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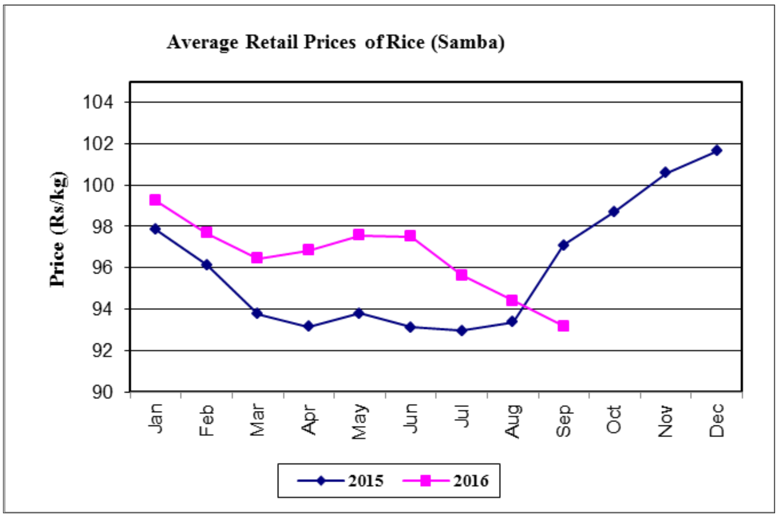
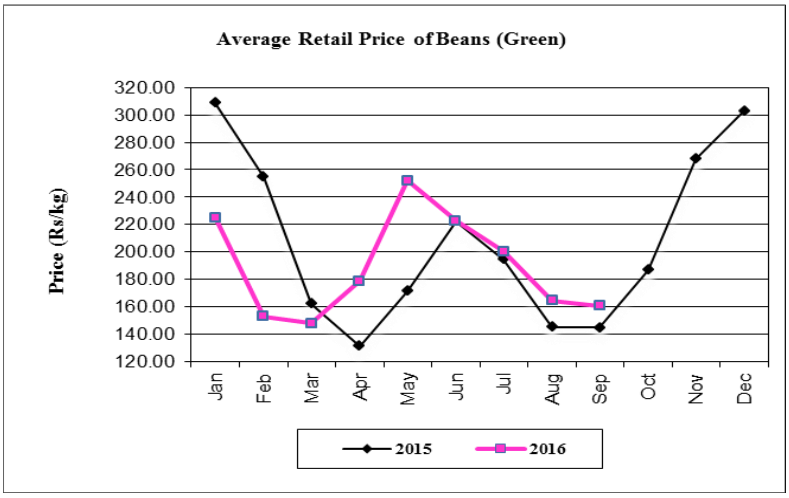
RICE:

Due to the availability of sufficient rice supply, the prices have decreased by 1% for both samba grade II and nadu grade I and by slightly for samba grade I. Meanwhile, the prices have increased by 3% for raw red, by 2% for raw white and by 1% for nadu grade II.

VEGETABLES:

Supplies of both up and low country varieties of vegetables started to drop and thereby prices increased in most of the types, with the reaching of the end phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. Reported average price increases were 17% and 54% respectively, for up and lowcountry varieties.





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

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of 2016 *yala* season paddy crop was completed and dry weather prevailed in most of the major producing areas during the month. The latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture reveals that the cultivated extent of paddy is 394,391 ha and it was 78% of the target and it was already 5% lower compared to the average of last three *yala* seasons. The low progress in the season was due to the flood situation occurred at the beginning of the season. According to the field information, the prospects of the *yala* harvest was satisfactory in most of the major producing areas. The yield of paddy crop ranged 115-120 Bu/Ac and 100-110 Bu/Ac in Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura respectively. The production forecast for the *yala* season is 1.571 million tones, 3 percent lower than the average of last three *yala* seasons.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2016 *Yala* Season (Up to end of September 2016)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	49,172	37,464	76	133,879
Polonnaruwa	30,000	31,127	104	135,457
Ampara	57,103	58,051	102	266,970
Kurunegala	60,783	47,612	78	168,771
Hambantota	26,999	21,869	81	94,577
Colombo	2,842	635	22	1,416
Gampaha	6,634	1,756	26	4,664
Kalutara	10,191	2,102	21	5,721
Galle	8,599	1,174	14	2,466
Matara	14,780	6,579	45	18,585
Ratnapura	11,256	5,218	46	16,489
Kegalle	6,055	2,042	34	5,726
Puttalam	18,100	13,123	73	43,131
Kandy	9,524	7,615	80	21,862
Matale	10,676	7,336	69	28,533
N' Eliya	3,319	2,196	66	4,280
Badulla	8,275	7,263	88	28,094
Monaragala	19,851	13,579	68	50,945
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,787	2,517	37	10,829
Vavuniya	7,454	4,238	57	18,664
Mullaitivu	5,268	4,729	90	19,930
Mannar	2,762	3,140	114	14,609
Trincomalee	24,256	21,402	88	92,448
Batticaloa	25,595	27,742	108	110,596
Udawalawa	11,000	10,607	96	55,967
System H	12,750	6,117	48	24,922
System H1	6,000	2,080	35	8,474
System B	19,130	18,725	98	76,289
System C	22,406	21,394	95	87,163
System G	3,800	3,396	89	13,863
System D	418	418	100	1,703
Rambakenoya	600	270	45	1,100
System L	550	876	159	3,569
Sri Lanka	**502,938**	**394,391**	**78**	**1,571,664**

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

The harvesting of 2016 *yala* season ended with a good harvest of paddy released to the market. The prospects of the paddy harvest in most of the major cultivation districts were moderately satisfactory. Despite of the peak harvesting month a significant price decline was not recorded in any of the major producing areas. At the end of month, prices of all the paddy varieties have increased in most of the major producing areas due to the end of harvesting of paddy crop in 2016 *Yala* season. Progress of government paddy purchasing programme and increase of the arrival of well dried paddy to the markets also caused the price increase. The government purchasing price of paddy was Rs.41.00/kg for short grain, and Rs.38.00/kg for long grain white and long grain red varieties. Prices of short grain white paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-39.00/kg in most of the producing areas during the month. The price range of long grain white paddy was reported as Rs.30.00-38.00/kg in most of the producing areas. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.32.00-36.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. Prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.44.00-46.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of short grain white paddy have decreased by less than 17% in all considered producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 8%-22% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 6%-14% in some of the major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – September 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	30.00-37.00	31.00-38.00	33.80	35.04	40.80	*-1.24*	*-3.54*	*-7.00*	*-17.16*
Polonnaruwa	32.50-39.00	32.00-36.50	36.05	34.61	39.88	*1.44*	*4.16*	*-3.83*	*-9.60*
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	40.50	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	33.50-35.00	33.50-35.00	34.40	34.32	39.75	*0.08*	*0.23*	*-5.35*	*-13.46*
Dehiattakandiya	35.00-38.28	35.00-37.50	35.99	36.20	40.00	*-0.21*	*-0.58*	*-4.01*	*-10.03*
Nikaweratiya	34.00-36.00	33.00-36.00	35.37	34.53	42.40	*0.84*	*2.44*	*-7.03*	*-16.57*
Ampara	35.50-39.00	29.00-32.00	36.84	30.08	40.40	*6.76*	*22.47*	*-3.56*	*-8.82*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	30.00-35.00	30.00-35.00	32.45	32.04	30.05	*0.41*	*1.28*	*2.40*	*7.99*
Polonnaruwa	30.00-38.00	29.00-34.00	34.35	32.02	28.06	*2.33*	*7.28*	*6.29*	*22.42*
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	29.67	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	30.00-34.00	30.00-32.50	31.55	31.26	31.60	*0.29*	*0.93*	*-0.05*	*-0.16*
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-38.00	32.00-36.50	34.42	34.18	29.55	*0.24*	*0.69*	*4.87*	*16.47*
Embilipitiya	33.00-35.00	32.00-34.00	33.70	32.82	34.80	*0.88*	*2.68*	*-1.10*	*-3.16*
Nikaweratiya	31.00-34.00	29.00-33.00	32.09	31.33	32.40	*0.76*	*2.41*	*-0.31*	*-0.97*
Matara	32.00-36.00	32.00-34.00	34.58	32.60	30.67	*1.98*	*6.08*	*3.91*	*12.76*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	33.50-38.00	25.50-30.00	35.63	26.77	32.23	*8.86*	*33.08*	*3.40*	*10.53*
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	32.00-36.00	28.00-34.00	34.50	31.46	30.25	*3.04*	*9.66*	*4.25*	*14.05*
Hambantota	32.00-35.00	30.00-36.00	33.73	32.93	30.00	*0.79*	*2.41*	*3.72*	*12.42*
Embilipitiya	33.00-34.50	29.00-34.00	33.78	31.86	31.85	*1.92*	*6.01*	*1.93*	*6.04*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

The harvesting in *yala* season has almost completed in most of the major producing areas during this month. The paddy prices have increased as a result of dry paddy stocks received to the market and also the government paddy purchasing programme was conducted during the whole month. However, the prices have decreased by 1% for both samba grade II and nadu grade I and by slightly for samba grade I due to availability of sufficient rice supply. Furthermore, the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased due to the increase of paddy prices. Accordingly, the prices have increased by 3% for raw red, by 2% for raw white and by 1% for nadu grade II. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month has increased considerably compared to last month and the imported amount was 3,007 mt. However, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by 6% due to the availability of insufficient stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have decreased in the range of 8%-11%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased in the range of 4%-5%.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, the price behavior was more or less depicted in the retail market too. Accordingly, the price of samba grade I has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg, while the prices of other local samba varieties have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. However, the prices of nadu grade II, raw red and raw white have increased by less than Rs.1.00/kg. The highest local rice price of Rs.100.00/kg was reported for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.60.00/kg was reported for raw red.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.87.00-105.00/kg was reported in Kurunegala and Embilipitiya markets while the lowest samba price range of Rs.75.00-82.00/kg was reported in Jaffna market. The highest nadu price range of Rs.73.00-80.00/kg was noted in Gampaha and Monaragala markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.62.00-67.00/kg was noted in Puttalam market. Furthermore, the highest price of raw red was reported as Rs.74.00/kg in Dambulla market while that of raw white was reported as Rs.73.00/kg in Kurunegala market. The lowest prices of raw red and raw white were noted as Rs.58.00/kg and Rs.60.00/kg respectively in Keppetipola market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of raw red and local samba varieties have decreased in the range of 2%-6%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased in the range of 2%-5%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	82.00-88.00	84.42	84.75	92.22	*-0.33*	*-0.39*	*-7.80*	*-8.46*
Samba 2	72.00-83.00	75.37	75.96	84.53	*-0.59*	*-0.78*	*-9.16*	*-10.83*
Samba 3	-	-	-	81.57	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	67.00-75.00	70.05	70.61	67.61	*-0.56*	*-0.79*	*2.44*	*3.62*
Nadu 2	64.00-71.00	67.00	66.56	63.64	*0.44*	*0.66*	*3.35*	*5.27*
Raw red	60.00-66.00	61.69	59.81	59.35	*1.88*	*3.15*	*2.34*	*3.95*
Raw white	58.00-65.00	60.81	59.55	57.97	*1.25*	*2.10*	*2.84*	*4.90*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-120.00	117.49	110.92	108.13	*6.58*	*5.93*	*9.36*	*8.66*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-100.00	96.53	98.31	102.45	*-1.78*	*-1.81*	*-5.92*	*-5.78*
Samba 2	87.00-90.00	89.85	90.51	91.75	*-0.66*	*-0.73*	*-1.90*	*-2.07*
Samba 3	80.00-87.00	83.81	84.31	87.67	*-0.50*	*-0.59*	*-3.86*	*-4.40*
Nadu 1	76.00-85.00	79.40	79.49	76.46	*-0.09*	*-0.11*	*2.94*	*3.85*
Nadu 2	70.00-75.00	73.57	72.89	70.16	*0.68*	*0.93*	*3.41*	*4.86*
Raw red	60.00-76.00	67.70	66.41	71.10	*1.29*	*1.94*	*-3.40*	*-4.78*
Raw white	65.00-75.00	70.19	69.85	68.49	*0.34*	*0.49*	*1.70*	*2.48*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	120.00-130.00	124.80	122.52	115.58	*2.28*	*1.86*	*9.22*	*7.98*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies by the end of September 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	699	577	83	10,161
Puttalam	617	621	101	4,986
Moneragala	425	556	131	3,713
Kurunegala	346	299	86	514
Polonnaruwa	300	256	85	1,425
Kandy	230	252	110	1,220
Matale	81	347	428	1,932
Badulla	254	304	120	866
Other areas	2,144	2,449	114	7,788
Total	**5,096**	**5,661**	**111**	**32,605**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Cultivated extent of chillies in main producing areas have exceeded the targeted extent also in most of the producing areas by the end of September. However, no cultivation took place during September in major producing areas as being tail end of the *yala* season.

Though the highest targeted extent was recorded from Anuradhapura district, the highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttalam district (621 ha). More than 80% of the green chillie production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of September.

The production forecast of chillies for the season is 32,605 mt and out of that 63% of the production could be expected from Anuradhapura (31%), Puttalam (15%), Moneragala (11%) and Matale (6%) districts.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of green chillies from major producing areas have increased during this month too and the producer prices of green chillies ranged between Rs.50.00-85.00/kg in Dambulla, Hambantota, Embilipitiya and Anuradhapura areas. With the high supplies from main producing areas both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by Rs.90.00/kg and Rs.138.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by about 48% and 32% respectively.

A quantity of 4,545 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it has decreased by 489 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.265.15/kg and it has also decreased by Rs.3.46/kg compared to previous month. About 98% of the total imported dried chillies was imported from India and 1% from Pakistan and 1% from Bangladesh. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 6% and 13% respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	20.00-80.00	51.06	141.09	98.16	*-90.03*	*-63.81*	*-47.10*	*-47.98*
Dried Chillies	280.00-305.00	296.13	298.32	278.00	*-2.19*	*-0.74*	*18.13*	*6.52*
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	80.00-300.00	163.41	301.27	238.89	*-137.86*	*-45.76*	*-75.48*	*-31.60*
Dried Chillies	330.00-385.00	365.44	369.99	322.19	*-4.55*	*-1.23*	*43.25*	*13.42*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies April to September 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	4,545	1,205.05	265.15	365.44	100.29
August	5,034	1,352.24	268.61	369.99	101.37
July	4,032	1,101.64	273.23	370.97	97.74
June	3,683	1,049.61	284.96	376.04	91.08
May	4,226	1,159.15	274.32	372.34	98.02
April	3,617	984.24	272.08	370.07	97.99

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

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

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	63.20	72.20	56.00	61.00
Hambantota	85.00	50.00	75.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	80.40	83.40	83.40	77.00
A'Pura	66.67	80.00	53.33	53.33

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

No cultivation of big onion took place during this month in Matale district and more than 30% of the harvest was over by the end of September 2016. Around 7,635 mt of big onion had been supplied to the market during this month and this represents 23% of the total expected production in Matale district, while another 16,200 mt will be expected during October. The peak harvesting will take place during the next month (October) due to cultivation delay at the beginning of the season. The cultivation progress of big onion in Anuradhapura, System H_1 and System H was at a satisfactory level and 919 ha, 1,314 ha and 215 ha have been cultivated respectively by the end of September. Total big onion production for *yala* 2016 was estimated at nearly 71,809 mt and out of that 91% was supplied from Matale (45%), System H_1 (22%), Anuradhapura (20%) and System H (4%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion at the end of September 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Matale	3,060	1,515	50	32,700
Anuradhapura	1,773	919	52	14,400
System H_1	1,800	1,314	73	15,647
System H	650	215	33	2,560
Other areas	977	531	54	6,502
Total	**8,260**	**4,494**	**54**	**71,809**

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

The cultivated extent of red onion for *yala* 2016 at the end of this month was 3,883 ha in the whole country and it represents 76% of the target. Cultivation of red onion for *maha* 2016/17 had commenced in some of the areas in major producing districts and more than 80% of the *yala* harvest has been over in those areas. Jaffna, Puttalam and Vavuniya provide 79% of the national red onion production.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,200	2,057	94	18,958
Puttalam	1,263	662	52	10,467
Vavuniya	350	338	97	3,889
Trincomalee	248	194	78	3,234
Moneragala	228	119	52	1,074
Other areas	828	513	62	4,665
Total	**5,117**	**3,883**	**76**	**42,287**

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

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of local big onion from main producing areas had increased continuously during this month. According to the field information, about 7,635 mt of big onion had arrived to the market from Matale district during this month and another 16,200 mt will be expected during next month (October). A quantity of 8,889 mt of big onion was imported from India (8,788 mt-99%) and Pakistan (101 mt-1%) in September 2016 and it was a decrease of 11,941 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.28.69/kg and it was a decrease of cents 0.66/kg compared to last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Stocks of local big onion were available at the both wholesale and retail markets with the price range of Rs.55.00-90.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.80.00-120.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 9% and 14% respectively.

Supply of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased from Puttalam, Jaffna and Trincomalee areas during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.10.00/kg and 17.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of vedalan has also increased by Rs.5.00/kg, while stocks of sinnan were not available at the retail markets.

A quantity of 443 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 385 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.8.99/kg than the last month. With the price increase of local red onion, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by Rs.17.00/kg and Rs.10.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 4% and 3% respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion September 2016

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	50.00-75.00	64.42	54.67	62.74	*9.75*	*17.83*	*1.68*	*2.68*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	80.00-110.00	91.63	74.21	86.06	*17.42*	*23.48*	*5.56*	*6.46*
Red Onion (Imported)	70.00-110.00	87.00	69.58	77.98	*17.42*	*25.03*	*9.02*	*11.57*
Big Onion (imported)	45.00-80.00	64.14	62.47	70.64	*1.67*	*2.67*	*-6.50*	*-9.20*
Big Onion (Local)	55.00-90.00	70.23	79.40	91.32	*-9.17*	*-11.54*	*-21.09*	*-23.09*
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-160.00	140.64	135.32	134.69	*5.32*	*3.93*	*5.95*	*4.42*
Red Onion (Imported)	90.00-140.00	116.83	106.62	113.52	*10.21*	*9.58*	*3.31*	*2.92*
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-100.00	92.01	87.07	106.67	*4.94*	*5.67*	*-14.66*	*-13.74*
Big Onion (Local)	80.00-120.00	102.55	103.85	128.09	*-1.30*	*-1.25*	*-25.54*	*-19.94*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Sep 2016	28.69	64.14	92.01	*35.45*	*27.87*
	Aug 2016	29.35	62.47	87.07	*33.12*	*24.60*
	Sep 2015	45.81	70.64	106.67	*24.83*	*36.03*
Red onion	Sep 2016	55.93	87.00	116.83	*31.07*	*29.83*
	Aug 2016	55.90	69.58	106.62	*13.68*	*37.04*
	Sep 2015	101.66	77.98	113.52	*-23.68*	*35.54*

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

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016
Red Onion	443	58	24.75	3.26	55.93	64.92
Big Onion	8889	20830	255.02	611.43	28.69	31.20

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion April to September 2016

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
September	8889	28.69	64.14	92.01	63.32
August	20830	29.35	62.47	87.07	57.72
July	19880	31.20	60.22	86.66	55.46
June	20918	31.40	58.51	83.87	52.47
May	22266	29.65	62.04	86.42	56.77
April	17047	31.27	63.02	85.83	54.56

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2016 is 2,836 ha and about 3,967 ha were cultivated by the end of the season exceeding the total targeted extent by 140%. During the month, about 372 ha of potatoes were cultivated in the country which was lower compared to the extent cultivated during previous months of the season. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season was at a high level. According to the cultivated extent, the expected production of potato for this *yala* season is 64,700 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, about 1,246 ha of potato was cultivated by the end of this *yala* season exceeding the targeted extent by 157%. Compared to last *yala* season, the cultivated extent was at a high level during this *yala* season.

In the Badulla districts, the targeted extent is 2,045 ha for this *yala* season and about 2,720 ha was cultivated by the end of this season exceeding the targeted extent by 133%. During the month, about 213 ha of potato was cultivated in the district. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent is at a high level in *yala* 2016 in the district. The *yala* harvesting of potato has commenced in mid-August and the harvesting is expected to continue till November.

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

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Yala 2015*	*Yala* 2016	*Yala* 2015*	*Yala* 2016	*Yala* 2016	
N'Eliya	860	791	752	1,246	157	21,897
Badulla	2,214	2,045	2,202	2,720	133	42,795
Sri Lanka	**3,076**	**2,836**	**2,994**	**3,967**	**140**	**64,700**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.5, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.5, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 4,408 mt of potato had been imported in September which was 12,037 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month with increased tax for imported potato. The special commodity levy for imported potato has been increased up to Rs.40.00/kg with effect from 25/08/2016. About 52% and 45% of the imported stocks were received from China and Pakistan during this month. Compared to September, 2015 (5,087 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.34.00/kg in September.

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of the *yala* harvest were available in the market. Hence, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 21% and 11% respectively. Also, the retail prices have decreased by 6% and 8% respectively. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.92.00/kg and Rs.84.00/kg in September. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported potato has increased by 7%, while the retail price has decreased by 1%. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00, Rs.90.00-115.00/kg and Rs.75.00-100.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (8%), Nuwara Eliya (6%) and imported (1%) potatoes have decreased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to decrease further in October with the arrival of *yala* harvest of potato.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
April to September 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	4408	148.12	33.61	113.98	*80.37*
August	16445	476.69	28.99	115.55	*86.56*
July	14863	491.10	33.04	114.10	*81.06*
June	13020	431.11	33.11	118.18	*85.07*
May	8452	192.86	22.82	100.38	*77.56*
April	8252	180.19	21.84	87.63	*65.79*

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	77.00-87.00	83.80	106.25	-	*-22.45*	*-21.13*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-95.00	92.00	112.04	83.60	*-20.04*	*-17.89*	*8.40*	*10.05*
Imported – CIF	29.29-43.80	33.61	28.99	30.73	*4.62*	*15.94*	*2.88*	*9.37*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	80.00-100.00	89.28	100.00	*85.42*	*-10.72*	*-10.72*	*3.86*	*4.52*
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-115.00	105.73	134.66	98.89	*-28.93*	*-21.48*	*6.84*	*6.92*
Imported	75.00-100.00	87.39	81.95	73.98	*5.44*	*6.64*	*13.41*	*18.13*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	120.00-150.00	134.33	146.54	108.06	*-12.21*	*-8.33*	*26.27*	*24.31*
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-180.00	159.34	168.81	142.68	*-9.47*	*-5.61*	*16.66*	*11.68*
Imported	80.00-120.00	113.98	115.55	103.24	*-1.57*	*-1.36*	*10.74*	*10.40*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		50.53	40.29	-	*10.24*	*25.40*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		67.34	56.77	59.08	*10.57*	*18.61*	*8.26*	*13.98*
Imported (CIF-RP)		80.37	86.56	72.51	*-6.19*	*-7.15*	*7.86*	*10.84*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		45.05	46.54	22.64	*-1.50*	*-3.22*	*22.41*	*99.00*
Nuwara Eliya		53.61	34.15	43.79	*19.46*	*56.97*	*9.82*	*22.42*
Imported		26.59	33.60	29.26	*-7.01*	*-20.86*	*-2.67*	*-9.13*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green gram for *yala* 2016 is 8,709 ha and about 14,533 ha are targeted to be cultivated in the mid-season. By the end of this month about 8,472 ha was cultivated with a progress of 58% for green gram cultivated in the mid-season, whereas about 6,177 ha were cultivated by the end of the season achieving 71% of the targeted extent for this *yala* season. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 13,355 mt for this *yala* season. The highest targeted extent was recorded in Hambantota district for *yala* 2016 and mid-season. By the end of this month about 6,656 ha were cultivated achieving 95% progress for mid-season and about 838 ha were cultivated in the *yala* season. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 833 ha and 1,845 ha respectively for *yala* season, while it was recorded as 1,200 ha and 550 ha for mid-season. In Kurunegala district, the cultivation progress was 72% (596 ha) for *yala* season and 60% (725 ha) for mid-season by the end of this month. In Moneragala district, about 1,957 ha were cultivated during this *yala* season. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents were at a low level during this *yala* season in Hambantota and Kurunegala districts, while it was high in Moneragala district.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 6,909 ha for *yala* 2016 and about 6,184 ha were cultivated by the end of this *yala* season achieving 89% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent was high during this *yala* season. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of cowpea is 9,486 mt for this *yala* season. The highest targeted extent of 3,954 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and 3,889 ha was cultivated by the end of the season achieving 98% of the targeted extent. In Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 807 ha and 416 ha respectively and about 844 ha and 138 ha were cultivated by the end of the season. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents of cowpea in Ampara and Moneragala districts were at a high level, while it was low in Kurunegala district during this *yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala* 2016)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)			Achievement (ha)			Progress (%)		Expected Production (mt)
		Yala* 2015	***Yala* 2016**	***Mid-Season***	***Yala* 2015***	***Yala* 2016**	***Mid-Season***	***Yala* 2016**	***Mid-Season***	
Green gram	Hambantota	3,537	1,832	6,656	1,309	838	6,309	46	95	4,545
	Kurunegala	1,276	833	1,200	1,025	596	725	72	60	810
	Moneragala	880	1,525	550	1,001	1,957	-	128	-	2,789
	Sri Lanka	**10,729**	**8,709**	**14,533**	**7,174**	**6,177**	**8,472**	**71**	**58**	**13,355**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,584	3,954		2,361	3,889		98		6,687
	Moneragala	584	807		575	844		104		1,058
	Kurunegala	1,255	416		335	137		33		141
	Sri Lanka	**8,414**	**6,909**		**4,575**	**6,184**		**89**		**9,486**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.5, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.5, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,556 mt of green gram was imported in September and it was 539 mt higher than the quantity imported in August. The average CIF price was Rs.155.00/kg in September. Compared to September, 2015 (572 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was high during this month. Out of the total imports, about 88% of the stocks were received from Australia, followed by Myanmar (12%). In September, the wholesale and retail prices of green gram have decreased by 6% and 2% respectively. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.150.00-175.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 11%.

A quantity of 982 mt of cowpea was imported in September, which was 273 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. Out of the total imports, about 47% of the stocks were received from Madagascar, followed by Turkey (33%). The average CIF price was Rs.107.00/kg in September. The wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea has decreased by 5% and 2% respectively during this month. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have increased by 7% and 1% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00-225.00/kg and Rs.180.00-230.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 7% and 8% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
April to September 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	1,556	240.64	154.69	219.40	64.71
August	1,017	162.02	159.34	223.71	64.36
July	804	133.52	166.03	236.61	70.58
June	1,284	215.62	167.99	243.50	75.51
May	1,751	291.42	166.44	248.05	81.61
April	1,405	229.68	163.52	248.41	84.89

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea April to September 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	982	105.56	107.47	249.48	142.01
August	709	81.26	114.65	253.77	139.12
July	683	75.82	111.08	255.50	144.42
June	254	24.72	97.17	249.42	152.25
May	295	30.38	103.14	250.79	147.65
April	325	32.21	98.98	251.89	152.91

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	150.00-175.00	163.98	173.72	193.51	-9.75	-5.61	-29.53	-15.26
Cowpea (White)	200.00-225.00	208.44	219.61	218.93	-11.17	-5.09	-10.49	-4.79
Cowpea (Red)	180.00-230.00	206.72	193.93	254.83	12.79	6.60	-48.11	-18.88
Retail Prices								
Green gram	200.00-260.00	219.40	223.71	246.54	-4.31	-1.93	-27.14	-11.01
Cowpea (White)	220.00-280.00	249.48	253.77	268.49	-4.29	-1.69	-19.01	-7.08
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	252.01	248.65	273.67	3.36	1.35	-21.66	-7.91

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	Sep 2016	154.69	163.98	219.40	9.29	55.43
	Aug 2016	159.34	173.72	223.71	14.38	49.99
	Sep 2015	175.91	193.51	246.54	17.60	53.03
Cowpea (White)	Sep 2016	107.47	208.44	249.48	100.97	41.04
	Aug 2016	114.65	219.61	253.77	104.95	34.17
	Sep 2015	114.65	218.93	268.49	104.28	49.56
Cowpea (Red)	Sep 2016	-	206.72	252.01	-	45.29
	Aug 2016	-	193.93	248.65	-	54.72
	Sep 2015	-	254.83	273.67	-	18.84

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 9,862 mt (7,681 mt of whole type and 2,181 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in September and it was 6,126 mt higher than the quantity imported in August. About 72% and 15% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and Russian Federation respectively. Also, about 55% and 28% of the split type were received from the United Arab Emirates and India respectively. Compared to September, 2015 (10,306 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.142.00/kg in September.

In September, the wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have increased by 2% for each. The average wholesale price was Rs.163.00/kg in September. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has decreased by 10%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	160.00-165.00	163.06	161.19	178.06	1.87	1.16	-14.99	-8.42
Retail Price	168.00-190.00	174.72	172.34	194.74	2.38	1.38	-20.02	-10.28

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
September	9862	142.26	163.06	174.72	20.80	11.66
August	3736	150.57	161.19	172.34	10.62	11.15
July	9549	146.05	176.80	189.76	30.75	12.96
June	11870	150.14	185.12	198.26	34.98	13.14
May	9981	134.39	187.20	196.58	52.81	9.38
April	4275	140.12	185.58	185.54	45.46	-0.04

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

As dry spell prolonged for the third consecutive month, minimal or almost no rainfall recorded in all the major producing areas in September. Further, continuous dry weather made it difficult to release water for agricultural purposes hence, hardly any new cultivation was practiced in any of the major producing area, at the latter stage of the *Yala* season. Meanwhile, early established *Yala* cultivation had reached its latter phase of the harvesting season. Regarding cultivation progress during the last *Yala* season, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts had reported about 145% crop progress for upcountry varieties at the end of September. The set target for upcountry varieties for the *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts were 4,315 ha and 3,450 ha of which 6,243 ha and 5,099 ha respectively were achieved at the end of September. Meanwhile, in Kandy and Matale districts, *Yala* season ended with 86% and 63% cultivation progress for upcountry varieties respectively at the end of September. Further, in Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttalam districts, reported cultivation progress was 80%, 99% and 90% respectively at the end of the season.

In the meantime, continuation of the harvesting practices during the latter stage of the *Yala* season was observed in most of the lowcountry areas. Due to received rainfall in the early stage of the season, the crop progress for vegetables remained high in most of the lowcountry producing districts. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, early establishment of 2016 *Yala* cultivation had been observed, compared to other lowcountry major producing areas. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, set targets for lowcountry varieties were 2,357 ha and 2,301ha respectively hence, the reported cultivation progresses were about 107% and 115% respectively, of the seasonal target, at the end of the *Yala* season. Further, Kurunegala, Monaragala and Matale districts had reported 92%, 92% and 113% cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties at the end of last *Yala* season. In addition, observed cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties in Jaffna and Puttalam district were reported as 99% and 102% respectively, at the end of the cultivation season.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the peak harvesting period approached, supply increased significantly hence, prices decreased considerably for both up and low country types in August. As the latter phase of the *Yala* harvesting season approached, supply showed a decreasing trend and thereby prices have increased slightly compared to last month.

The total vegetable production of the Matale district for the month of September recorded a 4% decrease compared to last month, with the value of 8,700 mt. The highest production was reported for tomato and pumpkin, within the district, with the combined supply of 1,000 mt during September. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) remained same as last month with the recorded value of 2,100 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of most the vegetable varieties had increased in September, compared to that of August. The highest price increase was reported for radish as 45% followed by leeks as 14% due to ending of the peak harvesting period. Meanwhile, prices of beans and knolkhol have increased by less than 6%, compared to last month. However, prices of cabbage, carrot and beetroot have decreased by 26%, 8% and 7% respectively, compared to last month.

With the receiving of high supply of lowcountry variety, tomato prices observed a significant drop in August. With the ending of peak harvesting season, supply started to decrease and prices started to increase accordingly, by 34% in September. However, prices of capsicum decreased by 36%, compared to last month due to continuous supply of low country variety during the latter part of the harvesting season.

As predicted, supplies of most of the domestic vegetables also significantly dropped and thereby prices increased, with the reaching of the end phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. The highest price increase noticed in September was reported for cucumber as 161%. Price increase in high margin was a result of sharp drop in cucumber wholesale prices during the peak harvesting season, occurred last month, up to Rs.13.34/kg. Following cucumber, prices of ladies fingers and drumsticks increased by 88% and 80%, respectively and luffa as 50% compared to last month. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties, except pumpkin and brinjal increased in the range of 2% - 50%, compared to previous month.

As the supplies of the *Yala* harvesting season continued, prices of pumpkin had further dropped by 41% compared to previous month.

In addition, prices of green chilies had decreased further by 63% in September, due to continued high supplies from Puttalam and Anuradhapura. However, price of lime had increased by 112% due to ending of the harvesting season in Monaragala.

Prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties of vegetables are expected increase in the coming month with the reaching of initial phase of the *maha* planting season.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – September 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-140.00	112.44	108.15	97.83	*4.29*	*3.97*	*14.61*	*14.93*
Carrot	40.00-80.00	57.50	62.40	61.61	*-4.90*	*-7.85*	*-4.11*	*-6.67*
Leeks	50.00-100.00	73.72	64.47	32.55	*9.25*	*14.35*	*41.17*	*126.48*
Beetroot	25.00-80.00	46.31	50.05	38.48	*-3.74*	*-7.47*	*7.83*	*20.35*
Knolkhol	20.00-40.00	32.17	30.61	39.13	*1.56*	*5.08*	*-6.96*	*-17.79*
Radish	20.00-40.00	30.46	20.98	20.76	*9.48*	*45.20*	*9.70*	*46.72*
Cabbage	30.00-60.00	43.56	58.94	28.49	*-15.38*	*-26.09*	*15.07*	*52.90*
Tomato	28.00-60.00	43.24	32.37	49.43	*10.87*	*33.57*	*-6.19*	*-12.52*
Ladies Fingers	30.00-60.00	46.24	24.52	41.47	*21.72*	*88.56*	*4.77*	*11.50*
Brinjal	40.00-70.00	56.28	58.23	53.79	*-1.95*	*-3.36*	*2.49*	*4.63*
Capsicum	40.00-100.00	72.45	112.86	83.26	*-40.41*	*-35.81*	*-10.81*	*-12.98*
Pumpkin	25.00-35.00	29.68	50.35	39.58	*-20.67*	*-41.05*	*-9.90*	*-25.01*
Cucumber	20.00-40.00	34.86	13.34	31.56	*21.52*	*161.25*	*3.30*	*10.46*
Bittergourd	30.00-80.00	51.13	43.78	76.62	*7.35*	*16.79*	*-25.49*	*-33.27*
Snakegourd	30.00-70.00	47.03	35.10	55.17	*11.93*	*34.00*	*-8.14*	*-14.75*
Drumstick	40.00-110.00	77.68	43.20	95.15	*34.48*	*79.82*	*-17.47*	*-18.36*
Luffa	30.00-70.00	46.19	30.80	79.74	*15.39*	*49.97*	*-33.55*	*-42.07*
Long Beans	30.00-80.00	61.76	60.70	52.06	*1.06*	*1.75*	*9.70*	*18.63*
Ash Plantain	40.00-80.00	62.81	60.12	54.53	*2.69*	*4.47*	*8.28*	*15.18*
Green Chillies	20.00-80.00	51.06	141.09	98.16	*-90.03*	*-63.81*	*-47.10*	*-47.98*
Lime	150.00-420.00	288.92	135.73	181.13	*153.19*	*112.86*	*107.79*	*59.51*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – September 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-240.00	160.60	164.58	145.02	*-3.98*	*-2.42*	*15.58*	*10.74*
Carrot	80.00-200.00	121.69	137.01	126.24	*-15.32*	*-11.18*	*-4.55*	*-3.60*
Leeks	100.00-200.00	138.62	130.15	96.63	*8.47*	*6.51*	*41.99*	*43.45*
Beetroot	60.00-160.00	106.58	115.64	99.06	*-9.06*	*-7.84*	*7.52*	*7.59*
Knolkhol	50.00-160.00	105.60	107.66	115.22	*-2.06*	*-1.91*	*-9.62*	*-8.35*
Radish	50.00-160.00	95.72	90.63	89.22	*5.09*	*5.61*	*6.50*	*7.29*
Cabbage	80.00-200.00	112.78	134.50	94.49	*-21.72*	*-16.15*	*18.29*	*19.36*
Tomato	50.00-160.00	94.31	86.37	102.57	*7.94*	*9.19*	*-8.26*	*-8.05*
Ladies Fingers	60.00-160.00	108.00	98.33	103.02	*9.67*	*9.83*	*4.98*	*4.83*
Brinjal	70.00-200.00	114.68	111.62	109.07	*3.06*	*2.74*	*5.61*	*5.14*
Capsicum	90.00-200.00	139.82	192.29	140.39	*-52.47*	*-27.29*	*-0.57*	*-0.41*
Pumpkin	40.00-160.00	93.26	123.30	83.99	*-30.04*	*-24.36*	*9.27*	*11.04*
Cucumber	50.00-120.00	84.90	72.29	83.20	*12.61*	*17.44*	*1.70*	*2.04*
Bittergourd	80.00-200.00	126.02	127.67	127.11	*-1.65*	*-1.29*	*-1.09*	*-0.86*
Snakegourd	60.00-160.00	110.47	109.19	110.41	*1.28*	*1.17*	*0.06*	*0.05*
Drumstick	80.00-320.00	167.24	134.18	172.33	*33.06*	*24.64*	*-5.09*	*-2.95*
Luffa	60.00-160.00	115.66	106.41	138.72	*9.25*	*8.69*	*-23.06*	*-16.62*
Long Beans	80.00-200.00	121.33	125.84	119.10	*-4.51*	*-3.58*	*2.23*	*1.87*
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	122.50	126.44	122.46	*-3.94*	*-3.11*	*0.04*	*0.03*
Green Chillies	80.00-300.00	163.41	301.27	238.89	*-137.86*	*-45.76*	*-75.48*	*-31.60*
Lime	250.00-800.00	529.54	296.97	332.66	*232.57*	*78.31*	*196.88*	*59.18*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted last month, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase was reported for pineapple (medium size) as 54% due to limited supply with dry weather condition while, prices of all the other pineapple varieties have increased in the range of 50%-53%. Further, a 38% price increase was reported for mango (vilad) due to limited supplies received to the market with end of the harvesting season. Further, prices of banana (ambul, kolikuttu and seeni) have increased in the range of 3%-17% due to low supplies received from Embilipitiya and Godakawela areas with dry weather condition. In addition, price of passionfruit has also increased by 29% with low supplies received to the market with end of the harvesting season. However, prices of slimeapple, avocado and banana (ambun) have decreased in the range of 1%-29%.

According to market information, a price decrease can be expected in the coming week due to low demand for most of the fruit varieties.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the fruit varieties except woodapple and slimeapple have increased and the highest price increase was reported for papaw as 110%.

Considering the retail market price fluctuations, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase was reported for pineapple (small size) as 50% and prices of pineapple (medium and large sizes) have also increased by 42% and 35% respectively. Further, price of passionfruit has increased by 28% and prices of all the varieties of banana (except ambun) have increased in the range of 3%-18%. Whilst, an 11% price decrease was noted for both woodapple and avocado.

According to market information, retail prices of most of the fruits varieties can be expected to decrease due to low demand in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple (small size) as 114%.

According to (Table 4.3), compared to last month, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase was reported for banana (ambul) as 33% and prices of both banana (kolikuttu) and pineapple have increased by 12%. According to market information, a decrease in the producer’s income in the coming month with low demand can be expected.

Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for banana (ambul) as 105%.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to (Table 4.4), 140.69 mt fruits worth Rs.19.73mn have been imported and 65% of them have been earned from pineapple. Compared to last month, export value has decreased by Rs.50.90mn and export quantity also have decreased by 424.37 mt due to dry weather condition.

Considering imports (Tables 4.5), 3,537 mt of fruits worth Rs.558.03mn have been imported Rs.255.05mn worth of apple and Rs.227.65mn worth of grapes have been imported. Of that 65%

of apple and 55% of grapes have been imported from China. Compared to last month, the import value has increased by Rs.119.18mn and imported fruit quantities also increased by 1,001mn.

Considering export and import values for selected fruit varieties there is a Rs.538.30mn worth of negative trade balance and this negative trade balance is expected to increase further.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – September 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-110.00	91.56	78.38	50.47	*13.18*	*16.82*	*41.09*	*81.41*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	200.00-230.00	210.18	191.67	162.50	*18.51*	*9.66*	*47.68*	*29.34*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	40.00-70.00	58.22	56.28	44.91	*1.94*	*3.45*	*13.31*	*29.64*
Anamalu	8.00-15.00	11.46	11.50	8.49	*-0.04*	*-0.36*	*2.97*	*34.98*
Ambun	12.00-18.00	16.17	16.37	12.13	*-0.20*	*-1.25*	*4.04*	*33.31*
Pineapple								
Large	220.00-400.00	308.21	201.87	151.33	*106.34*	*52.68*	*156.88*	*103.67*
Medium	180.00-350.00	258.53	168.40	127.16	*90.13*	*53.52*	*131.37*	*103.31*
Small	140.00-280.00	201.84	134.33	101.21	*67.51*	*50.25*	*100.63*	*99.43*
Mango								
Betti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	100.00-220.00	169.79	169.43	152.40	*0.36*	*0.22*	*17.39*	*11.41*
Vilad	40.00-90.00	64.43	46.63	61.59	*17.81*	*38.19*	*2.84*	*4.61*
Kohu	-	-	15.83	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00-150.00	119.11	110.15	56.73	*8.96*	*8.13*	*62.38*	*109.96*
Passionfruit	10.83-16.66	13.71	10.59	8.59	*3.12*	*29.46*	*5.12*	*59.60*
Woodapple	10.00-20.00	14.68	14.68	15.04	*0.00*	*0.03*	*-0.36*	*-2.39*
Orange	25.00-40.00	34.52	31.01	20.56	*3.51*	*11.31*	*13.96*	*67.90*
Avocado	15.00-40.00	25.24	29.36	22.37	*-4.12*	*-14.03*	*2.87*	*12.83*
Slime Apple	20.00-50.00	34.05	48.56	71.68	*-14.51*	*-29.87*	*-37.63*	*-52.50*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	413.33-644.44	544.63	479.91	496.94	*64.72*	*13.49*	*47.69*	*9.60*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – September 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00-180.00	137.95	116.88	85.43	*21.07*	*18.02*	*52.52*	*61.48*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	220.00-300.00	260.10	247.32	203.50	*12.78*	*5.17*	*56.60*	*27.81*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	90.00-150.00	109.65	98.04	80.89	*11.61*	*11.84*	*28.76*	*35.55*
Anamalu	20.00-30.00	23.86	23.28	17.39	*0.58*	*2.51*	*6.47*	*37.21*
Ambun	20.00-30.00	24.52	24.77	18.89	*-0.25*	*-1.02*	*5.63*	*29.80*
Pineapple								
Large	280.00-500.00	360.77	267.17	199.66	*93.60*	*35.03*	*161.11*	*80.69*
Medium	230.00-380.00	293.06	206.04	157.07	*87.02*	*42.23*	*135.99*	*86.58*
Small	180.00-320.00	239.93	160.49	112.11	*79.44*	*49.50*	*127.82*	*114.01*
Mango								
Betti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	150.00-300.00	247.46	202.50	221.50	*44.96*	*22.20*	*25.96*	*11.72*
Vilad	80.00-160.00	105.54	87.18	83.87	*18.37*	*21.07*	*21.67*	*25.84*
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	120.00-220.00	177.56	154.24	115.71	*23.32*	*15.12*	*61.85*	*53.45*
Passionfruit	16.66-33.00	23.35	18.26	14.20	*5.09*	*27.88*	*9.15*	*64.44*
Woodapple	20.00-50.00	30.91	34.79	39.13	*-3.88*	*-11.16*	*-8.22*	*-21.01*
Orange	30.00-70.00	48.99	54.92	43.25	*-5.93*	*-10.80*	*5.74*	*13.27*
Avocado	35.00-100.00	61.32	61.35	48.01	*-0.03*	*-0.05*	*13.31*	*27.72*
Slime Apple	50.00-100.00	78.73	72.70	105.27	*6.03*	*8.29*	*-26.54*	*-25.21*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	700.00-900.00	791.64	762.24	768.90	*29.40*	*3.86*	*22.74*	*2.96*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – September 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	56.00-75.00	68.88	51.70	33.66	17.18	33.22	35.22	104.62
Kolikuttu	148.00-215.00	176.00	157.77	108.11	18.23	11.56	67.89	62.80
Papaw	54.00-85.00	70.99	69.59	37.65	1.39	2.00	33.34	88.55
Pineapple	106.00-122.00	113.50	101.20	66.87	12.30	12.15	46.63	69.73

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits July– September 2016

Type of Fruit	September			August			July		
	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	82.88	16.19	195.35	111.57	20.88	187.16	123.69	25.99	210.11
Papaw	472.67	45.36	95.97	435.83	41.86	96.04	377.00	44.44	117.88
Fresh Mango	5.30	1.37	259.05	12.42	7.15	576.20	8.28	4.95	597.88
Avocados, fresh	7.24	0.77	106.98	5.24	0.74	141.10	1.11	0.15	132.96
Oranges, fresh				-	-	-	0.21	0.01	52.35

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
July– September 2016

Type of Fruit	September			August			July		
	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	1,942	255.05	131.34	1,060	154.23	145.56	1,121	183.61	163.82
Grapes	836	227.65	272.38	389	101.84	262.08	673	167.82	249.23
Oranges	556	61.31	110.31	720	76.52	106.32	1,123	121.27	108.01
Mandarin	203	14.02	69.07	367	26.26	71.62	190	13.35	70.31

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except salaya, balaya and shrimp had decreased at the wholesale level. Further, prices of most of the varieties showed a declining trend in their prices throughout the month except in the second week. The highest price decrease was reported for thora (11%) followed by hurulla (8%). A price decrease of 4% was noted for paraw. In addition, prices of thalapath and mora had decreased by 1%. Price of kelawalla had also decreased. However, it was not a significant change. Fishing season in the areas of Kalmunai, Jaffna, Trincomalee, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Killinochchi and Batticaloa had contributed to these price decreases. However, price increases of 11%, 9% and 7% were noted for balaya, salaya and shrimp respectively. In the month of September, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.151.67-975.76/kg. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that the prices of fish could further decrease in the coming month due to the fishing season in the Eastern coastal belt. Compared to September in 2015, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except thora had increased in the range of 1%-29% with the highest price increase observed for hurulla.

Though decreased prices were observed for most of the varieties at the wholesale market, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla, thora and thalapath had increased in the range of 1%-16%. The highest price increase was reported for balaya (16%) followed by mora (11%) and kelawalla (6%). A price increase of 5% was noted for salaya. In addition, prices of shrimp and paraw had increased by 3% and 1% respectively. Meanwhile, prices of thora and hurulla had decreased by 4% and 1% respectively with the decreased wholesale prices. Price of thalapath had also decreased. However, it was not a significant change. In the month of September, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.213.04-1,272.18/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.150.00-1,600.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to September in 2015, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except thora had increased in the range of 8%-47%with the highest price increase noted for balaya.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	140.00-160.00	151.67	139.60	140.33	*12.07*	*8.65*	*11.34*	*8.08*
Hurulla	240.00-350.00	291.25	317.71	226.31	*-26.46*	*-8.33*	*64.94*	*28.70*
Balaya	280.00-380.00	320.67	289.00	252.75	*31.67*	*10.96*	*67.92*	*26.87*
Kelawalla	380.00-520.00	457.25	457.82	452.83	*-0.57*	*-0.12*	*4.42*	*0.98*
Thora	900.00-1100.00	975.76	1100.50	991.25	*-124.74*	*-11.33*	*-15.49*	*-1.56*
Paraw	500.00-600.00	546.67	566.78	511.75	*-20.11*	*-3.55*	*34.92*	*6.82*
Mora	450.00-520.00	480.08	483.27	414.75	*-3.19*	*-0.66*	*65.33*	*15.75*
Shrimp (small)	700.00-900.00	811.25	754.89	735.25	*56.36*	*7.47*	*76.00*	*10.34*
Thalapath	550.00-650.00	588.75	595.16	562.75	*-6.41*	*-1.08*	*26.00*	*4.62*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	150.00-320.00	213.04	202.79	170.89	*10.25*	*5.05*	*42.15*	*24.66*
Hurulla	270.00-560.00	373.25	377.98	300.38	*-4.73*	*-1.25*	*72.87*	*24.26*
Balaya	310.00-720.00	528.47	457.14	359.69	*71.33*	*15.60*	*168.78*	*46.92*
Kelawalla	460.00-1100.00	791.29	742.86	670.14	*48.43*	*6.52*	*121.15*	*18.08*
Thora	1000.00-1600.00	1272.18	1330.00	1292.85	*-57.82*	*-4.35*	*-20.67*	*-1.60*
Paraw	550.00-1100.00	767.19	763.18	711.79	*4.01*	*0.53*	*55.40*	*7.78*
Mora	500.00-960.00	685.56	618.43	536.58	*67.13*	*10.85*	*148.98*	*27.76*
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1200.00	939.33	911.93	849.90	*27.40*	*3.00*	*89.43*	*10.52*
Thalapath	600.00-1000.00	846.78	850.47	785.57	*-3.69*	*-0.43*	*61.21*	*7.79*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of both local and imported dried fish remained more or less unchanged compared to the previous month. The wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have slightly increased. However, the increase was less than 9%. The highest price increase of 9% was reported for local maduwa while for the most of other varieties it was less than 3%. Meanwhile, the price of local salaya has increased by 6% and the price of local balaya has increased by nearly 5%. Stocks of local and imported koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of last year prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 4%-36% with the highest increase recorded for local sprats.

Local dried fish stocks were mainly received from Kalpitiya, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttalam, Mannar, Jaffna and Negambo areas. The main importing countries were India, Pakistan, Oman, Vietnam and Thailand.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs a quantity of 1938mt of dried sprats was imported in September. The total value of the imports was Rs.738mn. The quantity has decreased by 79mt against the previous month but the value of imports has increased against the previous month due to high CIF prices. Out of the total imports 89% was imported from Thailand, while 6% from United Arab Emirates and 2% from Vietnam. Rest of the stocks were imported from India, Indonesia and Oman as few quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.231.61-440.70/kg and the average price was Rs.380.65/kg. The majority among imports 1731mt was imported from Thailand fetched the average CIF price of Rs.390.21/kg.

An increase of prices at wholesale level reflected in retail level too and the prices of most of the dried fish have slightly increased except imported sprats. Among the price increased varieties it was significant for thora, maduwa and salaya. Meanwhile, the price of imported sprats has slightly decreased. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the other dried fish varieties except local and imported sprats had increased in the range of 2%-13% and the highest increase was reported for anguluwa.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	800.00-1000.00	903.75	914.43	664.36	*-10.68*	*-1.17*	*239.39*	*36.03*
Sprats (imported)	350.00-550.00	469.68	478.73	483.68	*-9.05*	*-1.89*	*-14.00*	*-2.89*
Kattawa	750.00-820.00	795.69	787.69	712.22	*8.00*	*1.02*	*83.47*	*11.72*
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-800.00	748.15	760.60	689.72	*-12.45*	*-1.64*	*58.43*	*8.47*
Thora	1050.00-1200.00	1164.06	1170.87	-	*-6.81*	*-0.58*	-	-
Thora (imported)	900.00-1100.00	1060.35	1030.73	971.96	*29.62*	*2.87*	*88.39*	*9.09*
Mora	780.00-850.00	815.14	813.70	814.42	*1.44*	*0.18*	*0.72*	*0.09*
Mora (imported)	550.00-800.00	723.18	755.02	764.00	*-31.84*	*-4.22*	*-40.82*	*-5.34*
Balaya	480.00-600.00	554.80	529.60	474.82	*25.20*	*4.76*	*79.98*	*16.84*
Balaya (imported)	400.00-550.00	493.64	497.47	474.25	*-3.83*	*-0.77*	*19.39*	*4.09*
Anguluwa	700.00-850.00	802.00	797.00	642.03	*5.00*	*0.63*	*159.97*	*24.92*
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-760.00	702.25	700.50	615.50	*1.75*	*0.25*	*86.75*	*14.09*
Maduwa	450.00-680.00	585.69	537.59	493.69	*48.10*	*8.95*	*92.00*	*18.64*
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	459.69	448.75	431.25	*10.94*	*2.44*	*28.44*	*6.59*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	220.00-350.00	299.26	282.65	221.30	*16.61*	*5.88*	*77.96*	*35.23*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	380.00-800.00	539.16	534.75	661.95	*4.41*	*0.83*	*-122.79*	*-18.55*
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	924.06	992.35	942.45	*-68.29*	*-6.88*	*-18.39*	*-1.95*
Kattawa	820.00-1300.00	1113.82	1111.87	1097.71	*1.95*	*0.18*	*16.11*	*1.47*
Thora	1200.00-1500.00	1362.58	1279.60	1293.02	*82.98*	*6.48*	*69.56*	*5.38*
Mora	800.00-1300.00	1052.25	1038.62	964.32	*13.63*	*1.31*	*87.93*	*9.12*
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	868.55	854.79	838.23	*13.76*	*1.61*	*30.32*	*3.62*
Anguluwa	650.00-1200.00	1011.20	1001.10	897.75	*10.10*	*1.01*	*113.45*	*12.64*
Maduwa	600.00-800.00	733.13	686.78	714.91	*46.35*	*6.75*	*18.22*	*2.55*
Koduwa	-	-	950.00	875.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-640.00	562.16	536.35	535.53	*25.81*	*4.81*	*26.63*	*4.97*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	1938	737.83	380.65	539.16	*158.51*
August	2017	732.78	363.30	534.75	*171.44*
July	1450	532.11	367.05	622.10	*255.05*
June	2190	756.14	345.23	683.62	*338.39*
May	2743	952.61	347.30	656.47	*309.17*
April	1612	573.49	355.68	645.30	*289.62*

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

Eggs

Compared to August, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased significantly by 14% and 12% respectively at the wholesale market with the increased supply. Further, of the month, decreased prices were observed in the first week and prices remained unchanged after that. Most of the stocks had been supplied from Hettipola, Madampe, Marawila and Kuliyapitiya areas. Prices at the wholesale market were observed as Rs.14.80/brown egg and Rs.14.30/white egg. Compared to September in 2015, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 4% and 8% respectively.

Prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 14% at the retail level with the decreased wholesale prices. The monthly average retail price of a brown egg was Rs.16.35 and it was Rs.15.34 per white egg. Further, price ranges at the retail market were observed as Rs.16.00-19.00/brown egg and Rs.15.00–16.50/white egg. Compared to September in 2015, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 5%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.80-14.80	14.80	17.31	14.25	*-2.51*	*-14.50*	*0.55*	*3.86*
White (each)	14.30-14.30	14.30	16.31	13.25	*-2.01*	*-12.32*	*1.05*	*7.92*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	16.00-19.00	16.35	18.92	15.49	*-2.57*	*-13.58*	*0.86*	*5.55*
White (each)	15.00-16.50	15.34	17.89	14.57	*-2.55*	*-14.25*	*0.77*	*5.28*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The prices of other meats except pork have increased slightly. However, the increase was 8% for curry chicken while it was less than 3% for other meats. Price of pork has decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties except pork had increased with the highest increase of 13% reported for beef.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – September 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	800.00-850.00	836.92	818.85	742.73	*18.07*	*2.21*	*94.19*	*12.68*
Chicken (Broiler)	560.00-630.00	603.71	585.42	549.02	*18.29*	*3.12*	*54.69*	*9.96*
Chicken (curry)	500.00-630.00	585.14	542.23	539.62	*42.91*	*7.91*	*45.52*	*8.44*
Mutton	1500.00-1800.00	1626.31	1618.09	1484.85	*8.22*	*0.51*	*141.46*	*9.53*
Pork	550.00-650.00	596.88	604.69	611.33	*-7.81*	*-1.29*	*-14.45*	*-2.36*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Since April this year, the highest quantity of wheat grain imports recorded in September. Total quantity of 283,151mt of wheat grain imported in September and the value of that was Rs.9800mn. The imported quantity has increased by 138,467mt against the previous month.

Out of the total imports, 57% as 162,535mt imported from Canada and another 37% from Russia with 3% from Denmark. The rest was imported from Australia, America, India and Ukraine. The CIF price ranged between Rs.29.19-55.48/kg and it was Rs.38.15/kg for Canadian wheat grains, which was the majority of imports. The lowest CIF price was reported for Russian wheat while the highest price for Indian, which imported only 81mt. The average CIF price has increased by Rs.2.81/kg against the previous month and it was Rs.64.61/kg in September.

The quantity of 343mt valued at about Rs.23mn was imported as wheat flour. The average CIF price was Rs.68.00/kg recording a decrease of cents 90/kg against the previous month. The imported quantity also decreased by 123mt.

The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.88.83/kg. The retail price has increased by cents.47/kg against the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour had increased by nearly 3%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug 2016		Sep 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	88.83	88.36	86.49	*0.47*	*0.53*	*2.34*	*2.71*
Sugar	93.00-100.00	95.23	94.90	*86.67*	*0.32*	*0.34*	*8.55*	*9.87*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
September	343	23.20	67.58	88.83	*21.25*
August	466	31.91	68.47	88.36	*19.89*
July	171	11.88	69.35	91.44	*22.10*
June	254	18.45	72.69	93.21	*20.52*
May	511	34.64	67.73	92.74	*25.01*
April	65	5.27	80.87	92.23	*11.36*
Wheat Grain					
September	283151	9800.44	34.61	88.83	*54.22*
August	144684	5323.20	36.79	88.36	*51.57*
July	83907	2960.61	35.28	91.44	*56.16*
June	74947	2507.69	33.46	93.21	*59.75*
May	149471	5533.95	37.02	92.74	*55.72*
April	287231	9793.99	34.10	92.23	*58.13*

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

Sugar

The imported quantity of sugar was high in previous month hence it showed some decrease. The total quantity of 62,330mt recording a decrease of 13,383mt against the previous month was imported in September and the value was Rs.5240mn.

The world sugar prices have shown a gradual increase with the beginning of this year and that trend continued this month too. In line with that, the average CIF price has increased further by Rs.2.82/kg against the previous month and it was Rs.84.07/kg. This is the ever-recorded highest price for sugar in history. Compared to the price of January 2016 (Rs.60.88) the increase was Rs.23.19/kg recording a 38% increase during the last nine months of period.

Among the total quantity of imported the highest quantity of 26,790mt, as it is 43% from Brazil, while 16% from India, 13% from Thailand and 6% each from Ukraine and Denmark was imported. Apart from that, a few quantities were imported from Korea, Netherlands, Belgium and England consisted. The CIF price ranged between Rs.82.38-109.17/kg. The majority among the imports was from Brazil and which fetched the lowest price of Rs.82.38/kg. The Korean sugar fetched the highest price, which has imported only a quantity of 173mt.

The government has increased the special Commodity Levy for imported sugar from Cents 25/kg to Rs.2.00/kg with effect from 23rd September 2016. In line with that, the retail price has slightly increased. The retail price ranged between Rs.93.00-100.00/kg and the average was Rs.95.23/kg. The price has increased by cents33/kg against the previous month and had increased by about 10% when compared to the same period of last year.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	62330	5240.26	84.07	95.23	*11.15*
August	75713	6151.29	81.25	94.90	*13.65*
July	46482	3602.80	77.51	95.54	*18.03*
June	46098	3358.40	72.85	113.46	*40.61*
May	34659	2350.37	67.81	106.34	*38.53*
April	62589	4042.27	64.58	103.78	*39.20*

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - September 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
	Sep 2016	Aug 2016		Sep 2016	Aug 2016		Sep 2016	Aug 2016	
Rice	3,007	1,978	52.0	193.90	119.44	62.3	64.48	60.38	6.8
Red Onion	443	58	657.7	24.75	3.26	658.1	55.93	55.90	0.1
Big Onion	8,889	20,830	-57.3	255.02	611.43	-58.3	28.69	29.35	-2.3
Potato	4,408	16,445	-73.2	148.12	476.69	-68.9	33.61	28.99	15.9
Dried Chillies	4,545	5,034	-9.7	1,205.05	1,352.24	-10.9	265.15	268.61	-1.3
Masoor Dhal	9,862	3,736	164.0	1,403.00	562.46	149.4	142.26	150.57	-5.5
Green Gram	1,556	1,017	53.0	240.64	162.02	48.5	154.69	159.34	-2.9
Cowpea	982	709	38.6	105.56	81.26	29.9	107.47	114.65	-6.3
Garlic	2,033	2,334	-12.9	552.23	551.64	0.1	271.62	236.31	14.9
Wheat flour	343	466	-26.3	23.20	31.91	-27.3	67.58	68.47	-1.3
Wheat grain	283,151	144,684	95.7	9,800.44	5,323.20	84.1	34.61	36.79	-5.9
White crystalline cane sugar	62,330	75,713	-17.7	5,240.26	6,151.29	-14.8	84.07	81.25	3.5
Maize (Seed)	360	301	19.5	208.99	140.50	48.7	580.50	466.35	24.5
Maize (Other)	100	50	100.0	9.80	4.79	104.9	98.03	95.70	2.4
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,938	2,017	-3.9	737.83	732.78	0.7	380.65	363.30	4.8

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

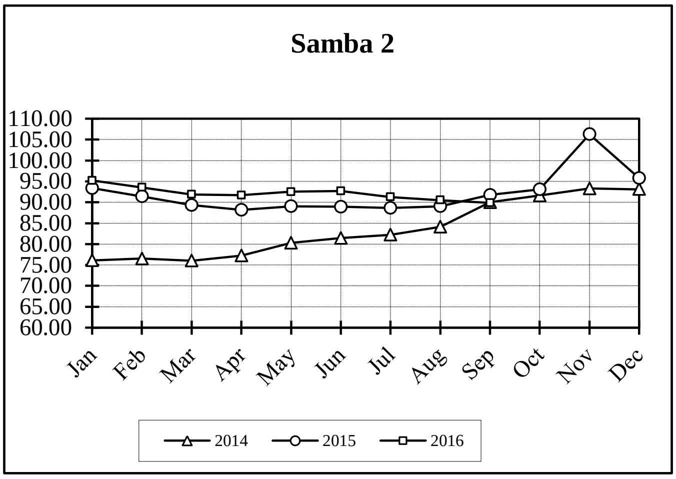
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – September 2016

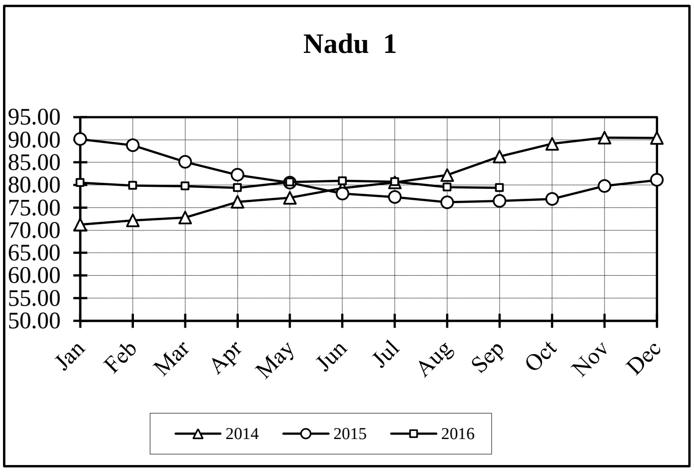
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	0.0	74.0	0	6
Badulla	0.5	119.8	1	9
Bandarawela	1.4	121.8	2	10
Batticaloa	30.0	67.0	4	5
Colombo	29.0	245.4	3	15
Galle	43.9	255.8	8	18
Hambantota	0.1	75.2	1	8
Jaffna	4.0	63.3	1	4
Katugastota	7.4	155.2	4	13
Katunayaka	0.6	224.1	2	14
Kurunegala	2.3	165.3	3	13
Mahailuppallama	0.0	90.7	0	6
Mannar	0.0	40.6	0	2
Nuwara Eliya	35.2	178.8	10	15
Pottuvil	33.4	44.8	5	na
Puttalam	0.0	67.8	1	5
Ratmalana	25.1	254.9	8	16
Ratnapura	101.7	421.4	13	20
Trincomalee	9.2	99.6	2	6
Vavuniya	0.4	107.3	1	6
Polonnaruwa	0.0	na	1	na
Moneragala	53.3	na	5	na
Mattala	2.3	na	1	na

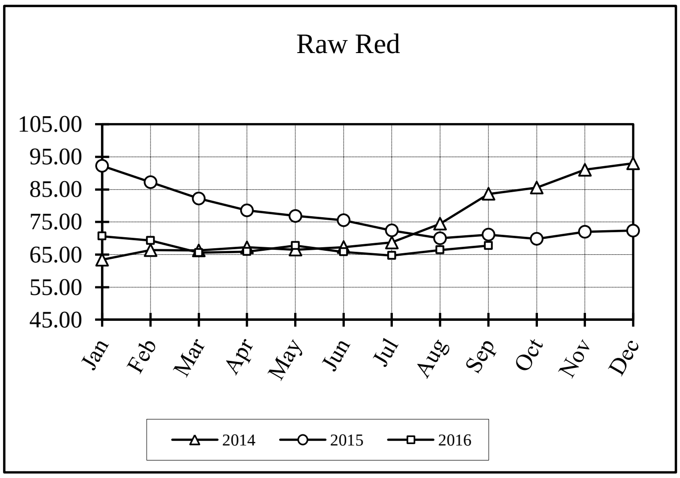
Source: Department of Meteorology

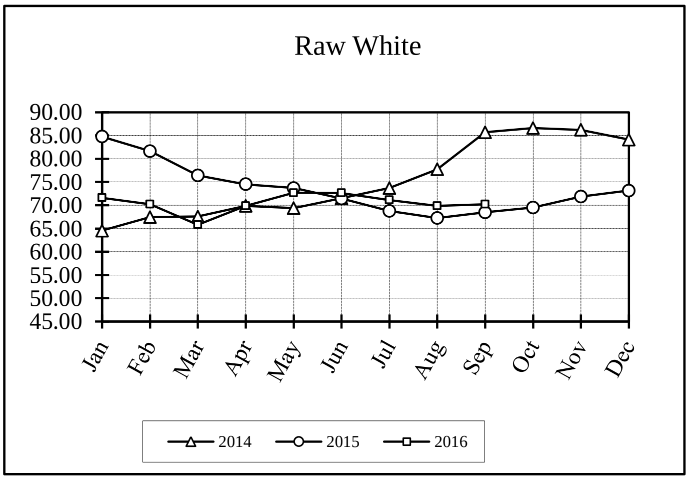
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	76.11	93.38	95.20	71.22	90.13	80.51	63.39	92.21	70.64	64.54	84.76	71.61
Feb	76.54	91.39	93.55	72.18	88.75	79.87	66.32	87.23	69.32	67.44	81.61	70.19
Mar	76.04	89.30	91.87	72.77	85.09	79.76	66.29	82.21	65.58	67.56	76.40	65.80
Apr	77.22	88.17	91.70	76.26	82.22	79.38	67.23	78.56	65.88	69.84	74.51	69.83
May	80.30	89.04	92.51	77.15	80.50	80.65	66.48	76.85	67.75	69.36	73.70	72.67
Jun	81.44	88.93	92.71	79.33	78.08	80.90	67.30	75.50	65.82	71.50	71.45	72.63
Jul	82.22	88.66	91.28	80.59	77.33	80.69	68.70	72.36	64.74	73.70	68.75	71.13
Aug	84.09	89.04	90.51	82.18	76.16	79.49	74.47	69.99	66.41	77.75	67.22	69.85
Sep	89.99	91.75	89.85	86.30	76.46	79.40	83.61	71.10	67.70	85.68	68.49	70.19
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	



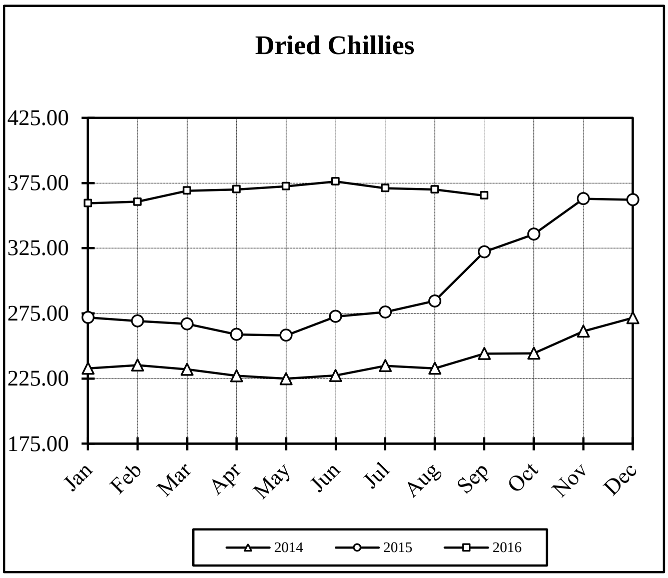


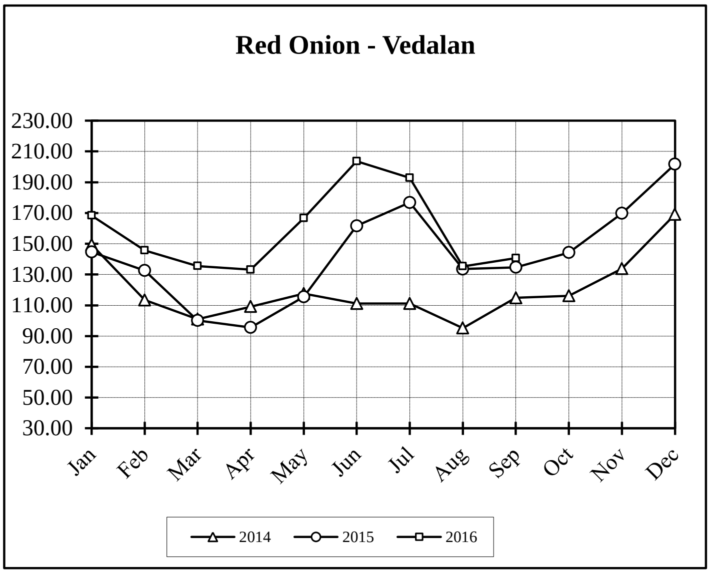


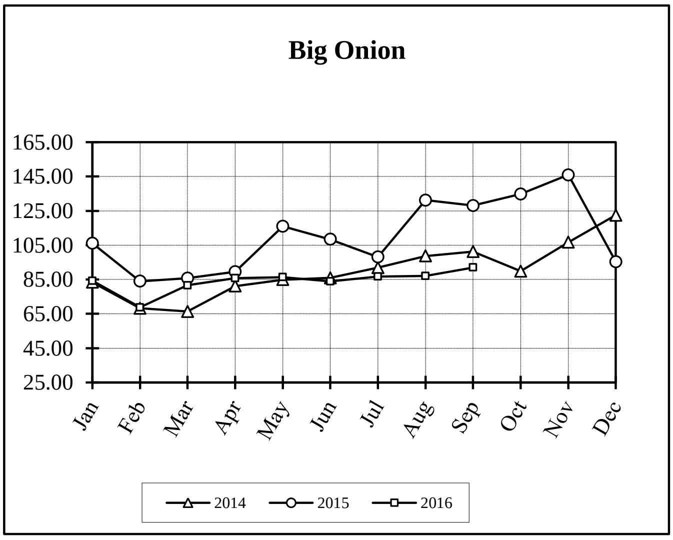


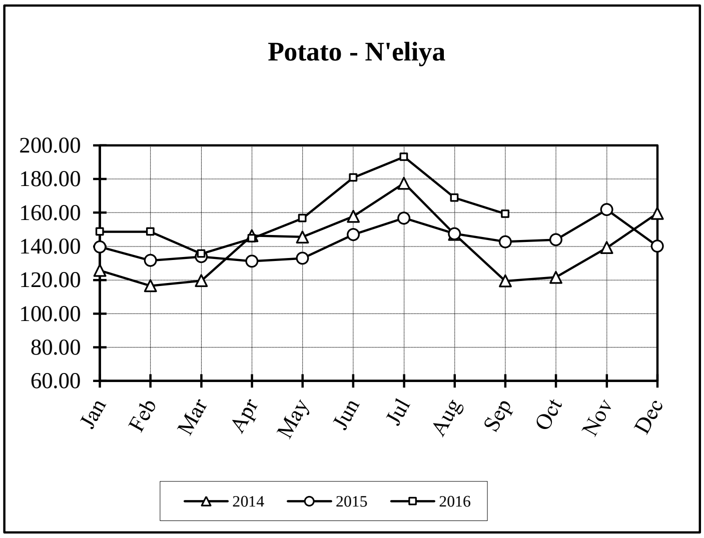
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	232.90	271.85	359.36	149.35	144.64	168.42	83.40	106.11	84.20	125.68	139.63	148.73
Feb	235.25	269.09	360.56	113.49	132.59	145.71	68.30	83.99	68.73	116.52	131.58	148.75
Mar	232.07	266.95	369.06	101.03	100.10	135.49	66.39	85.73	81.58	119.57	133.91	135.62
Apr	227.14	258.81	370.07	109.14	95.65	133.19	81.18	89.56	85.83	146.34	131.19	144.75
May	224.87	258.15	372.34	117.65	115.55	166.64	84.92	115.99	86.42	145.56	132.82	156.73
Jun	227.29	272.61	376.04	111.07	161.67	203.59	85.92	108.39	83.87	157.84	146.91	180.84
Jul	234.85	275.90	370.97	111.07	176.85	192.81	91.93	98.14	86.66	177.57	156.77	193.18
Aug	232.85	284.48	369.99	95.25	133.51	135.32	98.70	131.16	87.07	147.11	147.47	168.81
Sep	244.16	322.19	365.44	114.80	134.69	140.64	101.20	128.09	92.01	119.46	142.68	159.34
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)

September 2016

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Paddy				
Short grain				
A'pura	34.20	33.40	33.80	33.80
P'naruwa	32.75	35.20	37.75	38.50
Kalawewa				
Kurunegala	34.20	34.20	34.50	34.70
Dehiattakandiya	36.62	35.25	36.43	36.66
Ampara	35.95	35.95	37.30	38.30
Long grain (White)				
A'pura	32.80	33.20	32.40	32.40
P'naruwa	30.25	33.25	36.25	37.65
Kalawewa				
Kurunegala	31.20	31.00	31.20	32.80
Dehiattakandiya	33.50	32.67	36.50	35.00
Embilipitiya	33.40	33.40	33.40	34.60
Ampara	33.80	34.30	36.80	37.60
Matara	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.33
Hambantota				
Long grain (Red)				
Matara	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Hambantota	34.00	33.60	32.80	34.50
Ampara	33.80	34.20	35.60	36.40
Embilipitiya	34.00	33.50	33.60	34.00
Other Food Crops				
Dried Chillies				
A'Pura				
Galgamuwa				
Kalawewa				
Red Onion				
Puttalam	68.00	78.00	75.00	82.00
Big Onion				
Dambulla	57.60	62.40	52.00	56.30
Kalawewa				
A'Pura				
Kurunegala				

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Potato				
N'Eliya	92.60	91.80	91.80	91.80
Badulla	99.00	99.00	88.00	86.00
Welimada	83.80			
Pulses				
Green Gram				
Galgamuwa				
Kalawewa				
Embilipitiya	154.00	154.00	154.00	154.00
Kurunegala				
A'pura	145.00		138.75	138.75
Cowpea				
A'pura	175.00		171.67	171.67
Galgamuwa				
Nikaweratiya	146.67	146.67	156.67	156.67
Kalawewa				
Embilipitiya	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00
Kurunegala				
Maize				
A'Pura	47.33		45.00	45.00
Kalawewa				
Gingelly				
A'Pura	135.67	126.25	136.50	136.50
Kalawewa				
Black Gram				
Kalawewa				
A'Pura	260.00		230.00	230.00
Vegetables (Up Country)				
Beans				
Dambulla	127.00	124.00	89.40	100.00
Welimada	128.00			
Badulla				
Carrot				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	50.00	57.00	53.00	41.80
Welimada	45.00			

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Leeks				
Welimada				
N'Eliya	52.00	62.00	69.40	65.40
Beetroot				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	27.40	32.00	32.00	26.40
Dambulla	27.40	33.60	32.60	31.60
Kurunegala				
Welimada	34.00			
Knokhol				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	21.60	28.00	28.00	26.80
Welimada	30.00			
Radish				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	10.40	13.60	15.00	15.80
Welimada	12.60			
Cabbage				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	37.60	44.60	43.20	27.00
Welimada	30.00			
Hambantota				
Badulla	38.00	38.00	36.00	31.00
Tomato				
Hanguranketha				
Welimada	30.00			
Hambantota				
Dambulla	23.00	50.00	35.40	37.40
Low Country				
Ladies Fingers				
A'pura	25.00	30.00	31.67	31.67
Dambulla	26.80	31.60	30.40	29.00
Hambantota	25.00	37.50	42.50	40.00
Embilipitiya	31.60	47.60	37.00	41.40
Matara	56.67	31.67	31.67	45.00

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Brinjals				
A'pura	50.00	55.00	42.33	42.33
Dambulla	38.80	42.80	39.20	42.60
Hambantota	40.00	50.00	45.00	45.00
Embilipitiya	36.00	47.50	42.40	38.40
Matara	45.00	45.00	45.00	41.67
Welimada	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capsicum				
Welimada	64.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bitter Gourd				
A'pura	30.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Dambulla	28.40	32.40	37.80	45.80
Hambantota	65.00	60.00	75.00	65.00
Embilipitiya	77.00	85.00	83.00	100.00
Matara	73.33	55.00	55.00	58.33
Snake Gourd				
Dambulla	20.40	30.20	16.60	31.60
Hambantota	26.67	40.00	40.00	40.00
Embilipitiya	32.00	37.00	42.40	46.40
Matara	55.00	36.67	36.67	38.33
A'pura	25.00	35.00	28.33	28.33
Luffa				
Dambulla	40.60	42.20	38.60	48.60
Hambantota	46.67	37.50	50.00	40.00
Embilipitiya	38.00	46.40	52.40	56.40
Matara	61.67	41.67	41.67	43.33
A'pura	26.67	31.67	38.33	38.33

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Pumpkin				
Dambulla	19.60	23.00	15.20	19.20
Hambantota	37.50	32.50	27.50	27.50
Embilipitiya	42.40	39.40	43.00	43.00
Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A'pura	30.00	30.00	28.33	28.33
Moneragala	22.25	29.25	31.75	20.75
Cucumber				
A'pura	18.50	21.67	26.25	26.25
Dambulla	19.40	22.00	25.20	21.60
Hambantota	17.50	22.50	37.50	22.50
Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long beans				
Dambulla	40.40	52.20	44.80	49.60
Hambantota	35.00	27.50	35.00	35.00
Embilipitiya	51.40	62.00	68.00	68.00
Matara	50.00	43.33	43.33	43.33
A'Pura	35.00	35.00	31.67	31.67
Ash Plantain				
Hambantota	42.50	42.50	47.50	47.50
Embilipitiya	37.00	37.00	37.00	42.40
Matara	48.33	36.67	36.67	36.67
Green Chillies				
Dambulla	63.20	72.20	56.00	61.00
Hambantota	85.00	50.00	75.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	80.40	83.40	83.40	77.00
Puttalam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A'Pura	66.67	80.00	53.33	53.33

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Lime				
Hambantota	210.00	240.00	312.50	300.00
Embilipitiya	188.00	394.00	394.00	394.00
Moneragala	185.00	189.00	288.33	342.50
Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Banana				
Ambul				
Moneragala	68.75	68.75	70.00	70.00
Embilipitiya	56.00	74.00	74.00	65.00
Hambantota	67.50	62.50	75.00	75.00
Kolikuttu				
Moneragala	166.25	166.25	166.25	166.25
Embilipitiya	148.00	171.00	171.00	162.00
Hambantota	210.00	215.00	185.00	185.00
Papaw				
Moneragala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Embilipitiya	76.00	82.40	78.00	54.00
Hambantota	85.00	70.00	62.50	60.00
Pineapple				
Divulapitiya	106.00	108.00	118.00	122.00