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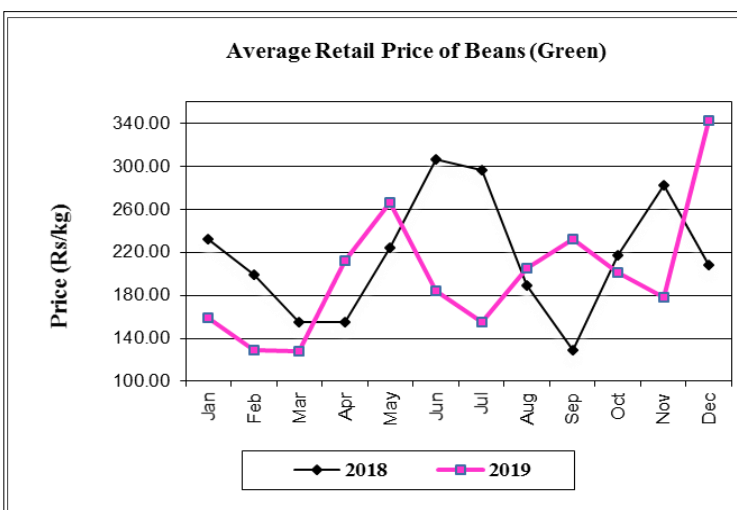
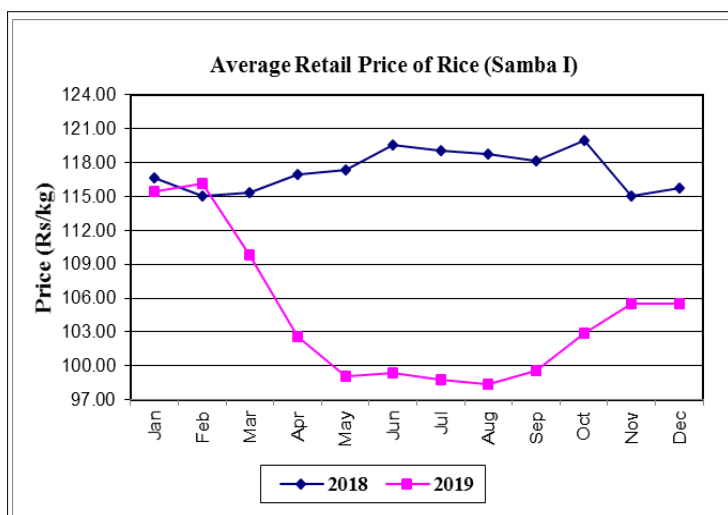
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RICE:

Retail prices of samba grade II, nadu, raw red and raw white had increased with the highest price increase of 11% for raw red. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the rice varieties, except samba had increased with the highest price increase of 29% for raw red.

VEGETABLES:

Supplies of vegetables were further limited in the market due to off season. Therefore, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased during the month. The highest price increase of 92% was recorded for beans followed by brinjal as 60%. Vegetable prices are expected to increase in coming month too.



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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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| 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

Despite the flood situation at the beginning of the month, paddy production outlook of 2019/20 *Maha* season remained satisfactory due to better water availability in irrigation tanks. More than 0.6 million hectares of paddy cultivated up to November and the progress in December need to be added. However, due to the heavy rains in December paddy crop subjected to submerge by water and crop growth is subjected to retarded. Around 20,000 hectares of cultivated land in Batticaloa district is damaged mainly due to floods during November. However, the total crop damage due to the flood situation in December needs to be calculated. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture the targeted paddy extent of 2019/20 *Maha* season is 819,721 ha. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to the end of November is 2.40 million metric tons, (1.5 million metric tons, milled basis) considering the crop damages. It is expected to that the cultivated extent of paddy by the end of December would be exceed 0.7 million hectares. The major surplus of paddy is expected from the Eastern and North Central provinces. The first harvest is expected to reach the market from the latter part of the January from Batticaloa and the rain fed cultivations from Kurunegala.

Producer Prices

The prices of all the paddy varieties have increased in all considered major producing areas throughout the month due to the limited market supply. The prices of both short grain paddy and long grain white paddy varieties have increased by less than 13% in all considered major producing areas and the highest price increase was recorded from Ampara. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 12% in Embilipitiya & Matara and by 16% in Hambanthota. The prices of long grain white and short grain were in the range of Rs.48.00-60.00/kg in most of the major producing areas. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.56.00-63.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. It is expected to that the increasing trend of paddy prices will be continued up to mid of the next month due the limiting of supply. The new harvest will be reached the markets and price drop can be expected by the end of next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend in most of the considered producing areas. However, the prices of short grain have decreased by less than 4% Kalawewa and Dehiattakandiya. Prices of long grain white have increased in the range of 15%-24% with the highest increase from Anuradhapura. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red have increased by more than 50% in Hambanthota and Embilipitiya.

Table 1.1: Producer prices of paddy – December 2019

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	50.00-55.00	48.00-53.00	52.36	50.68	50.92	1.69	3.33	1.44	2.83
Polonnaruwa	53.13-57.81	50.00-53.13	54.09	50.80	-	3.29	6.48	-	-
Kalawewa	50.00-53.00	47.00-50.00	51.68	48.75	52.80	2.93	6.01	-1.12	-2.12
Kurunegala	53.00-55.00	49.50-53.00	54.05	51.22	52.80	2.83	5.53	1.25	2.37
Dehiattakandiya	48.00-55.00	48.00-50.00	51.33	49.33	53.73	2.00	4.05	-2.40	-4.47
Nikaweratiya	52.00-56.00	50.00-52.00	54.23	51.13	-	3.10	6.06	-	-
Ampara	55.00-60.00	50.00-53.00	57.88	51.41	52.98	6.47	12.59	4.90	9.25
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	52.00-57.00	50.00-55.00	54.57	52.11	43.84	2.46	4.73	10.73	24.48
Polonnaruwa	53.13-59.38	50.00-53.90	54.53	51.48	-	3.05	5.92	-	-
Kalawewa	53.00-56.00	50.00-55.00	54.32	51.60	45.00	2.72	5.27	9.32	20.71
Kurunegala	52.00-55.00	50.00-53.00	53.45	51.25	46.67	2.20	4.29	6.78	14.54
Dehiattakandiya	48.00-55.00	48.00-50.00	52.27	49.33	45.27	2.93	5.95	7.00	15.46
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	52.00-56.00	49.50-52.00	53.98	50.75	-	3.23	6.35	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	56.00-60.00	50.00-53.00	58.20	51.61	-	6.59	12.77	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	56.00-60.00	48.00-58.00	58.60	52.13	-	6.47	12.40	-	-
Hambantota	60.00-63.00	50.00-60.00	61.30	52.93	39.92	8.37	15.81	21.38	53.56
Embilipitiya	58.00-61.00	50.00-55.00	59.56	53.00	38.65	6.56	12.38	20.91	54.10

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased further due to decreased supplies from all the producing areas. The highest wholesale price increase of 14% was recorded for raw red due to low supply. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and grade II had increased by 5% and prices ranged between Rs.103.00-106.00/kg and Rs.95.00-100.00/kg respectively. Further, the wholesale price of raw white had increased by 9%.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had increased in the range of 15%-45%. The highest price increase of 45% was recorded for raw red. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of samba grade I and grade II had decreased by 3% and 2% respectively compared to the same period of last year. According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 3,424 mt of rice had been imported during the December of 2019. The total value of importing rice was Rs.322.00 mn in December.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 11% for raw red. Further, the retail price of raw white had increased by 9%. However, the average retail price of samba grade I remained same as in the last month.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 29% for raw red. A shortage of supplies of raw red was recorded from market compared to the previous year. Further, the retail prices of nadu and raw white had increased in the range of 13%-19% compared to the same period of last year. Meanwhile, the retail price of samba grade I had decreased by 9% compared to the same period of last year.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	103.00-106.00	105.06	99.78	107.99	5.29	5.30	-2.93	-2.71
Samba 2	95.00-100.00	98.17	93.00	100.42	5.17	5.56	-2.25	-2.24
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	103.00-103.00	103.00	97.75	89.20	5.25	5.37	13.80	15.47
Nadu 2	95.00-103.00	98.97	93.58	85.10	5.40	5.77	13.87	16.30
Raw red	98.00-108.00	102.75	90.45	70.84	12.30	13.60	31.91	45.04
Raw white	97.00-103.00	100.75	92.08	80.90	8.68	9.43	19.85	24.54
Imported Samba	-	-	-	141.73	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-110.00	105.46	105.46	115.70	0.00	0.00	-10.24	-8.85
Samba 2	99.00-102.00	100.42	95.57	-	4.85	5.08	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	98.00-110.00	105.60	102.03	93.13	3.57	3.50	12.47	13.39
Nadu 2	99.300-105.00	100.99	96.40	86.67	4.59	4.76	14.32	16.52
Raw red	98.00-115.00	107.46	96.96	83.48	10.50	10.83	23.98	28.72
Raw white	98.00-110.00	107.48	98.70	89.95	8.78	8.89	17.53	19.49
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	154.75	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

Targeted extent of chilli in *Maha* 2019/20 season was about 10,425 ha of which 4,801 ha have been achieved by the end of November 2019. That was 46% of the target in Sri Lanka. Both the highest targeted extent (2,986 ha) and cultivated extent (1,371 ha) were reported from Anuradhapura district by the end of November 2019. Out of the total expected production of green chilli (24,121 mt), 63% will be supplied from Anuradhapura (30%), Moneragala (16%), Puttalam (12%) and Jaffna (5%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for *Maha* 2019/20 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of November 2019		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Anuradhapura	2,986	1,371	46	7,046
Puttalam	835	317	38	2,807
Moneragala	790	550	70	3,681
Kurunegala	254	238	94	1,292
Badulla	428	244	57	787
Hambantota	257	174	68	722
Batticaloa	374	153	41	648
Other areas	4,501	1,754	39	7,138

Total	10,425	4,801	46	24,121
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Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from Anuradhapura, Puttalam and Moneragala areas had increased slightly during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.3.00/kg and Rs.44.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.213.53/kg and Rs.381.37/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 47% and 37% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 5,178 mt of dried chilli was imported from India (99%) and China (1%) during this month and it was an increase of 478 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.368.21/kg and it was an increase of Rs.6.39/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.17.00/kg. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.433.58/kg and Rs.518.89/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 59% and 60% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli - December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	130.00-350.00	213.53	217.00	400.00	-3.47	-1.60	-186.47	-46.62
Dried Chilli	400.00-500.00	433.58	416.25	273.01	17.33	4.16	160.57	58.82
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	200.00-600.00	381.37	425.26	608.87	-43.89	-10.32	-227.50	-37.36
Dried Chilli	460.00-600.00	518.89	502.09	324.98	16.80	3.35	193.91	59.67

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli - July to Dec 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	5,178	1,906.7	368.21	518.89	150.68
November	4,700	1,700.5	361.82	502.09	140.27
October	4,053	1,456.9	359.50	484.80	125.30
September	5,086	1,672.2	328.77	434.22	105.46
August	2,952	841.8	285.19	371.46	86.27
July	6,291	1,678.6	266.83	365.35	98.51

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer prices of green chilli (Rs/kg) December 2019

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	170.00	140.00	188.50	135.00	232.00
Hambantota	280.00	295.00	275.00	250.00	300.00
Embilipitiya	269.17	260.71	283.33	290.83	290.83
Puttalam	-	-	196.00	167.00	201.00
A'Pura	165.00	193.33	240.00	263.33	210.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion Crop Situation

The targeted extent of land of red onion for *Maha* 2019/20 season was 3,935 ha, of which 619 ha has been cultivated by the end of November 2019, which was 16% of the targeted extent of land of Sri Lanka. Cultivation progress of red onion was in a low level due to unfavorable weather condition in major producing areas. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about 1,900 ha in Jaffna and only 181 ha the target (10%) was grown at the end of November 2019. Cultivation progress of red onion in Puttalam district was in a comparatively satisfactory level, and 40% of the targeted extent has been cultivated at the end of November 2019. The total expected production of red onion is 10,201 mt and 83% of the production is expected from Jaffna (25%) and Puttalam (58%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Maha* 2019/20 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of November 2019		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1,900	181	10	2,523
Puttalam	710	280	40	5,841
Trincomalee	753	36	5	411
Other areas	572	122	22	1,426
Total	3,935	619	16	10,201

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

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion stocks were available all the market during this month. A quantity of 29,000 mt of big onion was imported from Pakistan (38%), Netherland (35%), Turkey (17%), Egypt (5%), China (2%) and other countries (3%). Only 118 mt of big onion was imported from India during this month and it represents less than 0.5% of the total imported quantity of big onions. Average CIF price was Rs.101.53/kg for imported big onion and it had increased by Rs.17.75/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported big onion has increased slightly by about Re.1.00/kg while retail price has decreased by about Rs.14.00/kg due to availability of low quality Egypt big onion in most of the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 84% and 74% respectively.

Supply of both sinnan and vedalan red onion from major producing areas has decreased during this month due to prevailed unfavorable weather conditions. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.105.00/kg and Rs.153.00/kg respectively. Retail price of vedalan has also increased by about Rs.130.00/kg accordingly while sinnan red onion were not available at the retail markets.

A quantity of 887 mt of red onion was imported from Thailand (43%), India (30%), Indonesia (13%), Vietnam (11%) and China (3%) during this month and it was an increase of 566 mt compared to last month. Average CIF price was Rs.262.34/kg for imported red onion and it has increased by Rs.100.78/kg compared to previous month. Wholesale prices were ranged between Rs.280.00-550.00/kg for imported red onion while the retail prices were ranged between Rs.560.00-800.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased significantly by about 209% and 217% respectively.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion - December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price				Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	400.00-430.00	415.00	309.57	96.08	105.43	34.06	318.92	331.92	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	450.00-600.00	540.67	387.50	-	153.17	39.53	-	-	
Red Onion (Imported)	280.00-550.00	419.50	-	135.53	-	-	283.97	209.53	
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-150.00	126.44	125.63	68.88	0.82	0.65	57.56	83.57	
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Retail Prices									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	440.00-700.00	608.84	478.63	-	130.21	27.20	-	-	
Red Onion (Imported)	560.00-800.00	656.67	-	207.27	-	-	449.40	216.82	
Big Onion (imported)	140.00-200.00	178.67	192.69	102.86	-14.02	-7.27	75.81	73.70	
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly average CIF, and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Dec,2019	101.53	126.44	178.67	24.91	52.23
	Nov,2019	83.78	125.63	192.69	41.85	67.06
	Dec,2018	44.91	68.88	102.86	23.97	33.98
Red onion	Dec,2019	262.34	419.50	656.67	157.16	237.17
	Nov,2019	161.56	-	-	-	-
	Dec,2018	100.17	135.53	207.27	35.36	71.74

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

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported big onion and red onion

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Dec, 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Nov, 2019
Red Onion	887	321	232.6	51.9	262.34	161.56
Big Onion	29,000	25,961	2,944.3	2,175.0	101.53	83.78

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion July to Dec 2019

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
December	29,000	101.53	126.44	178.67	77.15
November	25,961	83.78	125.63	192.69	108.91
October	20,928	91.48	179.63	248.02	156.54
September	5,171	109.24	155.81	167.17	57.92
August	16,999	63.46	108.37	132.13	68.68
July	21,038	58.29	97.66	124.20	65.91

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

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2019/20 season is 2,686 ha which is lower than the targeted extent of *maha* 2018/19 season. About 598 ha had been cultivated by the end of November achieving 22% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season by the end of November is at a high level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 9,738 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,132 ha which is lower than the last *maha* season and about 188 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (17% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at low level during this *maha* season with prevailed bad weather condition for new cultivation. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,432 ha in the Badulla district and 410 ha have been cultivated by the end of November achieving 29% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at high level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district. As the *yala* harvesting of potato was over in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in December.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Maha* 2019/20 Season)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2018/19*	<i>Maha</i> 2019/20	<i>Maha</i> 2018/19*	<i>Maha</i> 2019/20	<i>Maha</i> 2019/20	
N'Eliya	1,323	1,132	221	188	17	3,555
Badulla	1,502	1,432	286	410	29	6,182
Sri Lanka	2,964	2,686	511	598	22	9,738

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

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

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

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 14,946 mt of potato had been imported in December, which was 5,249 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Special commodity levy on imported potatoes have been reduced from Rs.50.00/kg to Rs.25.00/kg with effect from 25/12/2019. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan (66%) and India (27%). Compared to December 2018 (17,372 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.62.00/kg in December.

With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Limited stocks of Welimada potato were available in the market. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.157.00/kg. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 17% and 15% respectively in December. Also, the retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 8%. Wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 17% and 12% respectively. During the month of December, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.150.00-200.00/kg, Rs.135.00-170.00/kg and Rs.90.00-165.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (8%) and imported (25%) potatoes have increased. Prices of potatoes are expected to be increased further till February as the new harvesting will be commenced in February from Badulla district.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes - July to Dec 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	14,946	927.49	62.06	159.39	97.34
November	9,697	517.68	53.39	139.86	86.47
October	7,550	391.41	51.84	133.94	82.10
September	10,490	505.32	48.17	134.36	86.19
August	9,659	459.23	47.54	140.89	93.35
July	17,019	746.54	43.86	142.64	98.78

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Producer Prices (PP)									
Welimada	160.00-175.00	167.50	128.13	-	39.38	23.51	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya	130.00-165.00	156.80	127.25	133.40	29.55	18.85	23.40	14.92	
Imported – CIF	49.87-93.32	41.29	53.39	45.14	-12.10	-29.30	-3.85	-9.32	
Wholesale Prices (WP)									
Welimada	135.00-170.00	157.43	130.65	-	26.78	17.01	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya	150.00-200.00	181.08	153.44	146.88	27.65	15.27	34.21	18.89	
Imported	90.00-165.00	126.55	105.30	88.60	21.25	16.79	37.95	29.99	
Retail Prices (RP)									
Welimada	-	-	185.58	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-280.00	232.91	213.71	214.56	19.21	8.25	18.35	7.88	
Imported	120.00-200.00	159.39	139.86	120.25	19.53	12.25	39.14	24.56	
Gross Margin (RP-PP)									
Welimada		-	57.45	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya		76.11	86.46	81.16	-10.34	-13.59	-5.05	-6.63	
Imported (RP-CIF)		118.10	86.47	75.11	31.63	26.78	42.99	36.40	
Gross Margin (RP -WP)									
Welimada		-	54.93	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya		51.83	60.27	67.69	-8.44	-16.28	-15.86	-30.59	
Imported		32.85	34.56	31.65	-1.71	-5.22	1.20	3.64	

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 48% of its targeted extent as at end of December in *Maha* 2019/20 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has declined by 364 ha (11%) in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Maha* 2018/19). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 3,695 mt, which is around 94% compared to the previous year green gram production.

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

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Maha 2019/20	Expected Production (mt)
		Maha 2018/19	Maha 2019/20	Maha 2018/19	Maha 2019/20		
Green gram	Hambantota	2,078	1,148	1,073	1,179	103	1,756
	Monaragala	1,327	653	527	400	61	412
	Kurunegala	779	467	276	336	72	339
	Other districts	4,146	3,835	1,446	1,043	27	1,188
	Sri Lanka	8,330	6,103	3,322	2,958	48	3,695
Cowpea	Ampara	4,284	4,400	208	187	4	247
	Monaragala	965	1,234	631	735	60	735
	Anuradhapura	722	618	419	320	52	596
	Other districts	3,664	3,468	2,110	1,545	45	1,699
	Sri Lanka	9,635	9,720	3,368	2,787	29	3,277

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast Maha 2019/20 & 2018/19, Volume 01, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 29% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 3,277 mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in Maha 2019/20 season and those districts will contribute for 48% of the total production. Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts highlighted a better performance while progress of Ampara district was 4% of its target.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.270.00/kg with an average of Rs.245/kg in December 2019. The average price has not significantly changed compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 7%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg with an average of Rs.282.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has been decreased by 2%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased nearly 11% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	December 2019	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2019		Dec. 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	220.00-270.00	244.95	244.11	229.90	0.84	0.34	15.06	6.55	
Cowpea (White)	220.00-250.00	233.00	240.13	225.27	-7.13	-2.97	7.73	3.43	
Cowpea (Red)	200.00-240.00	214.00	205.38	217.48	8.63	4.20	-3.47	-1.60	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	240.00-320.00	282.54	287.93	255.55	-5.39	-1.87	26.99	10.56	
Cowpea (White)	260.00-300.00	285.97	292.20	278.22	-6.23	-2.13	7.75	2.79	
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-320.00	293.48	290.89	285.30	2.60	0.89	8.19	2.87	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.233.00/kg and Rs.214.00/kg respectively in December 2019. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.250.00/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00/kg

and Rs.240.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been decreased by around 3% while red cowpea has been increased by around 4%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 3% and the wholesale price of the red cowpea has decreased by around 2% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.286/kg and Rs.294.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.300.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea has been decreased by around 2% while red cowpea has increased by around 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of white and red cowpea has been increased by around 3% (Table 2.4.2).

A quantity of 723 mt of green gram has been imported during this month, and it has decreased around 4% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of green gram was Rs.170.53/kg, which was increased by about 4% compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.123.29 million which has not significantly changed compared to the total value spent on green gram importation in November 2019. Green gram has been imported from several countries, which are Argentina (46%), Myanmar (44%), Uzbekistan (6%), and India (4%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram - July to December 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	723	123.29	170.53	282.54	112.01
November	752	123.76	164.56	287.93	123.37
October	1,163	194.53	167.34	282.16	114.82
September	1,103	182.71	165.59	281.26	115.67
August	1,593	263.22	165.26	283.47	118.21
July	1,593	257.50	161.66	280.67	119.02

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

According to table 2.4.4, a quantity of 510 mt of white cowpea has been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been decreased by 52% compared to the imported quantity of November 2019. The average CIF price of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.136.00/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been decreased by 52% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.69.28 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (68%), India (18%) and Myanmar (14%).

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea (White) - July to December 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	510	69.28	135.91	285.97	150.05
November	1,067	144.65	135.57	292.20	156.63
October	1,371	178.03	129.81	289.84	160.02
September	797	100.74	126.35	281.73	155.39
August	622	79.42	127.62	281.77	154.15
July	927	118.57	127.90	283.24	155.34

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

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	December - 2019	170.53	244.95	282.54	74.43	37.58
	November - 2019	164.56	244.11	287.93	79.55	43.82
	December - 2018	150.30	229.90	255.55	79.60	25.65
Cowpea (White)	December - 2019	135.91	233.00	285.97	97.09	52.97
	November - 2019	135.57	240.13	292.20	104.56	52.07
	December - 2018	115.14	225.27	278.22	110.13	52.94
Cowpea (Red)	December - 2019	-	214.00	293.48	-	79.48
	November - 2019	-	205.38	290.89	-	85.51
	December - 2018	-	217.48	285.30	-	67.82

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.123.00/kg with an average of Rs.115.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.133.00/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.18.00/kg during this month. Wholesale price has increased by 7% and the retail price has increased by 4% compared with the November 2019. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices have been increased by 5%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Dhal – December 2019

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	December 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	110-123	115.28	108.08	110.25	7.20	6.66	5.02	4.56
Retail Price	120-140	133.37	128.54	127.19	4.83	3.76	6.18	4.86

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a quantity of 19,642 mt of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.76.23/kg and CIF price has been increased around 2% compared to the previous month. Total quantity was of the “whole type” of red dhal. From the “whole type” of red dhal quantity, 68% had been received from Australia, followed by Canada (31%) and Kazakhstan (1%). The total value of the “whole type” of red dhal imports was Rs.1, 497 million.

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal - July to Dec 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
December	19,642	76.23	115.28	133.37	39.04	18.10
November	22,041	74.42	108.08	128.54	33.66	20.47
October	18,707	76.60	107.15	128.15	30.55	21.00
September	9,372	80.11	106.71	127.23	26.61	20.52
August	7,737	80.80	104.28	124.47	23.47	20.19
July	7,317	83.43	106.02	125.10	22.59	19.08

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Rainy weather condition was further prevailed in most of the vegetable producing areas during the month. According to the rainfall data released by the Department of Meteorology, the highest rainfall was recorded in Batticaloa (547.8mm) while the lowest (144.7mm) was noted from Mannar (Table 8). However, cultivation of *Maha* (2019/20) season was in progress in most of the producing area. The total targeted extent (both up-country and low-country vegetables) was 49,608ha, and by the end of November, 46% of the target had been achieved. With regard to up-country vegetable cultivation, the target was 14,886ha and 37% of the target had been achieved by the end of November. The mostly cultivated up country vegetable was beans (4,142ha) which accounts for 32% of the target of up-country vegetable. With reference to low-country vegetables, the target was 34,722ha and 50% of the target had been achieved by the end of November. The mostly cultivated low-country vegetable was brinjal (2875ha) followed by long beans (2614ha), pumpkin (2264ha), and okra (2191ha). The cultivated extent of tomato, bitter guard and luffa also exceeded the 1000 ha.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-350.00	242.80	95.50	126.67	147.30	154.24	116.13	91.68
Carrot	150.00-370.00	227.60	190.00	139.67	37.60	19.79	87.93	62.96
Leeks	220.00-360.00	272.60	189.64	131.04	82.96	43.75	141.56	108.03
Beetroot	120.00-250.00	185.68	144.25	147.65	41.44	28.73	38.03	25.75
Knolkhol	90.00-180.00	135.40	108.98	97.37	26.42	24.25	38.03	39.05
Radish	40.00-110.00	74.60	81.25	56.83	-6.65	-8.18	17.77	31.26
Cabbage	50.00-140.00	87.79	103.77	81.97	-15.98	-15.40	5.82	7.10
Tomato	60.00-250.00	119.80	64.75	182.67	55.05	85.02	-62.87	-34.42
Ladies Fingers	60.00-200.00	119.10	69.50	65.00	49.60	71.37	54.10	83.23
Brinjal	90.00-420.00	200.92	105.35	102.09	95.57	90.72	98.83	96.81
Capsicum	160.00-300.00	227.80	258.25	261.00	-30.45	-11.79	-33.20	-12.72
Pumpkin	25.00-50.00	35.70	49.88	31.58	-14.18	-28.42	4.12	13.03
Cucumber	40.00-150.00	88.50	47.63	32.75	40.88	85.83	55.75	170.23
Bittergourd	150.00-240.00	185.77	210.13	166.37	-24.36	-11.59	19.41	11.66
Snakegourd	60.00-160.00	121.80	107.00	68.39	14.80	13.83	53.41	78.09
Drumstick	-	-	218.75	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	50.00-200.00	139.60	75.75	86.83	63.85	84.29	52.77	60.77
Long Beans	70.00-200.00	141.90	109.59	50.17	32.31	29.48	91.73	182.86
Ash Plantain	60.00-100.00	85.49	76.45	67.50	9.04	11.82	17.99	26.65
Green Chilli	130.00-350.00	213.53	217.00	400.00	-3.47	-1.60	-186.47	-46.62
Lime	30.00-100.00	60.80	144.75	299.83	-83.95	-58.00	-239.03	-79.72

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Limited stocks were further observed in most of the vegetable markets during the month. Daily supplies to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center ranged between 400mt-500mt, a decline about 50% compared to the last month. The stock position for knolkhol, beans brinjal, and snake

guard were lower than that of rest of the vegetable varieties in Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center. Therefore, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, the wholesale price of all the vegetable varieties except for radish and cabbage have increased by 20%-154% and the highest price increase was recorded for beans. However, the wholesale prices of radish and cabbage have decreased by 8% and 15% respectively due to increase the supplies mainly from Puttlam. Among lowcountry vegetables, wholesale prices of all the varieties except for capsicum, pumpkin and bittergourd have increased by 12%-91% recording the highest for brinjal. However, the wholesale prices of, capsicum (12%), pumpkin (28%) and bitter guard (12%) have decreased due to increase the supplies from Kandy and Puttlam.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the up-country vegetable varieties had increased by 7%-108% followed by low-country vegetables as 12%-183%.

The retail prices of most of vegetable varieties have increased during the month. The prices of all the up-country vegetables except for radish and cabbage have increased by 9%-92%, while that of radish and cabbage decreased by less than 3%. Among up-country vegetables, the highest retail price of Rs.480.00/kg was recorded for beans, carrot and leeks, an increase by another Rs.40.00/kg compared to the previous month. The lowest price of Rs.100.00/kg was noted for radish. The retail prices of most of the lowcountry vegetable varieties also have increased during the month. The price increase was ranged between 14% and 60% and the highest price increase (60%) was recorded for brinjal. Meanwhile the retail prices of capsicum (8%), pumpkin (9%), and bitter guard (2%) have decreased. The drumstick season was ended up and not available in the market during the month. Among low-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.500.00/kg remained unchanged and was recorded for capsicum and brinjal while the lowest price (Rs.70.00) was further observed for pumpkin.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of up-country vegetables had increased by 5%-67% while that of low-country vegetables had increased by 9%-61%.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – December 2019

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	140.00-480.00	342.80	178.60	208.04	164.20	91.93	134.76	64.78
Carrot	200.00-480.00	314.29	274.04	237.56	40.24	14.69	76.73	32.30
Leeks	280.00-480.00	375.63	285.98	224.66	89.65	31.35	150.97	67.20
Beetroot	160.00-400.00	274.71	220.93	212.98	53.78	24.34	61.73	28.98
Knolkhol	160.00-320.00	223.40	205.49	206.78	17.91	8.71	16.62	8.04
Radish	100.00-200.00	156.57	160.85	146.84	-4.28	-2.66	9.72	6.62
Cabbage	120.00-300.00	189.41	192.25	179.74	-2.85	-1.48	9.67	5.38
Tomato	110.00-360.00	208.70	145.67	290.77	63.03	43.27	-82.08	-28.23
Ladies Fingers	120.00-340.00	212.13	151.45	155.54	60.68	40.06	56.59	36.39
Brinjal	140.00-500.00	283.31	177.19	176.14	106.12	59.89	107.16	60.84
Capsicum	180.00-500.00	345.31	376.77	357.79	-31.46	-8.35	-12.48	-3.49
Pumpkin	70.00-160.00	116.18	128.17	106.66	-11.98	-9.35	9.53	8.93
Cucumber	80.00-200.00	152.22	116.84	110.88	35.38	30.28	41.34	37.29
Bittergourd	200.00-400.00	300.02	305.80	245.39	-5.78	-1.89	54.62	22.26
Snakegourd	120.00-320.00	203.87	172.66	159.64	31.21	18.07	44.23	27.70
Drumstick	-	-	390.56	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	140.00-340.00	220.48	162.68	188.07	57.80	35.53	32.41	17.24
Long Beans	140.00-320.00	219.97	192.97	154.36	27.00	13.99	65.61	42.51
Ash Plantain	100.00-240.00	161.09	139.17	141.74	21.92	15.75	19.35	13.65

Green Chilli	200.00-600.00	381.37	425.26	608.87	-43.89	-10.32	-227.50	-37.36
Lime	80.00-400.00	273.44	393.80	635.18	-120.36	-30.56	-361.74	-56.95

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in November, 2019, wholesale prices of fruit varieties banana (Kolikuttu and Seeni), pineapple (small and medium), passion fruit and slime apple had decreased in December, 2019 while, the prices of fruit varieties mango, papaw, wood apple, orange, avocado, and imported grapes had increased. Accordingly, banana varieties, Seeni and Kolikuttu had recorded price decreases in the range of 3%-5% and had recorded price ranges of Rs.40.00-80.00/kg and Rs.100.00-170.00/kg for Seeni and Kolikuttu respectively. Further, price of banana variety Ambun had decreased less than 1% and price ranged between Rs.13.00-19.00/fruit. At the same time, price decreases were noted for pineapple and prices had decreased by 2% for small sized, and less than 1% for medium sized fruits. The monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.108.00/fruit, Rs.146.00/fruit and Rs.184.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-250.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties had increased and had recorded price increases of 1%, 6% and 11% for varieties, Vilad, Betti, and Karthakolomban respectively.

However, as stated earlier, price of papaw had increased by 6%, the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.52.00/kg, and the price ranged between Rs.30.00-70.00/kg. Price of grapes (imported) had increased by 22%. In addition, prices of avocado, orange and wood apple had increased by 1%, 3% and 5% (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2018, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase of 43% was noted for Karthakolomban (Table 4.1).

Prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased at the retail level in the month of December compared to November. Price of Ambul had increased by 1% and average price was Rs.104.00/kg. Accordingly, prices of banana varieties, Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun had increased less than 1% and price ranges were noted as Rs.80.00-140.00/kg, Rs.14.00-24.00 per fruit and Rs.18.00-30.00 per fruit for Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun respectively. Prices of small size pineapple had decreased by 5%, while that of medium and large sized pineapple decreased by 4% and the monthly average retail prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.124.00/fruit, Rs.164.00/fruit and Rs.227.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-280.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased by 17% and 11% respectively and price of a fruit was noted as Rs.35.00-120.00 for Karthakolomban and Rs.30.00-50.00 for Vilad. Price of papaw had also increased by 8% and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-140.00/kg. In addition, prices of avocado, passion fruit and wood apple had increased by 14%, 10% and 24% respectively (Table 4.2). However, price of slime apple and kolikuttu had decreased by 11% and 6% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2018, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had also increased with the highest price increase of 26% noted for small size pineapple fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased price for Kolikuttu compared to November, while increased prices for Ambul and papaw. Accordingly, price had decreased by 19% for Kolikuttu while prices had increased by 23% for Ambul and by 9% for papaw. Producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.25.00-65.00/kg, Rs.65.00-135.00/kg and Rs.32.00-65.00/kg respectively. At the same time,

compared to December, 2018, producer prices had decreased for Kolikuttu by 3% and for papaw by 40% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,061mt of fresh fruits in December, 2019 to the value of Rs.177mn. Of the exported quantity, 93% were papaw, 4% were fresh mangoes, 2% were fresh pineapple and the rest was fresh avocados and oranges. In the month of November, 2019, the quantity exported was 1,250mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 18% (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,853mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.554mn. Of the imported quantity, 63% were apple, 25% were grapes and 12% were oranges. The main importing countries of apple were China, United States, Italy, South Africa, France and Turkey. Grapes had been imported from China, United States, Italy, India, South Africa, Lebanon and Turkey. Oranges had been imported from China, Australia, Egypt, South Africa and Spain. In the month of November, 2019, the quantity imported was 3,542mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 24% (Table 4.5).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-80.00	51.76	50.21	47.90	1.55	3.09	3.86	8.05
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-170.00	139.32	143.96	129.33	-4.64	-3.22	9.98	7.72
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-80.00	65.92	68.96	64.37	-3.03	-4.40	1.56	2.42
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	12.92	12.92	12.53	0.00	0.04	0.39	3.11
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-19.00	16.23	16.27	17.39	-0.04	-0.26	-1.16	-6.65
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	150.00-250.00	184.01	178.69	149.20	5.32	2.98	34.80	23.33
Medium (Fruit)	120.00--180.00	146.40	146.68	114.33	-0.28	-0.19	32.07	28.05
Small (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	107.99	110.32	79.87	-2.33	-2.11	28.12	35.21
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	13.00-35.00	20.23	14.55	19.57	5.68	39.05	0.66	3.37
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	25.00-70.00	45.20	34.38	31.70	10.82	31.48	13.50	42.57
Vilad (Fruit)	10.00-38.00	21.71	20.52	22.75	1.19	5.80	-1.04	-4.59
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	6.93	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	30.00-70.00	51.58	45.52	142.80	6.05	13.30	-91.22	-63.88
Passionfruit (Fruit)	7.00-13.00	9.58	11.04	12.38	-1.46	-13.21	-2.80	-22.59
Woodapple (Fruit)	8.00-25.00	12.83	7.61	11.14	5.23	68.70	1.69	15.20
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	36.88	33.66	37.00	3.23	9.59	-0.12	-0.31
Avocado (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	37.56	35.95	104.13	1.61	4.47	-66.58	-63.94
Slime Apple (Fruit)	17.00-40.00	24.59	31.56	32.73	-6.97	-22.09	-8.15	-24.89
Grapes Imported (Kg)	427.00-844.00	587.97	566.44	613.28	21.53	3.80	-25.31	-4.13

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-120.00	104.45	103.21	99.44	1.24	1.20	5.01	5.04
Kolikuttu (Kg)	160.00-240.00	200.61	213.07	194.02	-12.46	-5.85	6.59	3.40
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-140.00	116.01	115.88	114.50	0.12	0.11	1.51	1.32
Anamalu (Fruit)	14.00-24.00	18.56	18.43	17.88	0.14	0.74	0.68	3.81
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	23.13	23.08	22.64	0.05	0.20	0.49	2.15
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	227.30	236.28	207.59	-8.98	-3.80	19.71	9.50
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	164.03	171.28	150.56	-7.25	-4.23	13.47	8.95
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	123.91	130.58	98.33	-6.67	-5.11	25.57	26.01
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	35.00-120.00	67.01	57.09	55.70	9.93	17.39	11.32	20.32
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	39.55	35.71	45.75	3.83	10.73	-6.20	-13.56
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-140.00	109.62	101.05	202.43	8.58	8.49	-92.80	-45.85
Passionfruit (Fruit)	12.00-33.00	23.26	21.06	24.62	2.19	10.41	-1.37	-5.55
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	36.88	29.84	38.90	7.04	23.57	-2.02	-5.19
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	61.12	53.91	67.21	7.21	13.37	-6.08	-9.05
Avocado (Fruit)	35.00-120.00	82.73	72.69	186.63	10.04	13.81	-103.90	-55.67
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	63.95	72.16	81.50	-8.21	-11.37	-17.55	-21.53
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-1000.00	854.11	848.48	812.00	5.63	0.66	42.11	5.19

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	25.00-65.00	41.10	33.54	34.34	7.55	22.52	6.76	19.67
Kolikuttu	65.00-135.00	102.78	126.39	105.70	-23.61	-18.68	-2.92	-2.76
Papaw	32.00-65.00	48.49	44.31	80.88	4.18	9.44	-32.39	-40.04

Source ;Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, value and FOB prices of exported fruits - Oct to Dec 2019

Type of Fruit	Dec - 2019			Nov - 2019			Oct - 2019		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	25.11	11.34	451.56	41.00	15.72	383.54	64.58	32.57	504.33
Papaw	985.37	133.19	135.17	1147.07	107.47	93.69	1475.29	148.02	100.33

Fresh Mango	45.50	30.20	663.69	57.30	28.84	503.29	49.68	29.28	589.24
Avocado, fresh	5.12	2.49	485.66	4.98	2.19	439.88	16.84	6.72	398.79

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits – Oct to Dec 2019

Type of Fruit	Dec - 2019			Nov - 2019			Oct - 2019		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,800	250.50	139.19	2,443	368.97	151.05	3,114	503.73	161.76
Grapes	716	251.24	350.86	646	191.04	295.52	620	162.30	261.63
Oranges	337	52.25	155.08	453	73.96	163.16	802	120.34	149.99

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Continued rainy weather condition further contracted fishing activities in most of the fish supplying areas. As a result, supplies of most of the fish varieties have further limited in the market. Hence, the prices of most of the fresh fish types have increased by 2%-30%. The highest price increase (30%) was recorded for Hurulla due to limited supplies from Kalpitiya and Mullativu. The wholesale prices of Thora and Paraw have increased by 16% and 18% respectively due to decrease the supplies mainly from Northern Province. Salaya stocks have reduced from Kalpitiya and Negambo, hence, the price has increased by 12%. Further, supplies of Balaya were limited from Beruwala, Galle and Matara therefore; the price has increased by 7%. In contrast, the wholesale price of Shrimps (small) has decreased by 25% due to increase the stocks from Jaffna.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all the fish varieties had increased within the range of 9%-105%. The highest price increase was recorded for Hurulla (105%) followed by Salaya(70%) while the lowest price increase (9%) was noted for Mora.

The retail prices of Salaya, Hurulla, Thora and Paraw have increased within the range of 4%-21% while that of rest of the fish varieties decreased by 1%-13%. The highest price of Rs.2200.00/kg was recorded for Thora while the lowest price of Rs.200.00/kg was observed for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the fish varieties had increased within the range of 7%-41% and the highest was for Hurulla.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	180.00-250.00	235.51	210.69	138.17	24.82	11.78	97.34	70.44
Hurulla	400.00-550.00	469.13	360.25	228.95	108.88	30.22	240.18	104.90
Balaya	350.00-450.00	413.00	384.25	318.69	28.75	7.48	94.31	29.59
Kelawalla	500.00-750.00	619.00	605.00	498.47	14.00	2.31	120.53	24.18
Thora	1200.00-1600.00	1390.00	1193.75	1119.56	196.25	16.44	270.44	24.16
Paraw	580.00-750.00	652.20	550.75	560.42	101.45	18.42	91.78	16.38
Mora	500.00-700.00	609.00	590.00	560.50	19.00	3.22	48.50	8.65
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1200.00	938.00	1257.50	803.49	-319.50	-25.41	134.51	16.74
Thalapath	700.00-950.00	869.00	835.00	738.34	34.00	4.07	130.66	17.70
Retail Prices								
Salaya	200.00-460.00	293.49	282.36	230.09	11.13	3.94	63.40	27.55
Hurulla	450.00-720.00	544.60	449.23	387.44	95.37	21.23	157.16	40.57
Balaya	460.00-960.00	659.37	702.74	612.64	-43.37	-6.17	46.72	7.63
Kelawalla	800.00-1200.00	1021.13	1027.77	910.66	-6.64	-0.65	110.47	12.13
Thora	1400.00-2200.00	1641.42	1525.90	1495.31	115.52	7.57	146.10	9.77
Paraw	800.00-1200.00	1085.60	982.11	1008.65	103.50	10.54	76.95	7.63
Mora	700.00-900.00	763.33	860.57	934.76	-97.24	-11.30	-171.42	-18.34
Shrimp (small)	1000.00-1320.00	1187.72	1363.56	1035.47	-175.84	-12.90	152.25	14.70
Thalapath	1100.00-1400.00	1246.33	1260.16	1170.19	-13.83	-1.10	76.14	6.51

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supplies of most of the dried fish types have limited from most of the supplying areas during the month. With regard to the supplies of local dried fish types, limited supplies were observe for Anguluwa from Jaffna, Kattawa, Balaya and Mora from Negambo, Salaya from Mannar, Mullaitivu and Negambo, Maduwa from Jaffna and Negambo, Sprats from Trincomalee and Jaffna. The supplies of imported dried fish were as usual in previous month, however, the quality of imported stock have increased. The prevailed supply situation in the market has caused to increase the wholesale price within the range of 1%-13%. The highest price increase was recorded for local Salaya(13%), followed by local Anguluwa(12%). Further, the supplies if imported Sprats and Maduwa have increased from Dubai, Anguluwa (imported) from Pakistan, Oman and Vietnam. As a result, the wholesale prices of Sprats (imported) have decreased by 4% followed by imported Maduwa and Anguluwa as 1%.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased within the range of 3%-30%.

The retail prices of Sprats (local), Thora, and Salaya have increased by 2% while that of Maduwa, Mora, and imported Sprats decreased by 7%, 2%, and 1% respectively. The retail prices of rest of the dried fish varieties have not changed significantly. The highest price of Rs.2200.00/kg was reported for Thora while the lowest price of Rs.480.00/kg was noted for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 3%-13%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	800.00-1050.00	916.58	873.75	963.85	42.83	4.90	-47.27	-4.90
Sprats (imported)	400.00-550.00	466.60	488.25	538.98	-21.65	-4.43	-72.38	-13.43
Kattawa	900.00-1050.00	978.00	976.00	877.20	2.00	0.20	100.80	11.49
Kattawa (imported)	800.00-920.00	878.05	881.00	750.93	-2.95	-0.33	127.12	16.93
Thora	1400.00-1500.00	1411.11	1345.83	1300.00	65.28	4.85	111.11	8.55
Thora (imported)	1200.00-1400.00	1322.22	1306.25	1195.83	15.97	1.22	126.39	10.57
Mora	800.00-900.00	843.89	835.50	843.20	8.39	1.00	0.69	0.08
Mora (imported)	730.00-850.00	784.80	783.50	764.33	1.30	0.17	20.47	2.68
Balaya	450.00-600.00	491.46	459.25	479.40	32.21	7.01	12.06	2.52
Balaya (imported)	450.00-500.00	483.33	440.17	566.67	43.17	9.81	-83.33	-14.71
Anguluwa	840.00-1200.00	1023.55	910.50	819.54	113.05	12.42	204.00	24.89
Anguluwa (imported)	780.00-1000.00	872.84	883.00	768.58	-10.16	-1.15	104.27	13.57
Maduwa	480.00-650.00	521.80	524.75	550.69	-2.95	-0.56	-28.89	-5.25
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-450.00	402.50	407.07	382.04	-4.57	-1.12	20.46	5.36
Salaya	280.00-400.00	322.00	284.13	248.22	37.88	13.33	73.78	29.72
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	708.84	718.37	718.33	-9.53	-1.33	-9.49	-1.32
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1190.71	1166.90	1218.95	23.81	2.04	-28.24	-2.32
Kattawa	1100.00-1600.00	1379.74	1384.70	1239.67	-4.95	-0.36	140.07	11.30
Thora	1500.00-2200.00	1850.65	1806.03	1640.79	44.62	2.47	209.85	12.79
Mora	900.00-1400.00	1180.35	1203.49	1144.49	-23.14	-1.92	35.87	3.13
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	891.91	894.15	877.80	-2.24	-0.25	14.11	1.61
Anguluwa	900.00-1600.00	1192.91	1201.60	1091.96	-8.70	-0.72	100.95	9.24
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	728.68	783.72	790.60	-55.04	-7.02	-61.92	-7.83
Salaya	480.00-800.00	626.33	612.98	606.74	13.34	2.18	19.59	3.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

The wholesale prices of both brown eggs and white eggs have not changed significantly while that of retail prices decreased by 2%. The retail price of brown egg ranged between Rs.20.00-21.00/each while that of white egg ranged between Rs.19.00-20.00/each. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of eggs have decreased by 1%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	19.50-19.50	19.50	19.50	19.15	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.83
White (each)	18.50-18.50	18.50	18.50	18.15	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.93

Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	20.00-21.00	20.39	20.73	20.57	-0.34	-1.64	-0.18	-0.87
White (each)	19.00-20.00	19.35	19.69	19.54	-0.33	-1.69	-0.19	-0.96

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The prices of broiler chicken, curry chicken, and beef have decreased by 4%, 2% and 1% respectively. The highest price of Rs.2100.00/kg was further recorded for mutton while the lowest price of Rs.450.00/kg was observed for broiler chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of chicken had increased by 2%-7% and the highest price increase was noted for pork.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1100.00	997.00	1007.08	966.26	-10.08	-1.00	30.74	3.18
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-660.00	532.53	552.76	548.46	-20.23	-3.66	-15.93	-2.90
Chicken (curry)	500.00-700.00	610.07	623.42	621.57	-13.35	-2.14	-11.50	-1.85
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1885.67	1892.87	1855.00	-7.20	-0.38	30.67	1.65
Pork	700.00-880.00	764.00	756.33	714.40	7.67	1.01	49.60	6.94

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 137,220mt worth of Rs.6,423mn wheat grain had been imported during the month of December. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased and it was more than twice in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of December had been mainly imported from Russia (31%) and the CIF price was Rs.43.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Canada (30%) and Australia (22%) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (12%) and Romania (4%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.38.00-68.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.47.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by only Rs.1.00/kg during the month.

A total quantity of 929mt of wheat flour worth of Rs.72mn had been imported during the month of December. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased by 344mt. Wheat flour for the month of December had been mainly imported from India (79%) and the CIF price was Rs.79.00/kg. Wheat flour has also imported from United Arab Emirates (1%). Few quantities were also imported from China, Germany and Singapore as well. The CIF price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.62.00-79.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.70.00/kg (Based on the prices of two major importing countries).

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-105.00/kg and the average price was Rs.93.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has also decreased by 2%.

Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – December 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019		Dec 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-105.00	93.20	95.31	94.66	-2.11	-2.21	-1.46	-1.54
Sugar	96.00-115.00	106.50	107.02	106.89	-0.52	-0.49	-0.39	-0.36

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- July to Dec 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
December	929	71.66	77.12	93.20	16.08
November	1,273	96.21	75.58	95.31	19.73
October	564	41.30	73.19	93.37	20.18
September	1,362	98.25	72.13	94.42	22.29
August	619	46.11	74.50	95.95	21.45
July	415	29.52	71.11	96.77	25.66
Wheat Grain					
December	137,220	6,423	46.81	93.20	46.39
November	276,039	12,582	45.58	95.31	49.73
October	188,638	8,825	46.79	93.37	46.58
September	147,317	7,185	48.77	94.42	45.65
August	161,303	7,001	43.40	95.95	52.55
July	188,067	9,290	49.40	96.77	47.37

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

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 29,602mt worth of Rs.1,890mn of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of December. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased and it was 20,585mt. Sugar for the month of December had been mainly imported from India (87%) and its' CIF price was Rs.62.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (12%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Korea and Malaysia as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.62.00-88.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.64.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar has increased by Rs.2.00/kg during the month. According to the World Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged to 190 points in December 2019, up by nearly 5% from November 2019. World crude oil price increase was assumed as the nearest reason for sugar price rises.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of December, price ranged between Rs.96.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.106.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average retail price of sugar has decreased by only Rs.1.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar remained unchanged.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- July to Dec 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	29,602	1890.4	63.86	106.50	42.64
November	50,187	3110.2	61.97	107.02	45.05
October	48,249	3092.9	64.10	106.95	42.84
September	44,868	2936.5	65.45	107.00	41.55
August	33,920	2215.5	65.32	106.81	41.50
July	22,085	1445.4	65.45	106.43	40.98

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

Table 7: Import of selected food items – December 2019

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Dec - 2019	Nov - 2019		Dec - 2019	Nov - 2019		Dec - 2019	Nov - 2019	
Rice	3,424	1,644	108	332.1	150.0	122	97.01	91.19	6
Red Onion	887	321	176	232.6	51.9	349	262.34	161.56	62
Big Onion	29,000	25,961	12	2944.3	2175.0	35	101.53	83.78	21
Potato	14,946	9,697	54	927.5	517.7	79	62.06	53.39	16
Dried Chillies	5,178	4,700	10	1906.7	1700.5	12	368.21	361.82	2
Masoor Dhal	19,642	22,041	-11	1497.4	1640.2	-9	76.23	74.42	2
Green Gram	723	752	-4	123.3	123.8	0	170.53	164.56	4
Cowpea	510	1,067	-52	69.3	144.7	-52	135.91	135.57	0
Garlic	2,630	2,346	12	657.2	527.2	25	249.90	224.73	11
Wheat flour	929	1,273	-27	71.7	96.2	-26	77.12	75.58	2
Wheat grain	137,220	276,039	-50	6423.2	12582.2	-49	46.81	45.58	3
White crystalline cane sugar	29,602	50,187	-41	1890.4	3110.2	-39	63.86	61.97	3
Maize	15,811	12,061	31	696.54	511.09	36	44.05	42.38	4

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – December 2019

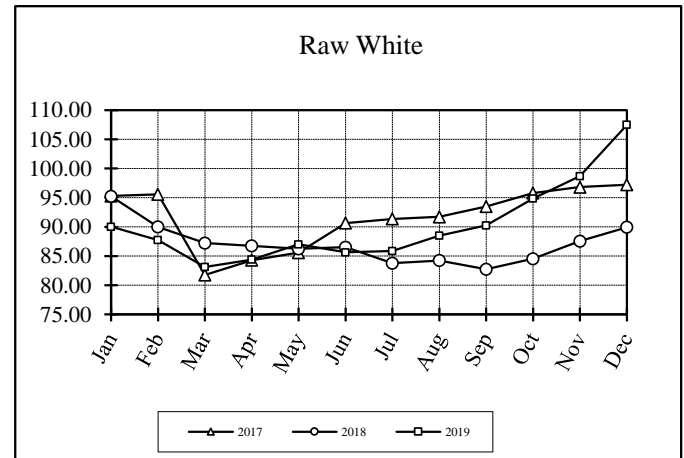
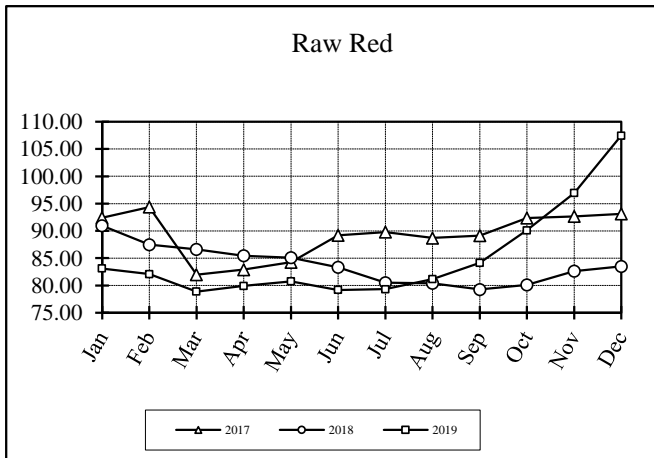
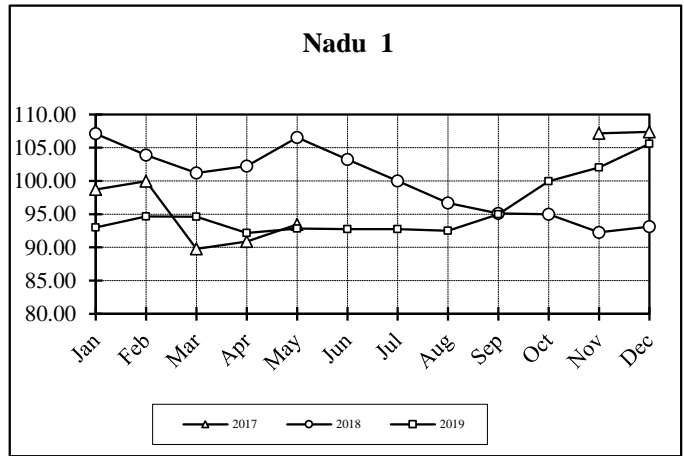
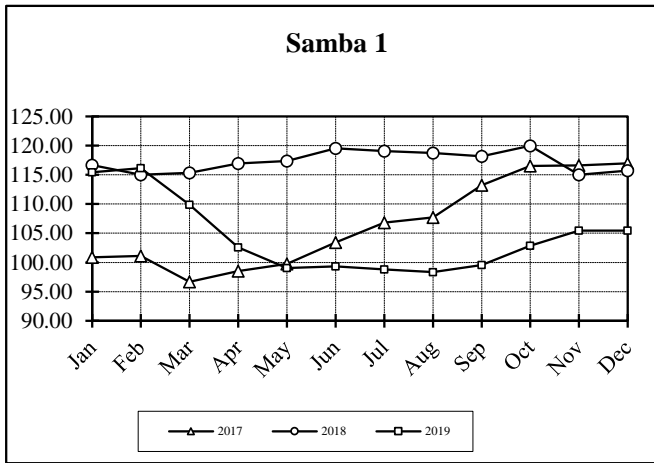
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	293.3	210.9	18	14
Badulla	372.8	281.5	21	19
Bandarawela	297.0	186.2	17	16
Batticaloa	486.1	418.5	22	17
Colombo	250.3	175.3	12	10
Galle	135.3	176.9	15	12
Hambantota	255.2	121.1	13	9
Jaffna	225.3	278.2	19	13
Katugastota	164.4	195.7	14	14
Katunayaka	90.8	129.7	10	9
Kurunegala	156.1	149.0	12	11
Mahailuppallama	370.7	230.0	17	14
Mannar	188.8	212.2	15	12
Nuwara Eliya	241.8	196.0	13	15
Pottuvil	390.9	237.1	21	na
Puttalam	199.0	142.7	14	12
Ratmalana	245.6	177.8	11	11
Ratnapura	200.4	235.3	18	14
Trincomalee	557.1	364.5	19	16
Vavuniya	349.3	289.6	20	14
Polonnaruwa	595.1	na	20	na
Moneragala	464.8	na	17	na
Mattala	248.4	na	14	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

Note: na refers to not available

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

Month	Samba 1			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Jan	100.87	116.65	115.44	98.73	107.10	93.00	92.41	90.96	83.12	95.27	95.24	90.02
Feb	101.11	115.03	116.14	99.95	103.88	94.64	94.37	87.49	82.07	95.56	90.00	87.74
Mar	96.68	115.34	109.87	89.77	101.20	94.63	81.95	86.63	78.87	81.77	87.25	83.14
Apr	98.53	116.93	102.58	90.88	102.24	92.17	82.89	85.43	79.92	84.30	86.74	84.39
May	99.74	117.36	99.05	93.46	106.56	92.83	84.24	85.08	80.74	85.58	86.25	87.00
Jun	103.41	119.56	99.33		103.22	92.73	89.17	83.32	79.19	90.65	86.52	85.64
Jul	106.81	119.08	98.81		99.99	92.75	89.80	80.52	79.31	91.36	83.80	85.86
Aug	107.72	118.72	98.35		96.68	92.49	88.70	80.42	81.14	91.71	84.25	88.49
Sep	113.25	118.15	99.58		95.11	95.00	89.11	79.26	84.14	93.51	82.76	90.23
Oct	116.54	119.98	102.86		94.97	99.95	92.38	80.08	90.11	95.80	84.54	94.88
Nov	116.63	115.02	105.46	107.14	92.27	102.03	92.67	82.65	96.96	96.81	87.55	98.70
Dec	116.97	115.70	105.46	107.39	93.13	105.60	93.12	83.48	107.46	97.20	89.95	107.48



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion (Vedalan)			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Jan	311.44	263.76	330.31	156.25	515.82		100.02	143.32	85.22	194.94	163.50	215.71
Feb	283.58	271.41	335.00	197.00		176.36	96.57	118.86	81.33	174.64	149.12	168.89
Mar	269.67	284.90	329.23	186.80	204.17	168.97	95.60	88.58	78.17	165.97	139.65	164.00
Apr	257.93	298.03	324.25	291.30		175.37	99.33	67.31	91.75	179.77	149.37	191.47
May	241.70	306.67	328.50	331.70		201.43	96.33	99.21	93.54	184.26	165.33	200.97
Jun	230.28	313.87	345.06	425.19	192.53	229.57	97.25	108.62	114.91	184.74	191.52	207.45
Jul	232.12	325.59	365.35	302.86	170.61	222.51	96.33	115.02	124.20	182.06	206.17	235.89
Aug	238.44	323.56	371.46	225.63	179.06	175.95	132.19	115.74	132.13	184.34	207.29	234.10
Sep	249.10	311.60	434.22	359.93	164.11	191.81	141.57	109.70	167.17	177.47	167.27	209.86
Oct	256.20	315.11	484.80	389.38	168.06	325.31	147.37	111.28	248.02	167.88	155.45	202.38
Nov	259.31	322.74	502.09	498.85	169.23	478.63	165.87	120.24	192.69	160.43	192.07	213.71
Dec	264.58	324.98	518.89	575.43		608.84	157.18	102.86	178.67	163.52	214.56	232.91

