple</b>				
Embilipitiya	125.00	125.00	103.00	114.00	Hambantota	85.00	70.00	75.00	72.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara	155.00	175.00		85.00	Embilipitiya	66.67	66.67	66.67	66.67					
A'pura	100.00	120.00	123.33	120.00	Matara	105.00	90.00	90.00	95.00					
<b>Luffa</b>					<b>Green Chillies</b>									
Dambulla	143.00	128.00	128.00	119.00	Dambulla	161.50	220.00	262.00	238.00					
Hambantota	145.00	155.00	185.00	125.00	Hambantota	255.00	310.00	300.00	230.00					
Embilipitiya	178.00	178.00	178.00	142.00	Embilipitiya	310.83	331.67	331.67	384.00					
Matara		170.00			Puttalam		198.00	284.00	258.00					
A'pura	142.50	135.00	136.67	140.00	A'Pura	206.00	236.00	293.33	270.00					