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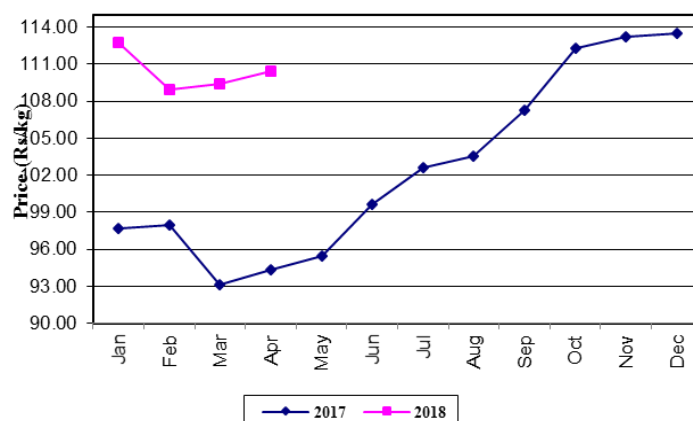
RICE:

Retail prices of local rice varieties, except samba and nadu have decreased marginally. Accordingly, prices of both local raw red and raw white have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and respective price ranged were Rs.75.00-85.00/kg and Rs.80.00-90.00/kg. However, prices of local nadu grade II and samba grade I have increased by Rs.2.00/kg. Prices of all imported varieties, except raw white have also decreased.

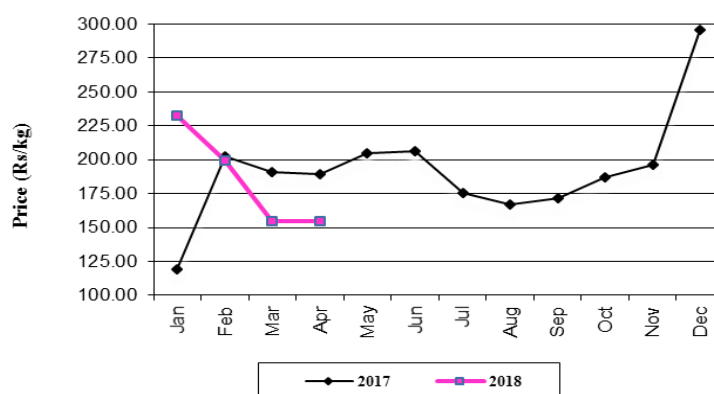
VEGETABLES:

In the wholesale market, prices of some vegetables, mainly upcountry varieties had increased due to low supplies during the off season; while a reverse trend was observed in response to receiving of low quality stocks of lowcountry vegetables. Of the upcountry varieties, the highest price increase was reported for leeks as 46% in contrast to the highest price drop of 48% in domestic vegetables reported for pumpkins. According to market information, vegetable prices are expected to escalate as off season peak approaches.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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

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

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Outstation Markets

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| 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

Harvesting of 2017/18 *Maha* season ended with a moderately successful harvest of paddy released to the market. The paddy fields were subjected to prolonged drought during the season in some of the major producing areas like Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa, Puttalam, Anuradhapura and Vavuniya. However, satisfactory progress was recorded in producing areas in Mahaweli Zones, Eastern Province and Hambantota District. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the sown extent of paddy reported for *Maha*, 2017/2018 season is 643,161 ha, it is 79% of the targeted extent of the season. Paddy production of 2017/18 *Maha* season was estimated at 2.396 million mt, (equivalent to 1.62 million mt of milled rice), and it is a 14 percent drop than the production of normal *Maha* seasons. According to the field information, land preparation activities for paddy cultivation in 2018 *Yala* season have commenced in some of the major producing areas like Ampara, Dehiattakanddiya, Embilipitiya and Nikaweratiya.

Producer Prices

Market arrivals of paddy were low when compared to a normal *Maha* season mainly due to the low production of paddy crop during the 2017/18 *Maha* season in some of the major producing areas. At the beginning of the month prices of all the paddy varieties have decreased due to the continuous supply of paddy harvest of 2017/18 *Maha* season into the market from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa areas. Harvesting in both Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts has almost completed by the mid April. However, paddy prices have continued to increasing from mid of the month mainly due to competitive buying behavior of millers in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of short grain white paddy have increased by less than 7% in almost all considered major producing areas. Prices of long grain white have increased by less than 11% in considered major producing areas except Ampara and Polonnaruwa. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have decreased by 6%-9% in producing areas in the Southern province. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.45.00-58.00/kg and Rs.34.00-48.00/Kg in major producing areas and the lowest prices were recorded in Kalawewa, Anuradhapura and Dehiattakanddiya. The prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.34.00-38.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province. Prices of *Keeri* samba paddy ranged between Rs.49.00-50.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakanddiya producing areas. According to the field information an increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to the short supply.

Compared to the same period of last year prices of short grain have increased by 8%-25% in all producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by 6%-15% and prices of long grain red paddy have decreased by 16%-24% in all major producing areas.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy – April 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	48.00-56.00	45.00-56.00	52.01	50.65	45.95	1.36	2.68	6.06	13.19
Polonnaruwa	51.50-58.00	50.00-59.00	55.35	54.84	44.11	0.51	0.93	11.24	25.49
Kalawewa	50.00-55.00	42.00-55.00	51.88	50.36	47.79	1.53	3.03	4.09	8.57
Kurunegala	45.00-54.00	41.00-54.00	49.33	48.00	-	1.33	2.78	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	45.00-57.00	42.00-58.00	53.77	50.26	44.50	3.51	6.98	9.27	20.83
Nikaweratiya	48.00-55.00	40.00-42.00	50.87	40.58	46.75	10.28	25.34	4.12	8.81
Ampara	52.00-57.00	48.00-58.00	54.60	52.13	-	2.48	4.75	-	-
Long Grain									
Anuradhapura	36.00-43.00	35.00-45.00	40.32	40.31	45.62	0.00	0.01	-5.30	-11.62
Polonnaruwa	39.00-43.00	39.00-45.00	41.19	42.56	43.82	-1.38	-3.23	-2.63	-6.01
Kalawewa	34.00-45.00	34.00-45.00	40.51	38.69	47.51	1.82	4.72	-7.00	-14.73
Kurunegala	40.00-48.00	37.00-48.00	45.50	42.38	-	3.13	7.37	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	35.00-42.00	32.00-43.00	39.66	38.16	44.50	1.50	3.92	-4.84	-10.88
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	38.00-43.00	32.00-40.00	40.73	36.75	46.75	3.98	10.84	-6.02	-12.87
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	37.83	38.00	-	-0.17	-0.44	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	40.00-44.00	41.00-45.00	41.65	43.00	-	-1.35	-3.14	-	-
Other Varieties									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	34.00-38.00	35.00-40.00	35.25	37.42	42.22	-2.17	-5.79	-6.97	-16.51
Hambantota	30.00-36.00	34.00-38.00	33.00	36.13	43.64	-3.12	-8.65	-10.64	-24.39
Embilipitiya	34.00-37.00	37.00-40.00	35.37	39.00	43.40	-3.63	-9.32	-8.03	-18.51

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba and nadu have further decreased during the month of April. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for local raw red as 3% and the average price was Rs.71.00/kg. Further, price of local raw white has decreased by 1% and the average price was Rs.75.00/kg. However, Prices of both local samba grade I and II have increased by 1% and respective price ranges were Rs.105.00-112.00/kg and Rs.99.00-105.00/kg. Further, price of local nadu grade II has also increased by 1% and the average price was Rs.79.00/kg. A total quantity of 34,455mt. worth of Rs.2,210mn. of rice had been imported during the month of April. However, compared to the previous month, imported quantity for this month has decreased by more than twice. Prices of most of the imported rice varieties have slightly increased during the month. Hence, price of imported raw white has increased by 3% and average price was Rs.71.00/kg. Further, price of imported nadu has also increased by 1% and average price was Rs.72.00/kg. However, price of imported samba has decreased by 4% due to decreased demand and the price ranged between Rs.68.00-75.00/kg.

Out of the total imports, 10,606mt. comprised of *ponni* samba; 8,005mt. comprised of nadu; 7,871mt. of broken rice; 7,414mt. of raw white and the rest was of basmati majority quantity of samba had been imported from India and few quantities were also imported from China. The average CIF price for samba was Rs.68.00/kg. All imported nadu had been imported from India. The average CIF price for nadu was 67.00/kg. Raw white had been mainly imported from India (52%) and Myanmar (41%). A few quantities were also imported from Pakistan and Vietnam. The

average CIF price for raw white was Rs.62.00/kg. Likewise, the highest broken rice quantity had also been imported from India. A few quantities were imported from Myanmar and the average CIF for broken rice was Rs.53.00/kg. Basmati was mainly imported from Pakistan, India and Thailand. In addition, basmati was imported from China, the United States, Malaysia and Italy. The average CIF price for Basmati was Rs.150.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties except samba and nadu varieties have decreased in the range of 1%-3%. However, prices of samba and nadu varieties have increased in the range of 1%-22%. Meanwhile, prices of all imported rice varieties, except *ponni* samba have also increased.

Retail Prices

Aligning with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba and nadu have decreased marginally during the month of April. Accordingly, prices of both local raw red and raw white have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.75.00-85.00/kg and Rs.80.00-90.00/kg. However, prices of local nadu grade II and samba grade I have increased by Rs.2.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.90.00/kg and Rs.117.00/kg. Further, prices of samba grade II and nadu grade I have increased by Rs.1.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.102.00-110.00/kg and Rs.80.00-90.00/kg. Prices of all imported varieties, except raw white have also decreased slightly during the month. Consequently, price of *ponni* samba has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and average price was 85.00/kg. Price of imported nadu has also decreased by 1% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg. However, price of imported raw white has increased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and average price was Rs.79.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Matara and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Hanguranketha market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.105.00-108.00/kg from Kandy and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.80.00-85.00/kg from Anuradhapura market. The highest price of Rs.93.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Hambantota and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.96.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kegalle and Anuradhapura markets, while the lowest price of Rs.72.00/kg was reported from Ampara and Matara markets.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 3%-19%. Subsequently, prices of all the imported rice varieties, except *ponni* samba have also increased.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	105.00-112.00	108.70	107.70	89.06	1.00	0.93	19.64	22.05
Samba 2	99.00-105.00	102.11	100.78	85.67	1.33	1.32	16.44	19.19
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	83.90	83.90	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	75.00-82.00	78.94	78.35	78.35	0.59	0.75	0.59	0.75
Raw red	69.00-75.00	71.48	73.70	73.70	-2.22	-3.01	-2.22	-3.01
Raw white	74.00-78.00	75.25	76.18	76.18	-0.92	-1.21	-0.92	-1.21
Imported Samba	68.00-75.00	70.70	73.74	79.91	-3.04	-4.12	-9.20	-11.52
Imported Raw White	68.00-73.00	70.64	68.49	66.85	2.15	3.14	3.79	5.67
Imported Nadu	70.00-74.00	72.06	71.49	68.06	0.57	0.79	4.00	5.88
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	110.00-120.00	116.93	115.34	98.53	1.59	1.38	18.40	18.68
Samba 2	102.00-110.00	104.00	103.40	90.14	0.61	0.59	13.87	15.38
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	80.00-90.00	102.24	101.20	90.88	1.04	1.03	11.35	12.49
Nadu 2	74.00-85.00	90.03	87.79	84.74	2.24	2.55	5.29	6.24
Raw red	75.00-85.00	85.43	86.63	82.89	-1.20	-1.38	2.54	3.06
Raw white	80.00-90.00	86.74	87.25	84.30	-0.51	-0.58	2.44	2.89
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	100.00-105.00	85.34	87.82	86.50	-2.48	-2.82	-1.16	-1.34
Imported Raw White	80.00-100.00	78.57	78.54	74.54	0.03	0.04	4.02	5.40
Imported Nadu	80.00-95.00	80.83	81.34	76.38	-0.51	-0.63	4.45	5.83

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Demand Situation

With the increased supply from Puttalam, Anuradhapura and other major producing areas, wholesale price of green chilli has decreased by about Rs.4.00/kg, while the retail price of green chilli has increased by about Rs.10.00/kg due to high demand with New Year festival season. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.50.92/kg and Rs.175.63/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 65% and 47% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of dried chilli comprised only imports from India. A quantity of 3,021 of dried chilli has been imported during April 2018 and it was a decline of 2,589 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.221.56/kg and it has increased by Rs.18.71/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.13.00/kg respectively due to low imports and prevailed high demand during festival season. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 48% and 15% respectively.

**Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli
April 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	30.00-100.00	50.92	54.48	146.46	-3.56	-6.54	-95.54	-65.23
Dried Chilli	240.00-260.00	249.94	242.90	169.17	7.04	2.90	80.77	47.75
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	70.00-300.00	175.63	165.99	328.46	9.64	5.81	-152.83	-46.53
Dried Chilli	260.00-350.00	298.03	284.90	257.93	13.12	4.61	40.09	15.54

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli
November 2017 to April 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	3,021	669.21	221.56	298.03	76.47
March	5,610	1,137.93	202.85	284.90	82.06
February	3,866	755.77	195.47	271.41	75.94
January	4,245	739.90	174.28	263.76	89.48
December	4,729	838.96	177.40	264.58	87.18
November	4,085	661.69	161.97	259.31	97.33

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – April 2018

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	55.60	51.20	46.40	52.00	64.20
Hambantota	130.00	120.00	130.00	85.00	85.00
Embilipitiya	114.57	114.57	104.40	77.00	136.00
Puttalam	-	33.75	32.00	32.00	32.00
A'Pura	83.33	85.00	96.67	73.75	135.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Big onion market supplies totally comprised imports and this situation would continue until *Yala* harvesting begins in July or August. A quantity of 26,044 mt of big onion was imported from India (99%) and Pakistan (1%) which was about 5,972 mt, less than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.36.23/kg and it has decreased by Rs.5.74/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.21.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 45% and 32% respectively.

Stocks of vedalan onion were not available at the markets while a small quantity of sinnan red onion were available at the wholesale market in the range of Rs.90.00-100.00/kg.

About 2,033 mt of red onion were imported during this month from India and it was about 537 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.92.83/kg and it was an increase of Rs.8.89/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.9.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.1.00/kg.

**Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
April 2018**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	90.00-100.00	94.00	122.86	137.22	-28.86	-23.49	-43.22	-31.50
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	132.92	182.12	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	105.00-140.00	120.24	110.75	189.17	9.49	8.57	-68.93	-36.44
Big Onion (imported)	36.00-45.00	39.82	52.13	72.28	-12.30	-23.60	-32.45	-44.90
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	204.17	243.54	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	150.00-240.00	188.04	189.17	-	-1.13	-0.60	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	50.00-100.00	67.31	88.58	99.33	-21.26	-24.00	-32.02	-32.23
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Apr,2018	36.23	39.82	67.31	3.59	27.49
	Mar,2018	41.97	52.13	88.58	10.15	36.45
	Apr, 2017	31.47	72.28	99.33	40.81	27.05
Red onion	Apr,2018	92.83	120.24	188.04	27.41	67.80
	Mar,2018	83.94	110.75	189.17	26.81	78.42
	Apr, 2017	133.57	189.17	-	55.60	-

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

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018
Red Onion	2,033	1,496	188.7	125.5	92.83	83.94
Big Onion	26,044	32,016	943.7	1,343.9	36.23	41.97

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
November 2017 to April 2018**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
April	26,044	36.23	39.82	67.31	31.08
March	32,016	41.97	52.13	88.58	46.60
February	21,143	69.32	64.13	118.86	49.54
January	22,332	110.62	99.51	143.32	32.71
December	24,332	122.56	117.60	157.18	34.63
November	22,326	97.87	126.35	165.87	68.00

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 11,645 mt of potato had been imported in April, which was 4,218 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan (82%), followed by Bangladesh (16%). Special commodity levy for imported potato was remained as Rs.30.00/kg Compared to April, 2017 (10,587 mt), the imports were slightly high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.25.60/kg in April.

With regard to local potato, stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the Colombo wholesale market with ongoing harvesting for *maha* season. However, the demand was high during the festival season in the country during the month. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have increased by 15% and 14% in April. Retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has also increased by 7%. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 15% and 3% respectively. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.88.00/kg in April. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00/kg, Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and Rs.55.00-80.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (20%) and imported (29%) potatoes have decreased.

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
November 2017 to April 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	11,645	298.16	25.60	91.33	65.73
March	7,427	206.32	27.78	88.49	60.71
February	22,146	626.59	28.29	80.36	52.07
January	21,851	673.70	30.83	88.25	57.41
December	17,902	700.18	39.11	95.56	56.45
November	13,330	522.87	39.22	106.07	66.84

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

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – April 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	73.00-98.00	88.85	64.25	-	24.60	27.69	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	75.00-95.00	88.20	69.15	114.60	19.05	21.60	-26.40	-29.93
Imported – CIF	23.97-46.89	25.60	27.78	32.14	-2.18	-8.50	-6.54	-25.53
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	80.00-100.00	91.33	78.42	102.68	12.91	14.14	-11.35	-12.43
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-120.00	109.79	93.77	128.42	16.02	14.59	-18.63	-16.97
Imported	55.00-80.00	68.34	58.35	93.25	9.99	14.62	-24.91	-36.46
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	145.00	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-180.00	149.37	139.65	179.77	9.72	6.51	-30.40	-20.35
Imported	70.00-100.00	91.33	88.49	117.58	2.84	3.11	-26.24	-28.74
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		61.17	70.50	65.17	-9.33	-15.25	-4.00	-6.54
Imported (CIF-RP)		65.73	60.71	85.44	5.02	7.63	-19.71	-29.99
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		39.58	45.88	51.35	-6.30	-15.91	-11.77	-29.73
Imported		22.99	30.14	24.32	-7.15	-31.09	-1.33	-5.79

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.206.00 with an average of Rs.200.08/kg in March. The average price has increased by 2% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 7%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.241.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has not drastically changed and has increased by 0.2%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of this month has decreased by 3.7% (Table:2.4.1).

A total of 898 MT of green gram has been imported during this month. It is a decrease of 39% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of green gram was Rs.135.32/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.1.90/kg compared to the average CIF price noted in the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation was recorded as Rs.121 million, a value lowered by 40% compared to the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Of the total imports this month, the highest quantity has been imported from Australia (51%), followed by Thailand (22%), Uzbekistan (13%), Argentina (5%), Turkey (5%) and Myanmar (3%).

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.228 .00/kg and Rs.242.00/kg, respectively in April. The price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 1% while, the price of red cowpea has decreased by 2%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 13% and 20%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.293.00/kg and Rs.299.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.360.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has not drastically changed and price of red cowpea has increased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 4% and 14%, respectively.

Of the two types of cowpea, a total of 980 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. It is an increase of 205 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.125.00/kg, which is similar to that of the previous month. Importation of cowpea has not changed and the quantity has increased. The total expenditure on white cowpea importation has increased by 15% compared to the previous month. Accordingly, the total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.122.5 million. Of the total cowpea imports, the highest was imported from Myanmar (85%), followed by India (8%) and Madagascar (5%).

**Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
November 2017 to April 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	898	121.47	135.32	241.44	106.12
March	1,480	203.09	137.25	240.96	103.71
February	1,763	221.54	125.68	240.22	114.54
January	1,943	248.86	128.10	243.03	114.93
December	819	108.05	132.01	243.19	111.18
November	1,371	188.04	137.16	243.26	106.10

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

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
November 2017 to April 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	980	122.48	125.01	293.30	168.29
March	775	96.97	125.15	294.02	168.87
February	618	84.23	136.29	289.74	153.45
January	410	54.68	133.34	293.48	160.14
December	214	30.61	143.33	290.26	146.93
November	901	123.12	136.63	297.63	161.00

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	190.00-206.00	200.09	196.03	216.73	4.06	2.07	-16.64	-7.68
Cowpea (White)	220.00-240.00	227.69	230.00	263.04	-2.31	-1.00	-35.34	-13.44
Cowpea (Red)	200.00-280.00	241.74	245.61	301.20	-3.88	-1.58	-59.47	-19.74
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	241.44	240.96	250.80	0.48	0.20	-9.36	-3.73
Cowpea (White)	240.00-340.00	293.30	294.02	303.53	-0.72	-0.25	-10.23	-3.37
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-360.00	299.25	297.40	347.42	1.85	0.62	-48.18	-13.87

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	135.32	200.09	241.44	64.77	41.35	135.32
	137.25	196.03	240.96	58.78	44.93	137.25
	151.77	216.73	250.80	64.96	34.07	151.77
Cowpea (White)	125.01	227.69	293.30	102.68	65.60	125.01
	125.15	230.00	294.02	104.85	64.02	125.15
	142.06	263.04	303.53	120.98	40.49	142.06
Cowpea (Red)	-	241.74	299.25	-	57.51	-
	-	245.61	297.40	-	51.78	-
	-	301.20	347.42	-	46.22	-

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.103.00/kg and Rs.108.00/kg with an average of Rs.106.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.130.00/kg with an average of Rs.127.00/kg. Moreover, both prices have not changed significantly during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 25% and 22%, respectively (Table:2.51).

During this month, a total of 7,308 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.75.00/kg. The average CIF price this month has been decreased by Rs.5.00/kg compared to that in the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the majority (i.e., 6,815 MT) consisted of the whole type, while the rest (i.e., 493 MT) consisted of the split type. Of the whole type red

dhal, around 67.6% has been imported from Australia, and the rest (31.6%) from Canada and 0.7% from India. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs.505 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.74.00 per kilo. Of the split type red dhal, the majority has been imported from India (75%), followed by Canada (25%). The average CIF price was noted as Rs.90.00 per kilo; accordingly, the total value of the imports was Rs.44.2 million.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – April 2018

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	103.00-108.00	105.53	105.95	140.41	-0.42	-0.40	-34.88	-24.84
Retail Price	120.00-130.00	127.25	128.08	162.43	-0.83	-0.65	-35.18	-21.66

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
November 2017 April 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
April	7,308	75.19	105.53	127.25	30.34	21.72
March	15,207	80.36	105.95	128.08	25.59	22.13
February	11,855	84.76	105.93	127.82	21.16	21.90
January	13,774	82.46	110.19	129.37	27.72	19.19
December	10,080	90.40	113.05	136.54	22.65	23.49
November	16,361	92.07	118.63	151.23	26.55	32.60

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

3. Vegetables

Prices and supply/Demand situation

With the reaching of off season for vegetables, supplies of upcountry vegetables dropped by around 30% from major producing areas, compared to previous month and thereby its prices started to show an increasing trend. On the other hand, price decreases were observed in response to receiving of low quality stocks of low country varieties of vegetables from the last phase of *Maha* harvesting season as well as high supplies of dry weather induced smaller fruits of tomatoes. As a result, vegetable supplies remained more or less the same compared to last month, with a reported daily arrival of 2450 mt at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre during the month of April.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased in April, compared to previous month, mainly due to low supplies. Among the upcountry vegetables, leeks prices increased by the highest margin by 46% to Rs.137.50.00/kg, from Rs.94.17/kg reported last month. Next, price of radish, carrot, cabbage and knolkhol had increased by 43%, 38%, 25% and 17% from its respective wholesale prices recorded in March. However, prices of beans and beetroot had dropped in the range of 10%-15%. Prices of beans had decreased by 10% due to reaching of low quality stocks from Badulla and Kandy during the latter stage of *Maha* harvesting season while low quality supplies of beetroot from Jaffna, Puttalam and Melsiripura caused a price drop of 15% in beetroot.

In the meantime, prices of tomato had dropped by 20% in April, compared to last month due to arrival of high supplies of dry weather induced smaller fruits. However, price of capsicum increased marginally, by around 8%.

Supply of most of the domestic vegetables had remained high due to continuation of the *Maha* harvesting season in lowcountry areas. As a result, prices of most of the domestic varieties fell in comparison to its prices recorded previous month, with a noticeable price decreases reported in long beans by 39%, ash plantain by 26%, brinjal by 19% and ladies' fingers by 12%.

About 30% of the paddy farmers in Anuradhapura and Kurunegala districts had opted for less water intensive alternative crops, mainly low country vegetables such as pumpkin and long beans instead of paddy, due to water scarcity during the January – February period. As a result, the peak phase of the delayed *Maha* cultivations of pumpkin in those districts had reached in April, which caused the pumpkin prices to drop to Rs.19.38/kg, recording the highest price decline among lowcountry vegetables (by 48%) compared to last month. However, prices of both cucumber and snakegourd had shown a marginal increase of less than 7% compared to last month.

According to the market information, vegetable prices are expected to escalate as off season peak is approached.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilies had further decreased by 6%, to Rs.50.92/kg due to reaching of high supplies from Anuradhapura and Jaffna. However, prices of lime recorded a substantial increase of 277% due to ending of supplies from Ampara and Moneragala.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the low country vegetables had also decreased in April. The highest price decrease was reported for long beans as 13%. At the same time, prices of most of the vegetables had decreased compared to the same period of the last year, in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for tomato by 42%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	20.00-150.00	78.00	86.46	104.17	-8.46	-9.78	-26.17	-25.12
Carrot	50.00-110.00	82.42	59.79	110.73	22.62	37.84	-28.31	-25.57
Leeks	100.00-180.00	137.50	94.17	37.60	43.33	46.02	99.90	265.65
Beetroot	15.00-40.00	25.36	29.71	102.48	-4.35	-14.65	-77.12	-75.26
Knolkhol	20.00-50.00	33.49	28.54	72.81	4.95	17.35	-39.32	-54.00
Radish	20.00-40.00	31.50	21.99	56.53	9.51	43.26	-25.03	-44.28
Cabbage	15.00-40.00	28.53	22.77	64.73	5.77	25.33	-36.20	-55.92
Tomato	20.00-35.00	26.42	33.07	103.65	-6.65	-20.11	-77.23	-74.51
Ladies Fingers	20.00-70.00	39.02	44.27	65.21	-5.25	-11.86	-26.19	-40.16
Brinjal	30.00-70.00	45.83	56.60	57.51	-10.77	-19.03	-11.68	-20.31
Capsicum	60.00-120.00	80.86	75.00	189.62	5.86	7.81	-108.77	-57.36
Pumpkin	10.00-40.00	19.38	37.40	56.04	-18.01	-48.17	-36.66	-65.41
Cucumber	20.00-80.00	46.58	43.65	18.23	2.94	6.73	28.35	155.54
Bittergourd	50.00-120.00	75.89	76.35	115.28	-0.46	-0.61	-39.40	-34.17
Snakegourd	50.00-80.00	57.67	55.42	78.96	2.25	4.06	-21.29	-26.97
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	40.00-100.00	63.21	74.38	113.65	-11.17	-15.02	-50.44	-44.38
Long Beans	20.00-70.00	34.50	56.67	44.95	-22.17	-39.12	-10.45	-23.24
Ash Plantain	30.00-60.00	46.67	63.33	64.27	-16.67	-26.32	-17.60	-27.39
Green Chilli	30.00-100.00	50.92	54.48	146.46	-3.56	-6.54	-95.54	-65.23
Lime	60.00-350.00	188.79	50.10	41.51	138.69	276.80	147.28	354.81

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – April 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	60.00-280.00	154.67	155.08	189.04	-0.41	-0.26	-34.37	-18.18
Carrot	100.00-200.00	147.19	136.92	182.84	10.27	7.50	-35.65	-19.50
Leeks	140.00-280.00	208.31	174.72	115.11	33.59	19.22	93.20	80.96
Beetroot	50.00-200.00	104.81	101.39	189.17	3.41	3.36	-84.36	-44.60
Knolkhol	60.00-200.00	123.22	132.83	151.26	-9.61	-7.23	-28.04	-18.54
Radish	70.00-160.00	106.96	99.11	129.70	7.86	7.93	-22.73	-17.53
Cabbage	60.00-160.00	104.18	102.73	146.64	1.45	1.41	-42.46	-28.96
Tomato	50.00-120.00	82.71	87.12	193.79	-4.41	-5.06	-111.08	-57.32
Ladies Fingers	60.00-200.00	118.53	123.34	138.21	-4.80	-3.89	-19.67	-14.23
Brinjal	60.00-160.00	115.07	125.85	124.75	-10.79	-8.57	-9.68	-7.76
Capsicum	100.00-300.00	172.04	171.82	288.95	0.22	0.13	-116.91	-40.46
Pumpkin	30.00-120.00	93.84	100.57	124.31	-6.73	-6.69	-30.47	-24.51
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	120.40	107.55	95.72	12.85	11.95	24.68	25.79
Bittergourd	100.00-240.00	160.05	160.11	219.85	-0.06	-0.03	-59.80	-27.20
Snakegourd	80.00-200.00	131.13	124.88	157.06	6.25	5.01	-25.93	-16.51
Drumstick	200.00-320.00	256.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	80.00-240.00	152.30	158.07	219.77	-5.78	-3.65	-67.47	-30.70
Long Beans	60.00-200.00	117.38	134.29	127.00	-16.91	-12.59	-9.62	-7.58
Ash Plantain	70.00-160.00	120.67	126.79	131.55	-6.12	-4.83	-10.88	-8.27
Green Chilli	70.00-300.00	175.63	165.99	328.46	9.64	5.81	-152.83	-46.53
Lime	120.00-800.00	375.63	164.26	165.70	211.37	128.68	209.93	126.69

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in April compared to the prices in March mainly due to high consumer demand during the festive season.

Prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 5%-27% (Kolikuttu by 27%, Ambul by 23%, Ambun by 14%, Anamalu by 13%, Seeni by 5%). The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.50.00-90.00/kg, Rs.110.00-160.00/kg and Rs.60.00-90.00/kg respectively. Further, price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.13.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.17.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Price of papaw had increased by 11% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.69.94/kg and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-100.00/kg. In addition, increased prices were observed for orange, slime apple and wood apple and prices had increased by 38%, 13% and 4% respectively. Further, a price increase of 5% was noted for both imported grapes and mango (Kohu).

However, prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 6%, 5% and 7% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.86.41/fruit, Rs.120.27/fruit and Rs.154.19/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-180.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Betti had decreased by 28% and 2% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.40.00-80.00. In addition, prices of avocado and passion fruit had decreased by 27% and 7% respectively.

According to the data in previous years, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of all the banana varieties, papaw, passion fruit, pineapple, mango and avocado

could decrease in the coming month. However, increased prices could be expected for wood apple, orange and slime apple in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 67%.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 1%-11%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.80.00-150.00/kg, Rs.130.00-240.00/kg and Rs.100.00-140.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.16.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Retail price of papaw had increased by 12% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-160.00/kg. In addition, prices of orange, mango (Betti) and imported grapes had increased by 25%, 8% and 3% respectively.

However, price of small sized pineapple had decreased by 2%, while prices of medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 8% and price ranged between Rs.80.00-300.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 34% and 16% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.50.00-120.00/fruit and Rs.30.00-60.00/fruit respectively. In addition, prices of avocado, passion fruit, wood apple and slime apple had decreased by 31%, 15%, 8% and 2% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 57%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu compared to the prices in March, 2018 while, prices had decreased for papaw. The prices had increased by 18% for Kolikuttu and by 10% for Ambul. Prices of papaw had decreased by 6%. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.25.83-48.33/kg, Rs.72.50-125.00/kg and Rs.27.50 - 55.29/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to April, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 39% and for Kolikuttu by 35% and it was a price increase for papaw by 54% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 499mt of fresh fruits in April, 2018 to the value of Rs.66.6mn. Of the exported quantity, 87% were papaw, 8% were fresh pineapple and 4% were fresh mangoes. In addition, a small quantity of fresh avocados (0.02mt) also had been exported. In the month of March, 2018, the quantity exported was 505.1mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 1%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,441mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.640mn. Of the imported quantity, 77% were apple, 13% were grapes and 10% were oranges. The main importing countries of apple were China, South Africa, New Zealand and the United States. Grapes had been imported from Australia, India and South Africa while orange was imported from Egypt. In the month of March, 2018, the quantity imported was 3,838mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 10%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-90.00	69.54	56.70	98.17	12.84	22.65	-28.63	-29.16
Kolikuttu (Kg)	110.00-160.00	136.33	107.59	173.98	28.74	26.72	-37.65	-21.64
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-90.00	72.55	68.75	90.74	3.80	5.52	-18.19	-20.05
Anamalu (Fruit)	13.00-20.00	16.40	14.49	13.23	1.91	13.18	3.17	23.95
Ambun (Fruit)	17.00-25.00	21.19	18.56	17.58	2.63	14.17	3.61	20.55
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	140.00-180.00	154.19	165.93	237.83	-11.74	-7.07	-83.64	-35.17
Medium (Fruit)	110.00-130.00	120.27	127.10	185.53	-6.83	-5.37	-65.26	-35.17
Small (Fruit)	70.00-100.00	86.41	91.82	133.50	-5.42	-5.90	-47.09	-35.28
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-28.00	22.76	23.20	21.85	-0.45	-1.92	0.91	4.16
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	56.01	78.02	82.55	-22.01	-28.21	-26.54	-32.15
Vilad (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	26.97	26.88	24.68	0.09	0.34	2.30	9.31
Kohu (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	20.00	19.00	16.51	1.00	5.26	3.49	21.17
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-100.00	69.94	63.25	80.47	6.69	10.58	-10.53	-13.09
Passionfruit (Fruit)	13.00-20.00	16.01	17.20	12.42	-1.19	-6.94	3.59	28.86
Woodapple (Fruit)	12.00-18.00	14.83	14.32	44.43	0.52	3.60	-29.60	-66.62
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-35.00	26.11	18.89	17.10	7.22	38.25	9.01	52.70
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	58.82	81.02	38.14	-22.20	-27.41	20.67	54.20
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	26.57	23.58	47.04	2.98	12.64	-20.48	-43.53
Grapes Imported (Kg)	438.00-630.00	571.75	543.79	563.14	27.96	5.14	8.61	1.53

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-150.00	110.06	100.43	149.36	9.64	9.60	-39.30	-26.31
Kolikuttu (Kg)	130.00-240.00	195.90	176.21	234.20	19.69	11.17	-38.31	-16.36
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-140.00	120.88	119.72	135.25	1.16	0.97	-14.37	-10.62
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-25.00	19.66	17.95	25.07	1.71	9.53	-5.41	-21.57
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	24.06	22.53	27.06	1.53	6.79	-3.00	-11.08
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	170.00-300.00	220.61	239.28	339.03	-18.68	-7.80	-118.43	-34.93
Medium (Fruit)	140.00-80.00	154.45	168.39	254.35	-13.94	-8.28	-99.90	-39.28
Small (Fruit)	80.00-140.00	114.62	116.57	179.96	-1.95	-1.67	-65.34	-36.31
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	40.12	37.17	42.97	2.96	7.95	-2.84	-6.62
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	78.61	118.41	109.75	-39.80	-33.61	-31.14	-28.37
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	43.27	51.35	46.98	-8.08	-15.74	-3.71	-7.90
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	25.00	23.21	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-160.00	118.49	105.53	127.65	12.95	12.27	-9.17	-7.18
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	26.47	31.26	24.93	-4.80	-15.35	1.53	6.15
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-70.00	41.84	45.71	97.10	-3.87	-8.46	-55.26	-56.91
Orange (Fruit)	25.00-70.00	46.34	37.10	41.56	9.24	24.92	4.78	11.50
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-150.00	85.47	124.75	76.68	-39.28	-31.49	8.79	11.46
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	59.99	61.06	82.21	-1.07	-1.76	-22.22	-27.03
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-1000.00	837.36	813.56	794.15	23.79	2.92	43.21	5.44

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	25.83-48.33	38.63	35.09	63.20	3.54	10.09	-24.57	-38.88
Kolikuttu	72.50-125.00	94.17	79.93	144.40	14.24	17.81	-50.23	-34.79
Papaw	27.50-55.29	44.44	47.42	28.83	-2.98	-6.28	15.61	54.15

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
February to April 2018**

Type of Fruit	April			March			February		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	42.33	12.46	294.34	66.25	26.00	392.37	85.29	40.01	469.12
Papaw	437.83	46.59	106.42	416.93	37.84	90.76	302.76	33.79	111.60
Fresh Mango	18.83	7.50	397.95	21.65	6.86	317.07	23.76	9.22	387.93
Avocado, fresh	0.02	0.02	842.60	0.25	0.10	413.80	0.12	0.05	411.54
Orange, fresh	42.33	12.46	294.34	66.25	26.00	392.37	85.29	40.01	469.12

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
February to April 2018**

Type of Fruit	April			March			February		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	2,655	439.78	165.61	2,465	372.90	151.25	2,364	334.68	141.57
Grapes	444	170.84	384.59	714	264.27	370.01	862	271.59	314.98
Oranges	342	29.33	85.88	659	58.88	89.29	564	52.69	93.48
Mandarin	2,655	439.78	165.61	2,465	372.90	151.25	2,364	334.68	141.57

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.138.00/kg and Rs.1057.00/kg in April. Compared to the previous month, prices of most fish types have increased due to the high demand during the festival season. The highest price increment was noted as 20% in Balaya, followed by Kelawalla (18%) and Paraw (13%). Moreover, prices of Mora and Salaya have increased by 7% and 3%, respectively. In the meantime, prices of certain fish types have decreased. The highest price decrement was noted as 8% in Hurulla, followed by 2% in Thalapath and 1% in Shrimp and Thora. Small fish types have been supplied from North-Western coastal areas such as Puttalam. Fish prices are expected to increase next month due to unfavourable rainy weather in the coastal areas. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fish types have decreased by 3%-27%. The highest price decrement was noted in Hurulla. Price of Kelawalla has decreased by 9%, followed by Shrimp (8%) and Salaya (8%). In addition, prices of Paraw and Balaya have decreased by 6% and 3%, respectively. Of price increased fish types, the highest price increment was observed as 9% in Thalapath, followed by 6% in Mora and 4% in Thora.

Average retail prices of selected fish types have ranged between Rs.182.00/kg and Rs.1455.00/kg this month. Consumers have had to pay a price ranging between Rs.120.00 and Rs.1600.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most fish types have increased by 2%-7%. The highest price increment was observed in Kelawalla, followed by Paraw (6%) and Hurulla (5%). Prices of Salaya and Shrimp have increased by 4% and 2%, respectively. The only price decrement was noted as 2% in Balaya. In the meantime, prices of Thora, Thalapath, and Mora have not changed significantly during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of most fish types have increased 3%-24%, and the highest price increment was noted in Mora, followed by Thalapath (16%) and Thora (11%). Prices of Paraw, Kelawalla, and Balaya have increased by 10% or less. The only price decrements were observed as 8% in Salaya and Hurulla, and as 7% in Shrimp.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-150.00	137.98	133.75	149.89	4.23	3.16	-11.91	-7.95
Hurulla	180.00-300.00	255.13	278.52	351.25	-23.39	-8.40	-96.12	-27.36
Balaya	200.00-350.00	278.27	232.02	287.83	46.25	19.93	-9.57	-3.32
Kelawalla	300.00-600.00	501.75	425.45	552.58	76.30	17.93	-50.83	-9.20
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1056.55	1068.30	1016.67	-11.75	-1.10	39.88	3.92
Paraw	450.00-600.00	535.50	473.67	567.89	61.83	13.05	-32.39	-5.70
Mora	450.00-650.00	564.67	528.50	532.73	36.17	6.84	31.94	6.00
Shrimp (small)	700.00-900.00	824.57	836.02	898.75	-11.45	-1.37	-74.18	-8.25
Thalapath	650.00-800.00	728.00	743.75	664.92	-15.75	-2.12	63.08	9.49
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-300.00	181.59	174.09	197.14	7.50	4.31	-15.55	-7.89
Hurulla	200.00-500.00	393.34	375.93	426.45	17.41	4.63	-33.11	-7.77
Balaya	250.00-720.00	503.40	513.15	489.22	-9.74	-1.90	14.19	2.90
Kelawalla	500.00-1200.00	852.97	794.72	809.86	58.26	7.33	43.11	5.32
Thora	1000.00-1200.00	1454.64	1449.90	1315.85	4.74	0.33	138.79	10.55
Paraw	550.00-1300.00	923.64	873.73	836.88	49.92	5.71	86.76	10.37
Mora	500.00-1200.00	848.17	849.41	683.40	-1.24	-0.15	164.77	24.11
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1600.00	1043.72	1020.11	1121.44	23.60	2.31	-77.73	-6.93
Thalapath	750.00-1400.00	1058.78	1057.23	913.79	1.55	0.15	144.99	15.87

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.318.00/kg and Rs.1161.00/kg in April. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types have increased; price of local Balaya has increased by 13%, and prices of other price increased dried fish types have increased by less than 10%. Price of imported Balaya has increased by 8%, followed by local Mora (4%) and local Thora (3%). Moreover, prices of local and imported Kattawa, local Sprats, and imported Mora have increased by 1%. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was observed as 6% in local Maduwa, followed by 5% in imported Anguluwa. Prices of local Anguluwa and Salaya have decreased by 2%, and prices of imported Sprats and Maduwa have decreased by 1%. Price of imported Thora has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was observed as 16% in local Kattawa, followed by 10% in imported Kattawa. Prices of local Salaya, Mora, and imported Sprats have increased by

8%. In addition, prices of both local Thora and imported Mora have increased by 7%, and price of imported Thora has increased by 6%. The lowest price increment was observed as 2% in both local Anguluwa and imported Maduwa. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrements were observed in Balaya; price of imported Balaya and local Balaya have decreased by 33% and 11%, respectively. Moreover, prices of local Maduwa and imported Anguluwa have decreased by 4% and 2%, respectively. Price of local Sprats has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.633.00/kg and Rs.1,530.00/kg this month. Consumers had to pay between Rs.400.00 and Rs.1,800.00 to purchase a kilo of any dried fish type. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased, and the highest price increment was observed as 3% in Maduwa, followed by 2% in both Balaya and Thora. In addition, Mora and local Sprats showed price increments of 1%. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was observed in Salaya as 4%, followed by Anguluwa (2%). Prices of imported Sprats and Kattawa have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased by 2%-10%, and the highest price increment was noted in Salaya, followed by local Sprats (9%). Prices of Mora, Anguluwa, and imported Sprats have increased by 5% or less. In the meantime, prices of Balaya and Maduwa have decreased by 6% and 1%, respectively, and the price of Kattawa has not changed significantly.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	770.00-950.00	847.73	843.39	845.45	4.35	0.52	2.28	0.27
Sprats (imported)	500.00-600.00	539.60	547.50	501.88	-7.90	-1.44	37.72	7.52
Kattawa	850.00-1050.00	929.18	921.19	800.83	7.99	0.87	128.35	16.03
Kattawa (imported)	770.00-900.00	839.24	831.75	760.76	7.49	0.90	78.48	10.32
Thora	1050.00-1200.00	1160.83	1125.00	1081.77	35.83	3.19	79.07	7.31
Thora (imported)	950.00-1200.00	1088.33	1083.57	1028.75	4.76	0.44	59.58	5.79
Mora	800.00-980.00	888.51	852.02	826.08	36.49	4.28	62.43	7.56
Mora (imported)	750.00-880.00	804.77	797.00	750.17	7.77	0.97	54.60	7.28
Balaya	350.00-450.00	399.25	353.00	448.12	46.25	13.10	-48.87	-10.90
Balaya (imported)	280.00-400.00	325.80	302.86	485.14	22.94	7.58	-159.34	-32.84
Anguluwa	750.00-920.00	833.17	850.41	814.88	-17.24	-2.03	18.30	2.25
Anguluwa (imported)	630.00-800.00	724.51	762.75	741.91	-38.24	-5.01	-17.40	-2.35
Maduwa	450.00-600.00	511.06	546.25	532.55	-35.19	-6.44	-21.50	-4.04
Maduwa (imported)	300.00-500.00	429.93	432.75	421.31	-2.82	-0.65	8.62	2.05
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	270.00-350.00	317.85	323.99	294.45	-6.14	-1.90	23.40	7.95
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	580.00-800.00	717.47	718.11	695.78	-0.64	-0.09	21.68	3.12
Sprats	900.00-1500.00	1153.79	1140.78	1054.79	13.00	1.14	98.99	9.39
Kattawa	1000.00-1500.00	1193.83	1192.33	1195.34	1.50	0.13	-1.50	-0.13
Thora	1200.00-1800.00	1530.25	1502.70	1500.94	27.54	1.83	29.30	1.95
Mora	850.00-1300.00	1134.21	1122.97	1079.66	11.24	1.00	54.55	5.05
Balaya	550.00-1000.00	819.37	804.52	869.40	14.85	1.85	-50.03	-5.75
Anguluwa	900.00--1300.00	1071.86	1092.75	1019.30	-20.89	-1.91	52.57	5.16
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	779.52	755.95	785.94	23.57	3.12	-6.41	-0.82
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	633.01	660.49	576.53	-27.49	-4.16	56.48	9.80

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.12.50, with an average of Rs.12.47 during April. Wholesale price of white eggs was fixed at Rs.11.00/egg. Compared to the previous month, prices of both egg types have decreased; price of a brown egg has decreased by 10%, while that of a white egg has decreased by 11%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of both egg types have decreased. Price of a brown egg has decreased by 4%; price of a white egg has decreased by 12%.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average price of Rs.13.98. Similarly, retail price of a white egg ranged between Rs.11.50 and Rs.14.00 with an average price of Rs.12.68. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both egg types have decreased compared to the previous month. Price of brown eggs has decreased by 7%, while that of white eggs has decreased by 8%. Even though, there was a high demand for eggs during this month, there has been a high supply of eggs. Thus, prices had not increased as in fish and dried fish. The egg production may not change drastically next month; therefore, egg prices are not anticipated to increase. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 3% and 7%, respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Price									
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.00-12.50	12.47	13.84	13.03	-1.37	-9.92	-0.56	-4.29	
White (each)	11.00-11.00	11.00	12.38	12.53	-1.38	-11.11	-1.53	-12.18	
Retail Price									
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.00-15.00	13.98	15.07	14.47	-1.09	-7.24	-0.50	-3.44	
White (each)	11.50-14.00	12.68	13.77	13.64	-1.09	-7.88	-0.96	-7.01	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of all meat types except beef have increased during April due to the high demand in the festive season. The highest price increment was observed as 7% in Broiler Chicken, followed by 5% in Pork. Prices of Curry Chicken and Mutton have increased by 3% and 1%, respectively. In the meantime, price of Beef has not changed compared to the previous month. However, prices are expected to be low during the next month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all meat types except Pork and Broiler Chicken have increased. Prices of Curry Chicken, Beef, and Mutton have increased by 12%, 8%, and 7%, respectively. The only price decrement was observed in Pork as 4%. Price of Broiler Chicken has not changed significantly.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	950.77	950.00	879.63	0.77	0.08	71.14	8.09	
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-680.00	566.19	528.18	565.10	38.01	7.20	1.08	0.19	
Chicken (curry)	440.00-680.00	564.88	546.97	505.35	17.91	3.27	59.53	11.78	
Mutton	1800.00-1900.00	1822.45	1809.58	1702.27	12.87	0.71	120.18	7.06	
Pork	500.00-650.00	559.60	532.00	584.17	27.60	5.19	-24.57	-4.21	

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 131,280mt. worth of 5,400mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of April. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased by one and half times. Wheat grain for the month of April had been mainly imported from Canada (77%) and the CIF price was Rs.43.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Pakistan (19,198mt.) and the United States (5,909mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Russia (2%) and Australia (2%). A few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.35.00-53.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.41.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock while, the lowest being recorded for Russian stocks. A sharp increase in the world wheat prices was noted during the month of April as well compared to the previous month.

A total quantity of 316mt. of wheat flour worth of 16mn. had been imported during the month of April. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased by more than two and half times. The highest quantity of wheat flour for the month of April had been imported from the United Arab Emirates (80%) and the CIF price was Rs.51.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from India (7%) as well. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of April ranged between Rs.51.00-64.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.52.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the United Arab Emirates wheat flour stock while, the lowest being recorded for the Indian stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.80.00-99.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour has increased by 1% during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has also increased by 1%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – April 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018		Apr 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-99.00	90.33	89.77	89.87	0.55	0.62	0.45	0.51
Sugar	100.00-115.00	108.62	108.81	108.95	-0.19	-0.17	-0.33	-0.30

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain November 2017 to April 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
April	316	16.36	51.77	90.33	38.55
March	821	43.69	53.25	89.77	36.52
February	280	18.60	66.43	90.23	23.80
January	406	26.49	65.21	89.84	24.63
December	765	51.80	67.68	88.50	20.82
November	71	5.58	78.68	89.96	11.28
Wheat Grain					
April	131,280	5400.64	41.14	90.33	49.19
March	203,083	8311.02	40.92	89.77	48.85
February	231,233	9146.86	39.56	90.23	50.67
January	181,141	6900.77	38.10	89.84	51.74
December	64,673	2453.03	37.93	88.50	50.57
November	227,970	8636.28	37.88	89.96	52.08

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 22,092mt. worth of 1,375mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of April and only a marginal decrease was noted compared to the previous imported quantity. Sugar for the month of April had been mainly imported from Pakistan (45%). The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (22%). Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from Brazil (12%), India (7%), Guatemala (5%), United Arab Emirates (3%), Ukraine (2%), Vietnam (1%), Poland (1%) and France (1%) as well. In addition, a few quantities were also imported from Korea, Australia and Spain. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.56.00-130.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.62.00/kg. The average CIF price has decreased by Rs.6.00/kg compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Spain, while the lowest for the Pakistan stocks. World sugar prices have continued to decrease in the month of April as well and it was 4% compared to the previous month.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of April, price ranged between Rs.100.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.109.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has not changed significantly during the month. Compared to the same period of last year average retail price for sugar has also not changed significantly.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- November 2017 to April 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	22,092	1375.3	62.26	108.62	46.36
March	22,486	1534.0	68.22	108.81	40.59
February	13,971	928.6	66.47	109.12	42.65
January	14,785	989.0	66.90	110.18	43.28
December	21,347	1434.8	67.22	111.87	44.65
November	27,840	1930.8	69.35	111.16	41.81

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – April 2018

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018		Apr 2018	Mar 2018		Apr 2018	Mar 2018	
Rice	34,455	71,244	-51.6	2210.3	4627.4	-52.2	64.15	64.95	-1.2
Red Onion	2,033	1,496	35.9	188.7	125.5	50.3	92.83	83.94	10.6
Big Onion	26,044	32,016	-18.7	943.7	1343.9	-29.8	36.23	41.97	-13.7
Potato	11,645	7,427	56.8	298.2	206.3	44.5	25.60	27.78	-7.8
Dried Chillies	3,021	5,610	-46.2	669.2	1137.9	-41.2	221.55	202.85	9.2
Masoor Dhal	7,308	15,207	-51.9	549.5	1222.0	-55.0	75.19	80.36	-6.4
Green Gram	898	1,480	-39.3	121.5	203.1	-40.2	135.32	137.25	-1.4
Cowpea	980	775	26.5	122.5	97.0	26.3	125.01	125.15	-0.1
Garlic	2,465	3,252	-24.2	276.3	426.2	-35.2	112.09	131.07	-14.5
Wheat flour	316	821	-61.5	16.4	43.7	-62.6	51.77	53.26	-2.8
Wheat grain	131,280	203,083	-35.4	5400.6	8311.0	-35.0	41.14	40.92	0.5
White crystalline cane sugar	22,092	22,486	-1.8	1375.3	1534.0	-10.3	62.26	68.22	-8.7
Maize (Seed)	125	-	-	12.4	-	-	99.23	-	-

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

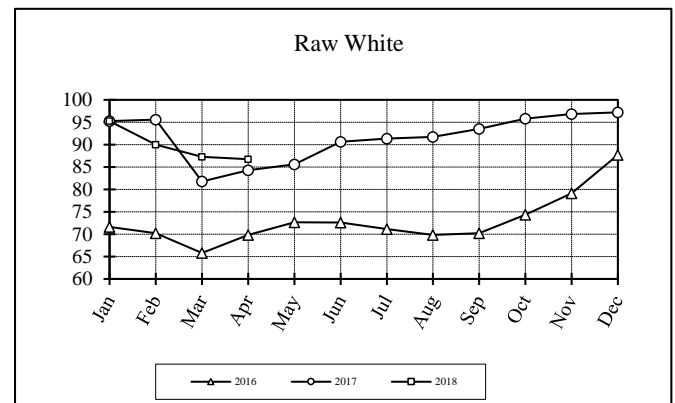
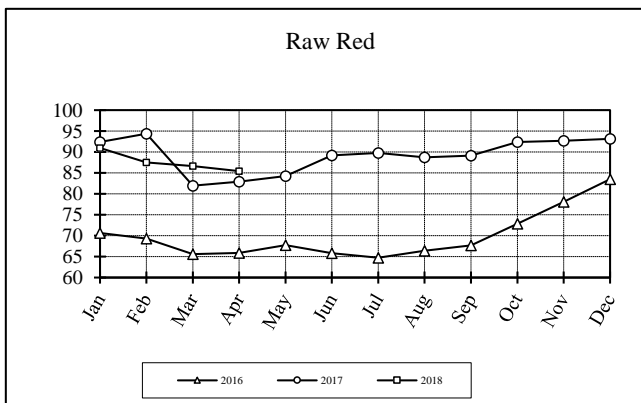
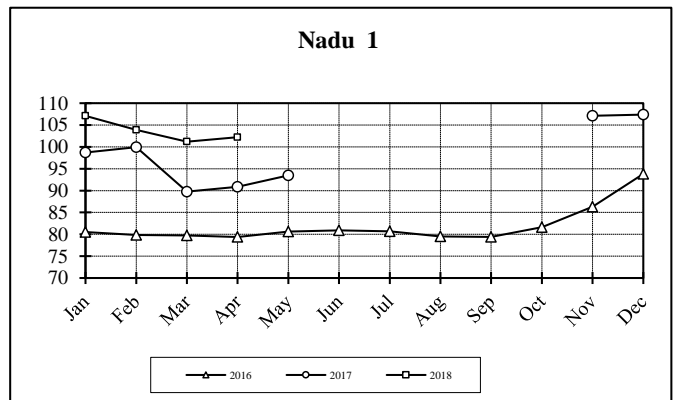
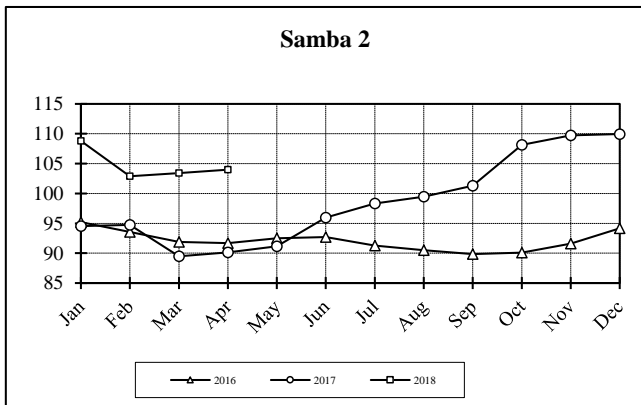
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – April 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	148.5	151.6	13	12
Badulla	250.4	203.5	21	14
Bandarawela	164.6	158.3	16	12
Batticaloa	73.3	55.0	8	5
Colombo	265.0	245.6	17	14
Galle	169.7	206.8	15	12
Hambantota	93.5	99.6	10	8
Jaffna	18.5	52.3	5	4
Katugastota	215.9	187.7	16	14
Katunayaka	268.9	241.4	15	13
Kurunegala	178.9	264.3	18	16
Mahailuppallama	177.1	179.5	14	12
Mannar	48.3	81.4	8	6
Nuwara Eliya	216.1	158.4	16	13
Pottuvil	105.9	81.9	12	na
Puttalam	290.2	181.5	12	10
Ratmalana	248.7	246.5	18	14
Ratnapura	394.2	338.9	27	20
Trincomalee	51.1	49.2	5	5
Vavuniya	111.1	128.5	13	10
Polonnaruwa	79.7	na	5	na
Moneragala	138.8	na	15	na
Mattala	114.9	na	14	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

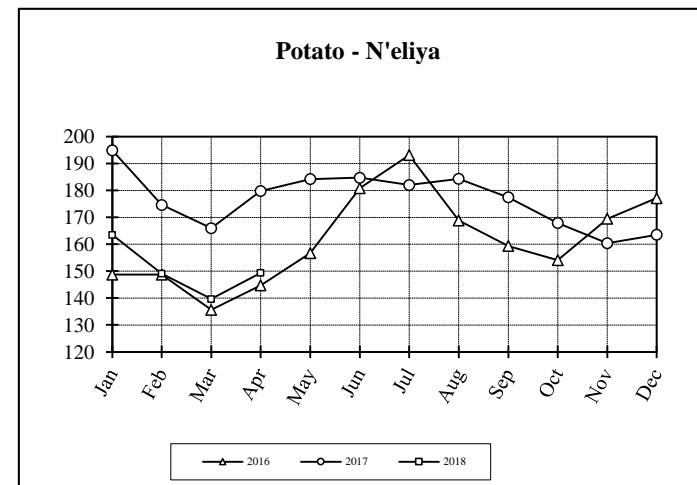
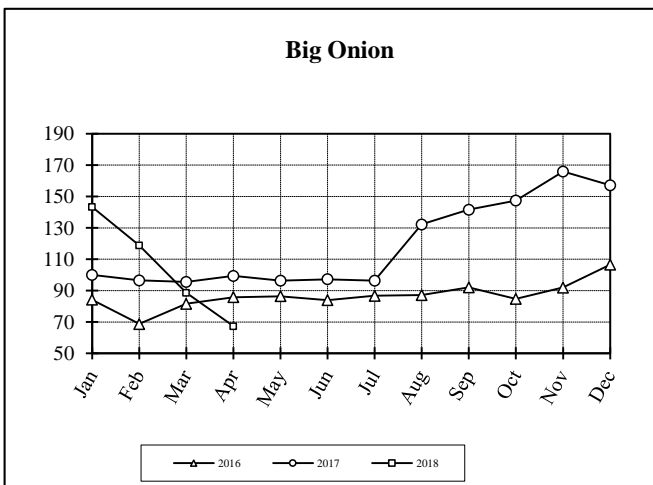
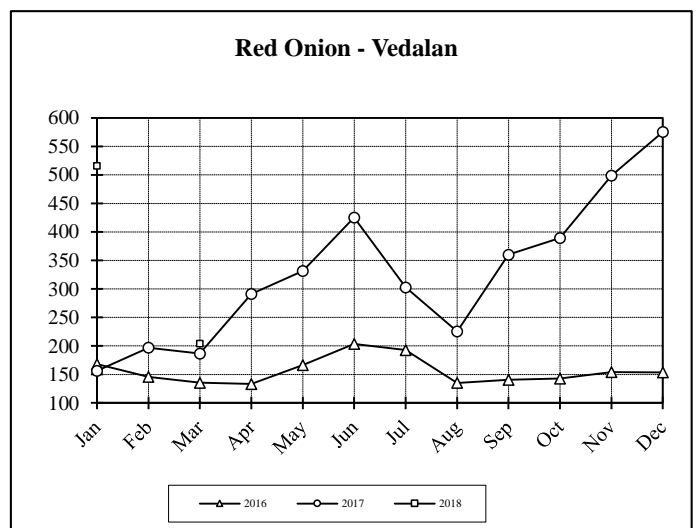
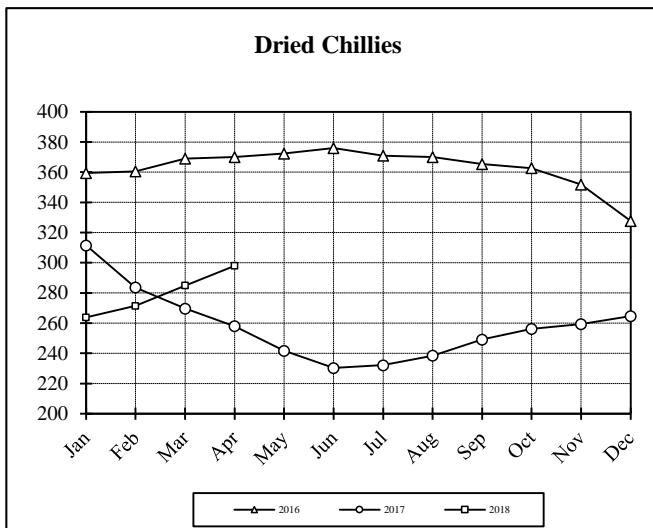
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	95.20	94.54	108.80	80.51	98.73	107.10	70.64	92.41	90.96	71.61	95.27	95.24
Feb	93.55	94.74	102.88	79.87	99.95	103.88	69.32	94.37	87.49	70.19	95.56	90.00
Mar	91.87	89.48	103.40	79.76	89.77	101.20	65.58	81.95	86.63	65.80	81.77	87.25
Apr	91.70	90.14	104.00	79.38	90.88	102.24	65.88	82.89	85.43	69.83	84.30	86.74
May	92.51	91.16		80.65	93.46		67.75	84.24		72.67	85.58	
Jun	92.71	95.95		80.90			65.82	89.17		72.63	90.65	
Jul	91.28	98.34		80.69			64.74	89.80		71.13	91.36	
Aug	90.51	99.45		79.49			66.41	88.70		69.85	91.71	
Sep	89.85	101.30		79.40			67.70	89.11		70.19	93.51	
Oct	90.08	108.14		81.62			72.86	92.38		74.34	95.80	
Nov	91.60	109.73		86.28	107.14		78.12	92.67		79.14	96.81	
Dec	94.16	109.95		93.83	107.39		83.50	93.12		87.71	97.20	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	359.36	311.44	263.76	168.42	156.25	515.82	84.20	100.02	143.32	148.73	194.94	163.50
Feb	360.56	283.58	271.41	145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57	118.86	148.75	174.64	149.12
Mar	369.06	269.67	284.90	135.49	186.80	204.17	81.58	95.60	88.58	135.62	165.97	139.65
Apr	370.07	257.93	298.03	133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33	67.31	144.75	179.77	149.37
May	372.34	241.70		166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33		156.73	184.26	
Jun	376.04	230.28		203.59	425.19		83.87	97.25		180.84	184.74	
Jul	370.97	232.12		192.81	302.86		86.66	96.33		193.18	182.06	
Aug	369.99	238.44		135.32	225.63		87.07	132.19		168.81	184.34	
Sep	365.44	249.10		140.64	359.93		92.01	141.57		159.34	177.47	
Oct	362.69	256.20		142.94	389.38		84.79	147.37		154.06	167.88	
Nov	351.86	259.31		154.23	498.85		91.96	165.87		169.46	160.43	
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52	



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

Apr-18

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	78.00	92.00	91.80	89.60	89.60	Welimada	124.33	104.33	114.00	114.33	114.00
A'pura	52.00	52.00	52.25	51.40	52.40	Badulla	86.00	97.00	97.00			N'Eliya	132.00	106.40	123.00	123.00	118.00
P'narawa	56.63	57.44			52.00	Welimada	85.75	89.00	96.00	89.00	84.50	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	52.25	52.00	51.50	51.00	52.67	Pulses						Hanguranketha	22.50	19.00	14.00	21.00	
Kurunegala	51.33	50.67		46.00		Green Gram						N'Eliya	22.00	17.80	17.80	14.80	14.80
Dehiattakandiya	50.29	55.20	55.50	52.67	55.20	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	17.60	12.60	16.00	16.80	17.20
Ampara	54.25	55.75	55.25	54.00	53.75	Kalawewa	150.00	170.00				Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	Welimada	21.67	23.67	26.00	16.00	20.67
A'pura	40.00	40.83	40.75	40.40	39.60	Kurunegala						Knokhol					
P'narawa	41.50	42.44			39.63	A'pura	176.67	167.50		175.00	175.00	Hanguranketha		17.50	17.50		
Kalawewa	40.40	41.50	39.67	40.67	40.33	Cowpea						N'Eliya	22.60	17.80	17.80	17.80	17.80
Kurunegala	47.67	47.50		41.33		A'pura	156.67	155.00		162.50	175.00	Welimada	16.00	20.67	26.50	21.00	24.33
Dehiattakandiya	37.80	42.00	42.00	38.00	38.50	Galgamuwa	21.67	23.67	26.00	16.00	20.67	Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya	183.33	190.00	177.50	175.00	171.67	Hanguranketha	10.00	9.00	10.00	12.33	9.00
Ampara	41.00	42.25	43.50	41.00	40.50	Kalawewa	170.00	155.00				N'Eliya	19.60	19.60	20.40	22.40	22.40
Matara	39.33	36.33		36.33	39.33	Embilipitiya	198.00	198.00	198.00	175.00	175.00	Welimada	16.00	18.67	10.67	14.33	15.33
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha	25.00	22.50	22.50	19.00	11.00
Matara	36.67	35.00		35.00	34.33	A'Pura	43.00	43.33	42.33	42.40	43.50	N'Eliya	37.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Hambantota	34.33	33.67	33.67	31.67	31.67	Kalawewa						Welimada	16.00	14.33	16.00	17.00	14.33
Ampara	37.00	39.25	41.88	38.50	36.50	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	35.83	35.50	35.50	35.50	34.50	A'Pura	166.67	165.00	160.00	164.00	186.67	Badulla	21.00	29.00	29.00	12.00	19.00
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa	170.00	167.50				Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha	17.67	17.67	17.67	12.33	12.50
A'Pura						Kalawewa	120.00	137.50				Welimada	16.33	24.33	8.33	10.67	16.00
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	115.00	137.50	105.00	126.25	140.00	Hambantota	17.50	22.50	17.50	30.00	30.00
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	11.40	14.00	15.00	16.20	38.20
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country					
Puttalam		97.50	86.00	86.00	94.00	Dambulla	36.80	45.40	40.40	113.00	137.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	27.00	49.33	64.33	91.00	121.00	A'pura	30.00	25.00	31.67	51.67	37.50
Dambulla						Badulla	29.00	48.00	48.00	81.00	85.00	Dambulla	25.00	28.40	32.60	50.25	40.60
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	65.00	65.00	85.00	81.67	47.50	Hambantota	40.00	42.50	42.50	42.50	42.50
A'Pura						N'Eliya	77.60	67.20	77.60	72.00	73.00	Embilipitiya	32.33	32.33	26.50	40.50	48.83
Kurunegala						Welimada	54.00	54.33	69.33	59.33	54.33	Matara				62.50	47.50

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>						<u>Pumpkin</u>						<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	30.00	45.00	41.67	28.33	45.00	Dambulla	10.80	12.80	12.60	10.40	13.00	Hambantota	55.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	155.00
Dambulla	31.00	30.00	21.00	26.60	34.20	Hambantota	25.00	40.00	30.00	17.50	17.50	Embilipitiya	66.67	90.83	85.00	114.00	128.33
Hambantota	37.50	55.00	35.00	30.00	32.50	Embilipitiya	22.33	40.33	40.33	19.25	27.50	Moneragala	31.67	88.33		138.33	136.67
Embilipitiya	42.43	43.86	37.14	25.33	50.33	Matara						<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	46.67	43.33			36.67	A'pura	18.75	23.00	17.50	28.33	27.50	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada	26.50	44.33	69.33	14.33	24.33	Moneragala	16.00	16.00		11.33	7.33	<u>Ambul</u>					
						<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	41.67	48.33		48.33	40.00
<u>Capsicum</u>						A'pura	28.33	40.00	53.33	40.00	47.50	Embilipitiya	48.33	39.17	25.83	25.83	25.83
Welimada	84.00	94.33	94.33	59.33	59.33	Dambulla	31.00	42.80	31.80	44.60	59.60	Hambantota	42.50	47.50	47.50	32.50	27.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>						Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	37.50	37.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura	48.33	56.67	43.33	48.33	85.00	Matara						Moneragala	85.00	101.67	0.00	106.67	86.67
Dambulla	34.40	37.60	31.60	36.80	51.00	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	106.67	106.67	72.50	72.50	72.50
Hambantota	87.50	63.33	70.00	55.00	55.00	Dambulla	32.40	24.40	30.60	35.40	44.00	Hambantota	107.50	125.00	125.00	75.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	53.75	53.75	82.14	58.33	125.00	Hambantota	45.00	55.00	52.50	52.50	60.00	<u>Papaw</u>					
						Embilipitiya	50.33	65.00	61.67	55.00	80.00	Moneragala					
<u>Snake Gourd</u>						Matara	53.33	53.33		53.33	46.67	Embilipitiya	55.29	51.71	39.14	39.14	39.14
Dambulla	34.80	30.60	29.00	30.20	39.60	A'Pura	30.00	35.00	38.33	53.33	62.50	Hambantota	55.00	55.00	55.00	27.50	27.50
Hambantota	47.50	42.50	42.50	42.50	45.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>					
Embilipitiya	55.00	36.67	32.00	53.75	53.75	Hambantota	45.00	47.50	42.50	27.50	30.00	Divulapitiya					
Matara						Embilipitiya	38.86	38.86	38.67	34.00	36.00						
A'pura	41.67	45.00	50.00	41.67	55.00	Matara	63.33	63.33	0.00	63.33	56.67						
<u>Luffa</u>						<u>Green Chillies</u>											
Dambulla	53.20	50.00	32.40	49.60	61.20	Dambulla	55.60	51.20	46.40	52.00	64.20						
Hambantota	65.00	62.50	42.50	62.50	62.50	Hambantota	130.00	120.00	130.00	85.00	85.00						
Embilipitiya	57.50	57.50	43.67	59.17	65.00	Embilipitiya	114.57	114.57	104.40	77.00	136.00						
Matara					45.00	Puttalam		33.75	32.00	32.00	32.00						
A'pura	60.00	56.67	31.67	53.33	72.50	A'Pura	83.33	85.00	96.67	73.75	135.00						

