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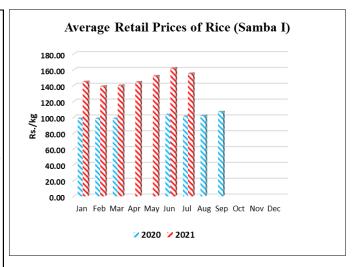
Paddy/Rice

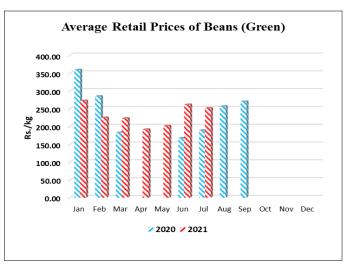
The prospects of paddy crop in 2021 Yala season were satisfactory in most of the major producing areas and harvesting was in progress. Despite the Covid-pandemic situation the government allowed to carry on purchasing and selling activities of paddy for farmers and the millers in major producing areas. In line with the farm gate prices of paddy and the wholesale prices of rice the retail prices of all the local rice varieties had gone down.

Vegetables, Potatoes and Onions

The retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties had decreased by 3% - 29%. During this month, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato increased by 9% and 3% respectively as the harvesting was affected by heavy rains.

On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.156.00/kg in July. Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 2001 ha and at the end of July 2021 around 1,641 ha had been cultivated which was 82% of the targeted extent. It is expected that the Big Onion harvest will start reaching the market from August. The Supply of local red onion from main producing areas has increased during this month. Average retail prices of Sinnan and Vedalan ranged between Rs.280.00 - 320.00/kg and Rs.320.00 -400.00/kg respectively.





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

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The prospects of paddy crop in 2021 Yala season were satisfactory in most of the major producing areas and the crop is at maturity, ripening and harvesting stages. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of 2020 Yala season was 534,495 ha. The cultivation progress up to end of July was 499,566 ha and it is 93% of the target. The expected production is 2.09 million metric tons. Better water availability in major and minor irrigation schemes and the increased guaranteed price caused the progress of paddy cultivation. Cultivation targets have almost been achieved in Northern Province, Batticaloe, Hambanthota and all Mahaweli systems. Harvesting of paddy crop in 2021 Yala season commenced in some of the producing areas in the Eastern Province. It was recorded that the newly harvested high moisture paddy arrived at the major markets from above mentioned areas during the latter part of the month. Peak harvesting can be expected in most of the major producing areas from latter part of the August.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in Yala season as at end of July 2021

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production Forecast based on Progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast (mt)
Colombo	2,166	2,359	109	6,416	-	0	6,416
Gampaha	7,928	9,190	116	25,779	2,684	6001	19,778
Kalutara	7,729	9,336	121	26,611	-	0	26,611
Galle	14,000	8,524	61	20,146	-	0	20,146
Matara	14,927	14,385	96	40,432	160	254	40,178
Ratnapura	8,686	8,299	96	31,251	ı	0	31,251
Kegalle	7,364	6,030	82	18,359	ı	0	18,359
Kurunagala	72,798	63,837	88	261,732	ı	0	261,732
Puttalam	19,108	17,502	92	66,202	-	0	66,202
Kandy	5,947	5,546	93	16,929	ı	0	16,929
Matale	7,905	7,956	101	35,414	ı	0	35,414
N eliya	2,778	1,677	60	3,553	ı	0	3,553
Badulla	5,253	4,045	77	17,021	ı	0	17,021
Monaragala	13,366	10,278	77	44,821	ı	0	44,821
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Kilinochchi	9,750	9,797	100	44,207	ı	0	44,207
Vavuniya	5,499	5,476	100	25,678	ı	0	25,678
Mullativu	6,151	6,151	100	27,799	ı	0	27,799
Mannar	2,000	2,540	127	12,660	ı	0	12,660
Anuradhapura	41,685	21,706	52	89,187	ı	0	89,187
Trincomalee	30,290	24,692	82	116,529	ı	0	116,529
Batticaloa	33,197	33,197	100	120,713	ı	0	120,713
Ampara	1,647	1,710	104	8,322	ı	0	8,322
Hambantota	12,197	11,496	94	60,166	ı	0	60,166
Udawalawa	10,000	11,509	115	64,171	ı	0	64,171
System H	10,157	16,918	167	76,875	ı	0	76,875
System H1	3,570	6,452	181	29,318	ı	0	29,318
System B	19,934	20,529	103	86,714	-	0	86,714
System C	21,704	22,090	102	93,308	ı	0	93,308
System G	4,300	5,470	127	21,617	ı	0	21,617
System D	1,020	1,058	104	4,469	-	0	4,469
Rambakanoya	890	887	100	3,598	-	0	3,598
Others	130,550	128,924	736	596,989	265	421	596,568
Sri Lanka	534,495	499,566	93	2,096,989	3,110	6,677	2,090,312

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Department of Agriculture *Others: Inter province areas, System L

Producer Prices

Despite the pandemic situation the government allowed to carry on purchasing and selling activities of paddy for farmers and the millers in major producing areas. From the beginning of the month, producer prices of paddy varieties specially for short grain and long grain white have shown a declining trend in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the arrival of newly harvested wet paddy from producing areas in the Eastern province. Prices of long grain white and short grain varieties have decreased in the range of 8%-19% and 14%-31% respectively. However, the farm gate prices of old paddy stocks were always higher than the newly harvested wet paddy. The rice price ceiling also influenced to determine the paddy prices. Prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.45.00-70.00/Kg and Rs.43.00-57.00/Kg respectively. Prices of long grain red were ranged between Rs.53.00-57.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain white and short grain varieties have increased in the range of 4%-7% and 1%-26% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red paddy have increased by nearly 8% in Hambanthota, Embilipitiya and Mathara areas.

Table 1.2: Producer prices of paddy – July 2021

	Price Range	A	verage Pr	ice		Change C	ompared	to
Commodity	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June	2021	July	y 2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	50.00-63.00	57.18	-	50.78	-	-	6.41	12.62
Polonnaruwa	45.00-53.00	51.00	67.58	50.58	-16.58	-24.54	0.42	0.83
Kalawewa	48.00-65.00	58.95	69.05	51.87	-10.10	-14.63	7.08	13.66
Kurunegala	50.00-56.00	53.67	63.00	48.85	-9.33	-14.81	4.82	9.86
Dehiattakandiya	50.00-55.00	52.83	77.00	49.67	-24.17	-31.39	3.17	6.38
Nikaweratiya	53.00-65.00	61.13	-	48.30	-	-	12.83	26.55
Ampara	52.00-70.00	62.02	72.50	-	-10.48	-14.45	-	-
Long Grain White	e							
Anuradhapura	44.00-57.00	51.24	57.00	48.50	-5.76	-10.11	2.74	5.64
Polonnaruwa	43.00-51.00	47.75	57.25	45.73	-9.50	-16.59	2.03	4.43
Kalawewa	43.00-55.00	50.10	57.00	47.10	-6.90	-12.11	3.00	6.37
Kurunegala	48.00-53.00	50.92	55.50	48.70	-4.58	-8.26	2.22	4.55
Dehiattakandiya	50.00-52.00	50.50	62.50	47.11	-12.00	-19.20	3.39	7.20
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	40.00-57.00	47.58	-	48.30	-	-	-0.72	-1.48
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	43.00-56.00	47.30	54.67	-	-7.37	-13.48		
Long Grain Red	•		•		•			
Matara	53.00-55.00	54.00	_	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	53.00-56.00	54.75	55.00	50.80	-0.25	-0.45	3.95	7.78
A' pura	54.00-56.00	55.17	-	50.67	-	-	4.50	8.88
Embilipitiya	53.00-57.00	54.45	57.25	50.40	-2.80	-4.89	4.05	8.04

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Prices of local rice varieties have gone down due to the increased supply of newly harvested stocks of *Yala* season. Prices of all the rice varieties have dropped by 4% -10% in Colombo markets.

Price of Samba grade II has decreased by 10% and it ranged between Rs.115.00-140.00/kg. Price of Nadu grade II has decreased by 8% and it ranged between Rs.100.00-113.00/kg. Prices of both raw red and raw white have decreased by 4-6%% and prices ranged between Rs.90.00-98.00/kg and Rs.95.00-112.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year prices of all local rice varieties have increased. The prices of samba grade II, Nadu grade II, raw white and raw red have increased in the range of 5% -34% and the highest price increase was reported for samba grade II.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale market prices of all the local rice varieties have also gone down in the range of Rs.1.60-7.70/kg. The highest and the lowest price drop was recorded for Samba grade II and raw red respectively. Prices of Samba grade I and Samba grade II ranged between Rs 140.00-165.00/Kg and Rs 130.00-155.00/Kg respectively. Meanwhile the prices of Nadu rice ranged between Rs 110.00-130.00/Kg. The lowest price range of Rs 100.00-115.00/Kg was recorded for raw red and the price of raw white ranged between Rs 110.00-125.00/Kg. Despite the pandemic related restrictions there was a sufficient rice supply to the markets. However, the prices exceeded the Ceiling price levels in most of the open markets.

Compared to the same period of last year prices of all local rice varieties have increased. The prices of samba grade II, Nadu grade II, raw white and raw red have increased in the range of 10% -54% and the highest price increase was reported for samba grade II.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – July 2021

	Price Range	A	verage Pric	ee	C	hange Co	ompared t	to
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June	2021	July	2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	-	-	-	97.82	-	-	-	-
Samba 2	115.00-140.00	128.40	142.20	96.04	-13.80	-9.70	32.36	33.69
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-		95.85	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	100.00-113.00	107.29	116.75	93.03	-9.46	-8.10	14.27	15.34
Raw red	90.00-98.00	93.69	97.19	89.15	-3.50	-3.60	4.54	5.10
Raw white	95.00-112.00	104.51	111.64	89.08	-7.12	-6.38	15.44	17.33
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	140.00-165.00	154.91	161.43	100.67	-6.52	-4.04	54.24	53.88
Samba 2	130.00-155.00	147.27	155.00		-7.73	-4.99		
Samba 3								
Nadu 1	120.00-130.00	125.36	127.50	98.97	-2.14	-1.68	26.39	26.66
Nadu 2	110.00-120.00	118.18						
Raw red	100.00-115.00	104.84	106.45	95.73	-1.61	-1.52	9.11	9.51
Raw white	110.00-125.00	116.53	120.00	95.59	-3.47	-2.89	20.94	21.91
Imported Ponni Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The cultivated extent of green chilli for the *Yala* season 2021 was 5,125 ha in Sri Lanka at the end of this month. It is represented 70% of the targeted extent. The highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttalam district recording a 74% of the targeted extent. Cultivation progress in most of the producing areas was in a satisfactory level at the end of July 2021. Expected production of green chilli for this *Yala* season was 26,904 mt and out of that, 43% will be supplied from Anuradhapura (8%), Puttalam (15%), Monaragala (7%), Vavuniya (7%) and Batticaloa (6%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Target and cultivation progress of green chili for Yala Season, 2021

	Targeted	Cultivation Progress 202	•	Expected Production
Areas	Extent (ha)	Cultivated Extent (ha)	% Of the Targeted Extent	(mt)
Anuradhapura	632	374	60	2,132
Puttalam	641	470	74	4,057
Monaragala	408	328	81	1,671
Batticaloa	560	391	70	1,556
Vavuniya	299	335	112	1,851
Matale	504	280	56	1,373
Inter Provincial DDA Areas	491	460	94	2,285
Mahaweli Areas	677	503	75	2,635
Other Areas	3,174	1,984	63	9,344
Total	7,386	5,125	70	26,904

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 03, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both wholesale and retail prices of green chili have decreased by about Rs.58.00/kg and Rs. 54.00/kg respectively due to high supplies from main producing areas. The average wholesale price of green chilli was Rs.221.50/kg while Rs.319.13/kg at the retail level.

Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about Rs.4.00/kg. However, the retail price has decreased by about Rs.3.00/kg due to increase the stock position at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili have increased by about 22% and 12% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – July 2021

	Price Range	A	verage Pr	ice	Change Compared to					
Item	July 2021	July 2021 June 2021 July 2020 June 2021		July	2020					
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Price										
Green Chillies	200.00-250.00	221.50	279.00	201.31	-57.50	-20.61	20.19	10.03		
Dried Chillies	465.00-535.00	499.85	496.21	410.25	3.63	0.73	89.60	21.84		
Retail Price	Retail Price									
Green Chillies	230.00-400.00	319.13	373.00	334.07	-53.87	-14.44	-14.94	-4.47		
Dried Chillies	550.00-650.00	602.48	605.00	538.09	-2.52	-0.42	64.40	11.97		

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer prices of green chili (Rs/kg) July 2021

Location	1st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4th week
Dambulla	188.50	143.50	129.00	148.00
Embilipitiya	217.00	213.00	276.00	216.00
Puttalam	122.50	142.50	135.00	140.00
A'Pura	292.00	192.00	168.00	152.00

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop Situation

Cultivation progress of big onion in both Matale and Anuradhapura districts has been in satisfactory level during this *Yala* season. Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 2001 ha and at the end of July 2021and around 1,641 ha has been cultivated and it was 82% of the targeted extent. In Anuradhapura district (excluding IP areas), the targeted extent of big onion was 746 ha and at the end of this month, 694 ha had been cultivated. It was about 93% of the targeted extent in Anuradhapura district. Total estimated production of big onion during this *Yala* season is 81737 mt and out of that around 84% of the production will be supplied from Matale (51%), Anuradhapura (including Anuradhapura IP areas) (24%) and Mahaweli H1 (9%).

Table 2.2.1: Target and Cultivation progress of Big Onion for Yala Season, 2021

	Towns at all Endand	Cultivation Progress July 202	Evnected	
Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivated Extent (ha)	% Of the targeted extent	Expected Production (mt)
Matale	2,001	1,641	82	41,712
Anuradhapura	746	694	93	11,139
Anuradhapura IP areas	176	528	300	8,612
Mahaweli H	261	260	100	4,166
Mahaweli H1	1,076	458	43	7,346
Other Areas	691	446	65	8,762
Total	4,951	4,027	82	81,737

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 03, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Compared to the last yala season, the cultivated extent of big onion in Matale district has increased by about 31%. Higher producer prices prevailed during the last yala season and the promotion programme led by the government are caused to this increase of cultivated extent. Cultivated

extent of big onion has increased significantly in Dambulla and Sigiriya areas while it has decreased in Galewela and Dewahuwa areas due to many farmers moved in to paddy cultivation in that areas.

Table 2.2.2: Target and Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala Seasons,2020 and 2021 in Matale District

Agrarian		2020 Y	ala Seaso	n (Ha)		2021 Yala Season (Ha)					%
Service Area	Target	Mav	June	July	Total	Target	Mav	June	July	Total	Compared to 2020
Dambulla	600	25	145	310	480	670	8	108	751	867	81
Sigiriya	600	20	181	106	307	625	7	129	247	383	25
Galewela	250	20	128	4	152	300	1	71	63	135	-11
Dewahuwa	100	5	67	29	101	220	0	35	39	74	-26
Other	150	26	176	13	215	210	0	44	144	188	-12
Total	1,700	96	697	462	1255	2025	16	387	1243	1647	31

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 03, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

More than 50% of the big onion production will be supplied from the Matale district during this Yala season. Compared to the 2020 yala season the total production of big onion in Matale district has increased by about 31%. Out of the total production,3% will supply in August, 37% will supply in September and the peak harvest will be supplied in October (60%) from Matale district.

Table 2.2.3: Big Onion Production in Matale District for Yala Season, 2020 and 2021

Agrarian		Yala ,2	2020 (mt))		Yala	a, 2021 (m	t)	%
Service Area	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total	Compared
		_		Product.	_	_		Product.	to 2020
Dambulla	1,081	3,874	4,647	9,602	276	5,056	12,010	17,342	81
Sigiriya	1,124	3,426	1,588	6,138	269	3,438	3,949	7,656	25
Galewela	912	2,068	60	3,040	91	1,601	1,008	2,700	-11
Dewahuwa	368	1,217	435	2,020	35	823	630	1,488	-26
Other	1,223	2,875	192	4,290	44	1,414	2,298	3,756	-12
Total	4,708	13,460	6,922	25,090	715	12,332	19,895	32,942	31

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 03, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Targeted extent of red onion for this *Yala* season was 4,608 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that around 4,027 ha has been achieved by the end of July 2020 representing 87% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent (2,000 ha) and cultivated extent (1,747 ha) was reported from Jaffna district. Total expected production of red onion for this *Yala* season was 38,545 mt and out of that, 86% will be supplied from Jaffna (56%), Puttalam (23%) and Vavunia (7%) districts.

Table 2.2.4: Target and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala Season, 2021

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)		gress by the end y,2021	Expected Production(mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% Of the Targeted Extent	
Jaffna	2,000	1,747	88	21,761
Puttalam	530	462	88	8,899
Vavuniya	285	211	74	2,559
Mullathivu	350	86	25	1,037
Trincomalee	656	154	24	1,651
Other areas	787	260	33	2,638
Total	4,608	4,027	87	38,545

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 03, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Local big onion stocks still were not available at the market. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively due to availability of ample stocks of imported big onion at the market. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.78.17/kg and Rs.111.94/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 22% and 25% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has increased from main producing areas during this month. Hence, wholesale price of vedalan has decreased by about Rs.3.00/kg. Wholesale price of Sinnan ranged between Rs.160.00 -220.00/kg and Rs. 250.00 - 290.00/kg reported for Vedalan. Average wholesale prices of Sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.189.84/kg and Rs.271.73/kg respectively. Average retail prices of Sinnan and Vedalan were ranged between Rs.280.00 - 320.00/kg and Rs.320.00 -400.00/kg respectively. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.21.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about 55% and 32% respectively.

Table 2.2.5: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion - July 2021

	Price Range	A	verage Pri	ce	Ch	Change Compared to				
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2	2021	July 2020			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Prices										
Red Onion (Sinnan)	160.00-220.00	189.84	-	119.71	-	-	70.13	58.58		
Red Onion (Vedalan)	250.00-290.00	271.73	275.00	155.47	-3.27	-1.19	116.26	74.78		
Red Onion (Imported)	200.00-275.00	247.50	268.12	159.50	-20.62	-7.69	88.00	55.17		
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-95.00	78.17	80.04	63.95	-1.87	-2.33	14.22	22.24		
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Retail Prices										
Red Onion (Sinnan)	280.00-320.00	303.24	-	211.00	-	-	92.24	43.71		
Red Onion (Vedalan)	320.00-400.00	363.39	-	267.85	-	-	95.55	35.67		
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-400.00	348.35	355.41	263.40	-7.06	-1.99	84.95	32.25		
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	111.94	117.43	89.58	-5.49	-4.68	22.35	24.95		
Big Onion (Local)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2021 is 2,793 ha and about 2,043 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of July achieving 73% of the targeted extent. During the month about 1,238 ha of potatoes were cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to end of July, the expected production of potato is 40,086 mt for this *yala* season with 77% from Badulla and 23% from Nuwara Eliya respectively.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 752 ha for this *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,029 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 442 ha and

1,600 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 59% and 79% of the targeted extents. During the month of July, 107 ha were cultivated in Nuwara Eliya and about 1,131 ha were cultivated in Badulla, which were greater than the extents cultivated in the previous months of this yala season recorded in both districts. In Badulla district most of the new cultivation has been taken place during this month. Compared to the same period of last yala season, the cultivated extents during this yala season were at low level in Nuwara Eliya district, while it was high in Badulla district. According to field information, the supply of maha harvest for Welimada potato was over by the end of June.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato up to end of July (*Yala* 2021)

District	District Targeted Extent (Achiever	nent (ha)	Progress (%)	Expected
	Yala 2020*	Yala 2021	Yala 2020*	Yala 2021	Yala 2021	production (Mt)
N'Eliya	854	752	522	442	59	9,260
Badulla	2,063	2,029	774	1,600	79	30,815
Sri Lanka	2,917	2,793	1,295	2,043	73	40,086

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Supply of imported potato was also low as the Special Commodity Levy of imported potato has been increased to Rs. 50.00/kg by the end of April this year. Only stocks supplied from Nuwara Eliya and imported stocks were available in the Colombo wholesale market. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.156.00/kg in July. During this month, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 9% and 3% respectively as the harvesting was affected due to heavy rains. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased slightly. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.145.00-180.00/kg and Rs.120.00-135.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (11%) and imported (13%) potatoes have decreased. Supply of local potato will be low till the commencement of harvesting season for Welimada potato and the prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further in August.

^{*} Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Vol.03 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Vol.03 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		C	hange Co	mpared t	0
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June	2021	July	2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	140.00-160.00	148.45	131.05	155.9	17.40	13.28	-7.45	-4.78
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-170.00	156.10	125.9	169.75	30.20	23.99	-13.65	-8.04
Imported – CIF	-	I	-	-	1	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	145.00-180.00	164.27	151.36	174.79	12.91	8.53	-10.51	-6.02
Imported	120.00-135.00	127.57	126.00	139.25	1.57	1.25	-11.68	-8.39
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-240.00	205.29	199.41	230.38	5.88	2.95	-25.09	-10.89
Imported	140.00-160.00	149.55	147.50	172.29	2.05	1.39	-22.74	-13.20
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		49.19	73.51	60.63	-24.32	-33.09	-11.44	-18.87
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WI	P)							
Welimada		I	-	-	1	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		41.02	48.05	55.60	-7.03	-14.63	-14.58	-26.22
Imported		-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The government restricted the importation of green gram and Cowpea in order to increase the domestic production of pulses. As a result of this both cultivated extent and production of these two pulse crops have increased. Green gram cultivation considerably increased especially in Hambanthota district and Cowpea cultivation in Ampara district. Table 2.4.1 reveals that the cultivated extent and production of both green gram and Cowpea in 2021, have increased with compared to 2020. It was recorded that the Hambanthota, Moneragala and Kurunegala districts are the major producing areas for the green gram cultivation and Ampara and Moneragala are for Cowpea.

Table 2.4.1: Target and Cultivated Extent of Green gram and Cowpea as at end July 2021 in *Yala* season, 2021

Item	Unit	Green gram	Cowpea
Yala 2021			
Targeted Extent	На	20,736	10,166
Achievement	На	11,409	7,470
Crop affected area due to flood	На	0	85
Expected Production	Mt	12,322	8,875
Revised expected Production	Mt	12,322	8,782
Achievement in Extent from the Target	%	55	73
Yala 2020			
Cultivated Extent	На	6,769	6,290
Production	Mt	8,439	7,451

Source: Crop Forecast Yala 2021, Socio Economic and Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The farm gate price of Green gram ranged between Rs 480.00- 560.00/Kg in Anuradhapura and Embilipitiya areas during the mid-month. The wholesale and retail prices ranged Rs 600.00-780.00/Kg and Rs 700.00-1000/Kg respectively. With compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of Green gram have increased more than 100 present. Meanwhile the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 600.00-760.00/Kg. With compared to the same period of last year nearly 70% increase was recorded for the current prices of both White and Red Cowpea.

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	tem July 2021 July 2021 June 2021 June 2021		July	2020					
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg %		Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	600.00-780.00	683.93	771.05	294.25	-87.12	-11.30	389.68	132.43	
Cowpea (White)	540.00-600.00	580.35	-	354.03	-	-	226.32	63.93	
Cowpea (Red)	425.00-500.00	476.46	494.29	333.27	-17.83	-3.61	143.19	42.97	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	700.00-1000.00	812.34	836.30	341.50	-23.96	-2.86	470.83	137.87	
Cowpea (White)	600.00-750.00	674.37	710.00	391.57	-35.63	-5.02	282.80	72.22	
Cowpea (Red)	600.00-760.00	677.20	745.91	400.39	-68.71	-9.21	276.81	69.14	

3. Vegetables

Supplies of most of the low-country as well as up-country vegetables were in a favorable situation. Since the wholesale as well as retail prices of all most all of the vegetable varieties have decreased during the month. The retail prices have decreased by 3%-29% recording the highest price fall for bitter gourd and the lowest for ash plantain. The highest retail price of Rs. 600.00/kg was reported for drumsticks while the lowest price of Rs. 60.00/kg was for ash plantain and tomato.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		C	hange Co	mpared to)
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2	2021	July 2	2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-260.00	191.50	209.00	133.00	-17.5	-8.37	58.5	43.98
Carrot	80.00-150.00	118.25	140.28	88.50	-22.0	-15.70	29.8	33.62
Leeks	120.00-200.00	154.75	180.50	53.25	-25.8	-14.27	101.5	190.61
Beetroot	70.00-155.00	113.26	159.61	87.27	-46.3	-29.04	26.0	29.78
Knolkhol	80.00-150.00	111.00	132.50	58.25	-21.5	-16.23	52.8	90.56
Radish	60.00-120.00	84.50	103.50	45.27	-19.0	-18.36	39.2	86.66
Cabbage	80.00-150.00	115.00	145.50	71.36	-30.5	-20.96	43.6	61.15
Tomato	40.00-120.00	69.02	93.89	66.25	-24.9	-26.48	2.8	4.19
Ladies Fingers	80.00-120.00	101.75	101.50	47.25	0.3	0.25	54.5	115.34
Brinjal	100.00-160.00	127.75	145.00	60.48	-17.3	-11.90	67.3	111.21
Capsicum	180.00-330.00	244.07	302.00	190.50	-57.9	-19.18	53.6	28.12
Pumpkin	80.00-100.00	87.25	75.50	34.03	11.8	15.56	53.2	156.38
Cucumber	70.00-100.00	88.00	84.00	36.50	4.0	4.76	51.5	141.10
Bitter gourd	100.00-220.00	140.00	271.91	104.04	-131.9	-48.51	36.0	34.56
Snake gourd	100.00-160.00	142.21	151.00	61.75	-8.8	-5.82	80.5	130.30
Drumstick	180.00-300.00	212.50	-	75.72	-	-	136.8	180.66
Luffa	70.00-100.00	83.00	126.50	57.00	-43.5	-34.39	26.0	45.61
Long Beans	100.00-160.00	128.50	131.00	56.72	-2.5	-1.91	71.8	126.54
Ash Plantain	30.00-50.00	38.63	46.00	68.06	-7.4	-16.03	-29.4	-43.25
Green Chillies	200.00-250.00	221.50	279.00	201.31	-57.5	-20.61	20.2	10.03
Lime	100.00-200.00	140.25	177.50	228.31	-37.3	-20.99	-88.1	-38.57

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

Crop Situation

The cultivation progress of up country and low country vegetables in *Yala* 2021 season are in a satisfactory level at the end of July, 2021. The cultivation progress were reported as 73% for upcountry vegetables and 78% for low-country vegetables as at the end of July, 2021. The total targeted extent for vegetables is 43,490ha and at the end of this month around 32,977ha has been achieved with representing 76% of the target.

With regard to the cultivation progress of up-country vegetables, the highest cultivated extent was recorded for tomato (2,621ha) followed by bean (2,343ha) and cabbage (1,534ha). Meanwhile, higher cultivation progress with regard to the targeted extent was reported for leeks (99%), kno-khol (89%) and carrot 983%). Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from totmato (43,364 mt), cabbage (40,971mt) and carrot (26,083mt) while the lowest production is expected from kno-khol (6,498mt).

The cultivation progress of all the low country vegetables has been achieved more than 60% of their targets. The highest progress was reported for ash plantain (105%) followed by pumpkin

(85%) and okra (84%). Among the low country vegetables, the highest cultivated extent was reported for brinjal (3,989ha) followed by long bean (3,381ha) and pumpkin (3,237ha). The total expected production of low-country vegetables is 250,800mt and the highest production is reported from pumpkin (49,085mt) followed by brinjal (55,725mt) and long bean (29,780mt). The lowest production is expected from kekiri (4,494mt) followed by Winged bean (6,019mt) and ash plantain (9,208mt).

Table 3.2: Target and Progress of Vegetables as at end of July, 2021 (2021 Yala Season)

Crop	Targeted Extent	Cultivated Extent	Expected	% Progress
-	(ha)	(ha)	Production (mt)	from theTarget
Up - Country Veget	ables			
Bean	3,862	2,343	22,678	61
Beet root	1,228	954	17,402	78
Cabbage	2,037	1,534	40,971	75
Capsicum	2,119	1,378	11,346	65
Carrot	1,399	1,180	26,083	84
Knol-Khol	519	464	6,498	89
Leeks	859	850	16,092	99
Tomato	3,373	2,621	43,364	78
Raddish	1,352	954	16,119	71
Sub Total	16,748	12,277	200,552	73
Low - Country Vege	etables			
Pumpkin	3,786	3,237	49,085	85
Snake gourd	1,884	1,160	14,505	62
Cucumber	1,698	1,217	17,238	72
Bitter gourd	2,323	1,528	17,999	66
Okra	3,396	2,862	28,429	84
Brinjal	4,901	3,989	55,725	81
Ash plantain	704	738	9,208	105
Luffa	1,850	1,211	13,645	65
Long bean	4,225	3,381	29,780	80
Winged bean	813	561	6,019	69
Kekiri	615	385	4,494	63
Sub Total	26,642	20,699	250,800	78
Total	43,390	32,977	451,352	76

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Vol.02, Socio Economics & Planning Centre/DOA.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of all most all vegetable varieties except pumpkin, cucumber, ladies-fingers have decreased by 2%-49% recording the highest decrease for bitter gourd and the lowest decrease for long beans. The wholesale price of pumpkin increased by 15.56%, cucumber by 4.76% and ladies-fingers by 0.25%. Decrease in price of all most all the vegetables during the month mainly attributed by the favorable supply by all producing areas. During the month, the highest wholesale price of Rs. 330.00/kg was recorded for capsicum. The lowest wholesale price of Rs. 30.00 /kg was noted for ash plantain followed by tomato (40.00 /kg).

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased by 4%-191% recording the highest for leeks, and the lowest for tomato.

The retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased by 3%-29% recording the lowest price fall for ash plantain and the highest for bitter gourd. However, retail price of cucumber has increased by 2.17%. The highest retail price of Rs. 600.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks followed by capsicum, green chillies and lime (Rs. 400/kg). The lowest retail price of Rs. 60/kg was noted for ash plantain and tomato.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of vegetables – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		Cl	nange Co	mpared to	
Items	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2	2021	July 2	2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	140.00-360.00	251.32	261.00	188.79	-9.68	-3.71	62.53	33.12
Carrot	100.00-240.00	189.14	220.67	162.80	-31.53	-14.29	26.33	16.17
Leeks	160.00-320.00	235.70	256.00	136.82	-20.30	-7.93	98.88	72.27
Beetroot	110.00-240.00	189.18	215.33	150.88	-26.16	-12.15	38.30	25.38
Knolkhol	100.00-240.00	181.35	202.33	138.67	-20.99	-10.37	42.68	30.78
Radish	100.00-200.00	153.21	168.57	122.79	-15.36	-9.11	30.42	24.77
Cabbage	120.00-240.00	192.04	224.83	144.40	-32.78	-14.58	47.64	32.99
Tomato	60.00-200.00	137.08	169.33	157.52	-32.26	-19.05	-20.44	-12.98
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	169.42	182.67	122.15	-13.25	-7.25	47.27	38.70
Brinjal	120.00-280.00	190.38	212.33	128.94	-21.96	-10.34	61.43	47.64
Capsicum	220.00-400.00	323.34	380.00	264.27	-56.66	-14.91	59.07	22.35
Pumpkin	100.00-200.00	158.80	166.00	103.94	-7.20	-4.33	54.86	52.78
Cucumber	100.00-200.00	140.37	136.67	100.47	3.71	2.71	39.90	39.71
Bitter gourd	150.00-360.00	246.62	346.33	191.20	-99.72	-28.79	55.42	28.98
Snake gourd	150.00-320.00	227.95	242.00	136.77	-14.05	-5.81	91.18	66.67
Drumstick	200.00-600.00	362.06	475.93	187.45	-113.87	-23.93	174.61	93.15
Luffa	100.00-240.00	193.29	218.33	136.87	-25.04	-11.47	56.42	41.23
Long Beans	120.00-260.00	200.22	211.03	134.14	-10.82	-5.13	66.07	49.26
Ash Plantain	60.00-160.00	120.40	124.33	140.90	-3.93	-3.16	-20.50	-14.55
Green Chilies	230.00-400.00	319.13	373.00	334.07	-53.87	-14.44	-14.94	-4.47
Lime	120.00-400.00	247.80	302.00	447.79	-54.20	-17.95	-200.00	-44.66

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in July 2019, the wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties except for passion fruit and slime apple had increased in July 2020. Accordingly, the prices of all the banana varieties had recorded price increases in the range of 3%-16% with the highest price increase of 16% recorded for *kolikuttu*, followed by *ambul* (10%). Wholesale prices ranged between Rs.110.00-150.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.50.00-80.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.40.00-70.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.11.00-15.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.10.00-12.00/fruit (*anamlu*) during this month.

Prices of medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 38%, while the price of small sized had increased by 23%. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.159.00/fruit (large), Rs.128.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.87.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. As the peak supply season was over for mango, the prices of all the varieties have increased significantly by 94% (*Betti*), 57% (*Karthakolomban*) and 18% (*Vilad*) respectively for mango. During the month, the highest price range of Rs.45.00-100.00/fruit was recorded for *karthakolomban* mango. In addition, the price of papaw has increased by 26% and the average wholesale price was Rs.82.00/kg in July. Further, the prices of wood apple (21%) and grapes (13%) had also increased. Meanwhile, price decrease was only recorded for slime apple (7%) and passion fruit (3%) due to low stock position. Compared to the same period of 2019, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 207% was noted for wood apple (Table 4.1).

In line with the increased wholesale prices, the retail prices of all the fruit varieties except for passion fruit had also increased in July compared to June. Accordingly, the prices of all the banana

varieties have increased in the range of 1-7% with the highest price increase recorded for *ambul* (7%), followed by *kolikuttu* (4%). Prices of large (7%), medium (7%) and small (9%) sized pineapple had increased and the prices ranged between was Rs.120.00-260.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. With respect to mango, only few stocks of *karthakolomban* and *vilad* varieties of mangoes were available in the Colombo suburbs markets and the prices ranged between Rs.70.00-150.00/fruit (*karthakolomban*) and Rs.50.00-70.00/fruit (*vilad*) in July. Considering the other types of fruits, a significant price increase was recorded for wood apple (29%), grapes (20%), slime apple (20%) and orange (20%). Compared to the same period of 2019, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 135% noted for wood apple (Table 4.2).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – July 2021

	Price Range		Average			Change Co	ompared t	0
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June	e 2021	July	2020
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	40.00-70.00	50.21	45.50	89.13	4.71	10.35	-38.92	-43.67
Kolikuttu (Kg)	110.00-150.00	130.83	112.91	196.46	17.92	15.87	-65.63	-33.41
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	60.57	56.50	86.04	4.07	7.20	-25.47	-29.61
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-12.00	10.94	10.65	12.83	0.29	2.70	-1.90	-14.77
Ambun (Fruit)	11.00-15.00	13.83	13.45	16.06	0.38	2.85	-2.23	-13.88
Pineapple			•		•		•	
Large (Fruit)	130.00-180.00	159.25	115.50	214.72	43.75	37.88	-55.47	-25.84
Medium (Fruit)	100.00-150.00	128.03	93.00	174.16	35.03	37.66	-46.14	-26.49
Small (Fruit)	60.00-100.00	87.05	70.50	129.32	16.55	23.47	-42.27	-32.69
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-36.00	26.44	13.65	18.75	12.79	93.72	7.69	41.03
Karthakolomban(fruit)	45.00-100.00	69.18	44.17	45.10	25.01	56.63	24.07	53.37
Vilad (Fruit)	25.00-50.00	33.56	28.40	23.86	5.16	18.16	9.69	40.62
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	13.99	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-130.00	82.12	65.00	42.29	17.12	26.33	39.82	94.16
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-12.00	9.50	9.80	6.92	-0.30	-3.06	2.58	37.35
Wood apple (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	38.40	31.62	12.50	6.79	21.47	25.90	207.12
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	30.96	29.07	29.30	1.89	6.50	1.66	5.66
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-63.00	41.52	41.50	39.97	0.02	0.06	1.55	3.88
Slime Apple (Fruit)	24.00-50.00	36.98	39.70	26.57	-2.72	-6.85	10.41	39.20
Grapes Imported (Kg)	667.00-1150.00	862.70	764.14	635.39	98.56	12.90	227.31	35.77

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		(Change Co	ompared t	0
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June	2021	July	2020
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain							•	
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-140.00	113.34	105.19	135.05	8.16	7.75	-21.71	-16.07
Kolikuttu (Kg)	180.00-250.00	219.37	211.11	246.62	8.26	3.91	-27.25	-11.05
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-150.00	140.74	140.00	128.52	0.74	0.53	12.22	9.50
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-22.00	19.16	18.74	19.76	0.42	2.25	-0.60	-3.03
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-28.00	24.18	23.59	24.58	0.59	2.49	-0.40	-1.61
Pineapple						•		
Large (Fruit)	200.00-260.00	234.39	219.58	264.97	14.81	6.74	-30.57	-11.54
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-180.00	172.31	161.25	201.49	11.06	6.86	-29.18	-14.48
Small (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	142.11	130.00	150.55	12.11	9.32	-8.44	-5.61
Mango						•		
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	70.00-150.00	111.13	73.91	61.36	37.22	50.36	49.77	81.12
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-70.00	60.00	-	51.70	-	-	8.30	16.06
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Papaw (Kg)	100.00-220.00	171.89	161.481	104.03	10.41	6.45	67.86	65.23
Passionfruit (Fruit)	15.00-26.00	21.71	22.9167	16.81	-1.21	-5.28	4.90	29.14
Wood apple (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	97.67	75.3846	41.49	22.28	29.56	56.18	135.40
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	62.33	52.0833	52.37	10.24	19.67	9.96	19.02
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-140.00	91.49	83.5294	63.81	7.96	9.53	27.68	43.38
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	77.37	64.5	57.53	12.87	19.95	19.84	34.49
Grapes Imported (Kg)	800.00-1500.00	1177.11	978.947	970.93	198.16	20.24	206.17	21.23

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	July 2021	July 2021	Tuly 2021 June 2021 July 2020		June 2021		July 2020			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Ambul	15.00-23.00	20.52	14.00	61.50	6.52	46.58	-40.98	-66.63		
Kolikuttu	57.5-106.00	80.13	77.50	158.06	2.63	3.39	-77.94	-49.31		
Papaw	33.33-77.00	51.88	26.78	46.55	25.10	93.71	5.33	11.44		

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division, HARTI

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With the easing of fear of chemical contamination from *X-Press Pearl* ship fire and gradual lifting of Covid related market disruptions, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had started to show a declining trend at the wholesale market in July 2021, compared to June 2021.

The highest price decrease was noted for salaya as 35% in July. Next, prices of hurulla had dropped by 7%. Prices of shrimp (small), paraw, mora and thalapath had decreased in the range of 0.74 - 5%. However, the highest price increase was reported for balaya as 15%. Compared to

the same period of the last year, price of most of the fresh fish varieties at the wholesale level had slightly increased with the highest price increase reported for thora as 13%.

However, retail market showed an opposite - direction price movement compared to the wholesale market for salaya and thalapath in July 2021. Salaya showed a price increase of 3% at the retail level, despite the 35% price drop at the wholesale market. Further thalapath, which showed a 3% price increase at the retail level, reported a price drop of 0.74% at the wholesale market. High transport cost due to covid related market disruptions in the first two weeks of the month may have caused this price increase at the retail level. Compared to the wholesale level, prices of both balaya (14%) and shrimp (small) (6%) had increased by almost the same margin, at the retail level (14%).

Compared to the same period of the last year, price of most of the fresh fish varieties had slightly dropped with the highest price drop reported for salaya as 15%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – July 2021

	Price Range		Average			Change (Compared 1	to
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June	2021	July	2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	5		•			•		•
Salaya	150.00-270.00	192.20	297.50	260.75	-105.30	-35.39	-68.55	-26.29
Hurulla	400.00-600.00	511.95	550.00	472.00	-38.05	-6.92	39.95	8.46
Balaya	330.00-550.00	430.17	375.00	383.25	55.17	14.71	46.92	12.24
Kelawalla	450.00-780.00	628.89	625.00	627.38	3.89	0.62	1.51	0.24
Thora	1150.00-1700.00	1399.17	1325.00	1235.00	74.17	5.60	164.17	13.29
Paraw	550.00-850.00	691.83	723.33	662.00	-31.50	-4.35	29.83	4.51
Mora	650.00-700.00	676.25	683.33	685.00	-7.08	-1.04	-8.75	-1.28
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1050.00	879.83	930.00	988.33	-50.17	-5.39	-108.50	-10.98
Thalapath	750.00-950.00	837.08	843.33	950.06	-6.25	-0.74	-112.98	-11.89
Retail Prices			•					•
Salaya	200.00-400.00	310.25	300.00	364.71	10.25	3.42	-54.46	-14.93
Hurulla	500.00-720.00	603.25	610.00	632.52	-6.75	-1.11	-29.27	-4.63
Balaya	700.00-1000.00	924.17	808.24	709.08	115.94	14.34	215.09	30.33
Kelawalla	900.00-1400.00	1162.09	1110.00	1051.77	52.09	4.69	110.33	10.49
Thora	1360.00-2100.00	1605.50	1601.54	1644.72	3.96	0.25	-39.22	-2.38
Paraw	1000.00-1300.00	1160.38	1161.11	1243.34	-0.73	-0.06	-82.96	-6.67
Mora	800.00-920.00	870.00	-	-	-	-		
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1300.00	1074.29	1143.81	1237.20	-69.52	-6.08	-162.91	-13.17
Thalapath	1200.00-1560.00	1335.16	1291.36	1325.35	43.80	3.39	9.81	0.74

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of 50% of the dried fish varieties had further increased while prices of 50% of the varieties had showed a price decrease at the wholesale level. The main supply areas for the local varieties were Mannar and Kalpitiya. The highest price increase was reported for sprats as 15%. Next, prices

of anguluwa and sprats (imported) increased by 5% and 3% respectively. Of the varieties which showed a price decrease, the highest was reported balaya as 17% followed by maduwa as 14% and mora as 8%. Compared to the same period of the last year, price of most of the dried fish varieties at the wholesale level had increased, with the highest price increase reported for sprats (imported) as 72%. This high price increase might be a result of the depreciation of the value of rupee, against USD.

Retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties, except for thora, sprats and anguluwa had slightly decreased, with the highest price drop noted for salaya as 5%. Further, prices of balaya, sprats (imported), kattawa, and mora had dropped in the range of 0.08 - 3%. However, retail market showed an opposite - direction price movement, compared to the wholesale market for sprats (imported). Prices of sprats (imported) had dropped by 0.67% at the retail level despite the price increase of 3% reported at wholesale level.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		Cl	hange Co	mpared t	0
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2	2021	July	2020
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish - Wholesald	e Price							
Sprats	950.00-1300.00	1146.49	1000.00	1032.50	146.49	14.65	113.99	11.04
Sprats (imported)	580.00-780.00	675.46	655.00	393.14	20.46	3.12	282.32	71.81
Kattawa	1180.00-1350.00	1264.85	1250.00	1136.74	14.85	1.19	128.11	11.27
Kattawa (imported)	-	-	-	939.25	ı	ı	i	-
Thora	1400.00-1480.00	1450.50	-	1250.00	1	1	200.50	16.04
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	1229.06	-	-		
Mora	1100.00-1350.00	1239.17	1350.00	988.44	-110.83	-8.21	250.73	25.37
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	898.89	-	-	-	-
Balaya	580.00-850.00	669.88	806.67	669.92	-136.79	-16.96	-0.04	-0.01
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	642.44	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	1200.00-1320.00	1261.67	1200.00	1191.67	61.67	5.14	70.00	5.87
Anguluwa (imported)	-	-	-	926.14	-	-	-	-
Maduwa	620.00-950.00	755.48	883.33	624.11	-127.86	-14.47	131.37	21.05
Maduwa (imported)	=	-	-	426.04	1	1	1	-
Salaya	220.00-360.00	296.90	312.50	325.38	-15.60	-4.99	-28.47	-8.75
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Dried fish – Retail Pri	ce							
Sprats(imported)	600.00-1000.00	797.14	802.50	675.86	-5.36	-0.67	121.28	17.94
Sprats	1050.00-1600.00	1380.00	1321.43	1294.76	58.57	4.43	85.24	6.58
Kattawa	1400.00-1900.00	1600.54	1630.43	1449.08	-29.90	-1.83	151.46	10.45
Thora	1600.00-2200.00	1962.50	1866.67	1854.17	95.83	5.13	108.33	5.84
Mora	1200.00-1900.00	1541.34	1542.50	1227.99	-1.16	-0.08	313.35	25.52
Balaya	800.00-1200.00	1029.76	1057.14	1034.36	-27.38	-2.59	-4.60	-0.44
Anguluwa	1300.00-1800.00	1475.12	1428.57	1277.16	46.55	3.26	197.96	15.50
Maduwa	800.00-900.00	860.00	-	792.41	-	-	67.59	8.53
Salaya	400.00-800.00	532.79	560.00	594.71	-27.21	-4.86	-61.92	-10.41

Eggs

At the wholesale level, prices of brown eggs had slightly increased by 2% as opposed to the price movement of white eggs, which had slightly dropped by 1%, compared to the last month. However, price ranges for eggs remained high due to the decreased demand for fresh fish, followed by the ship - fire disaster. The monthly average wholesale price of brown and white egg was in the range of 17.50-20.50/egg and 17.00-18.50/ egg respectively. In line with the wholesale price behaviour, prices of brown eggs had increased by 1%. Yet, white eggs showed an opposite direction price movement compared to wholesale market, with a slight price increase of 1% at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of brown and white egg was in the range of Rs.18.50 - 21.00/egg and Rs.17.50-20.00/egg respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – July 2021

	Price Range		Average		C	Change Co	mpared	to
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	Jun	e 2021	July	2020
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	17.50-20.50	19.10	18.75	20.13	0.35	1.89	-1.02	-5.07
White (each)	17.00-18.50	17.54	17.75	19.13	-0.21	-1.17	-1.58	-8.28
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	18.50-21.00	19.78	19.50	20.72	0.28	1.41	-0.95	-4.57
White (each)	17.50-20.00	18.51	18.33	19.72	0.18	0.99	-1.21	-6.12

Source: Food Systems and Marketing Research Division /HARTI

Meat

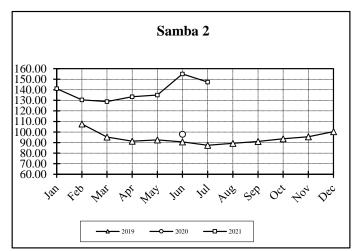
Prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market, compared to last month. The highest price increase was noted for chicken (broiler) as 9%. Further, prices of chicken (curry), mutton and beef (without bones) had increased by 7%, 4% and 3% respectively. Yet, prices pork had dropped by 4% at the retail level. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for chicken (broiler) by 12%.

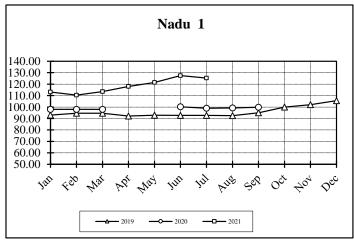
Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – July 2021

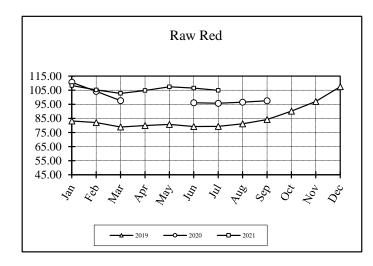
	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to						
Item	July 2021	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021		July 2020				
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg %		Rs/kg	%			
Meat											
Beef (without	1100.00-1300.00	1,187.50	1,150.00	1065.00	37.50	3.26	122.50	11.50			
bones)	1100.00-1300.00	1,107.50	1,130.00	1005.00	37.30	3.20	122.30	11.50			
Chicken	600.00-760.00	698.44	640.00	625.42	58.44	9.13	73.02	11.67			
(Broiler)	000.00-700.00	070.44	040.00	023.42	20.44	9.13	73.02	11.07			
Chicken	580.00-760.00	691.75	645.56	660.52	46.19	7.16	31.23	4.73			
(curry)	380.00-700.00	091.73	043.30	000.52	40.19	7.10	31.23	4.73			
Mutton	2000.00-2300.00	2,087.50	2,000.00	1904.55	87.50	4.38	182.95	9.61			
Pork	700.00-900.00	820.00	850.00	774.58	-30.00	-3.53	45.42	5.86			

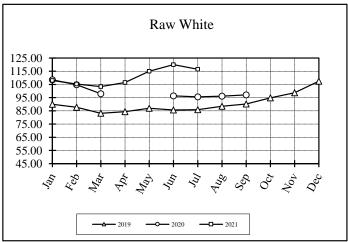
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month		Samba 2		Nadu 1				Raw Red		Raw White			
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	
Jan			141.10	93.00	98.00	113.10	83.12	110.60	108.31	90.02	108.50	108.03	
Feb	107.65		130.44	94.64	98.00	110.43	82.07	104.20	105.14	87.74	104.75	105.33	
Mar	95.23		128.86	94.63	98.00	113.55	78.87	97.55	102.71	83.14	97.98	103.35	
Apr	91.39		133.36	92.17		118.02	79.92		104.80	84.39		106.46	
May	92.62		135.00	92.83		121.48	80.74		107.41	87.00		115.04	
Jun	90.71	98.00	155.00	92.73	100.19	127.50	79.19	96.10	106.45	85.64	96.36	120.00	
Jul	87.49		147.27	92.75	98.97	125.36	79.31	95.73	104.83	85.86	95.59	116.53	
Aug	89.38			92.49	99.16		81.14	96.47		88.49	96.13		
Sep	91.08			95.00	99.85		84.14	97.54		90.23	97.08		
Oct	93.68			99.95			90.11			94.88			
Nov	95.57			102.03			96.96			98.70			
Dec	100.42			105.60			107.46			107.48			



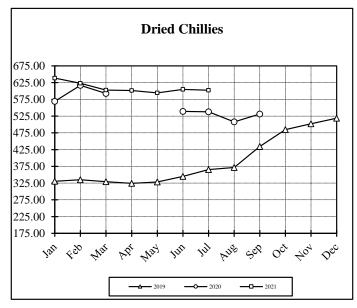


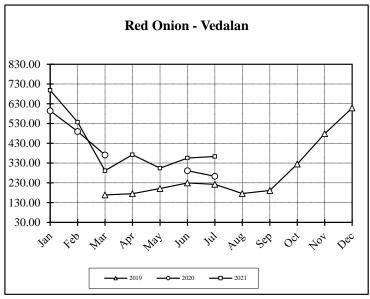


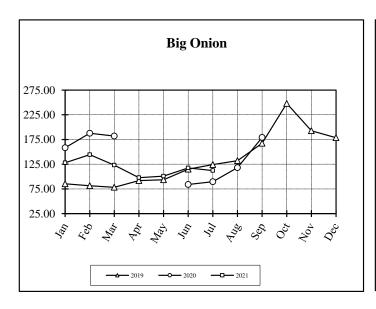


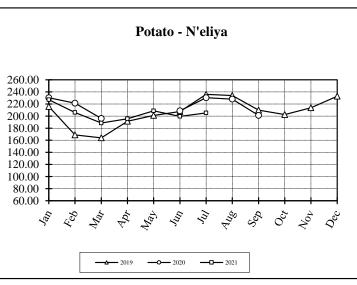
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion				Big Onion		Potato - N'Eliya			
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	
Jan	330.31	568.88	638.57		594.62	698.55	85.22	158.34	127.78	215.71	230.30	227.08	
Feb	335.00	616.91	623.15		489.95	537.28	81.33	187.64	144.28	168.89	221.45	205.92	
Mar	329.23	592.69	602.72	168.97	371.19	291.66	78.17	182.10	123.19	164.00	196.08	188.53	
Apr	324.25		601.31	175.37		372.89	91.75		97.65	191.47		195.46	
May	328.50		594.37	201.43		304.18	93.54		100.75	200.97		208.71	
Jun	345.06	539.23	605.00	229.57	291.67	355.40	114.91	83.89	117.42	207.45	208.57	199.41	
Jul	365.35	538.09	602.48	222.51	263.40	363.39	124.20	89.58	111.94	235.89	230.38	205.29	
Aug	371.46	507.84		175.95			132.13	118.02		234.10	227.97		
Sep	434.22	531.06		191.81			167.17	179.16		209.86	201.15		
Oct	484.80			325.31			248.02			202.38			
Nov	502.09			478.63			192.69			213.71			
Dec	518.89			608.84			178.67			232.91			









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

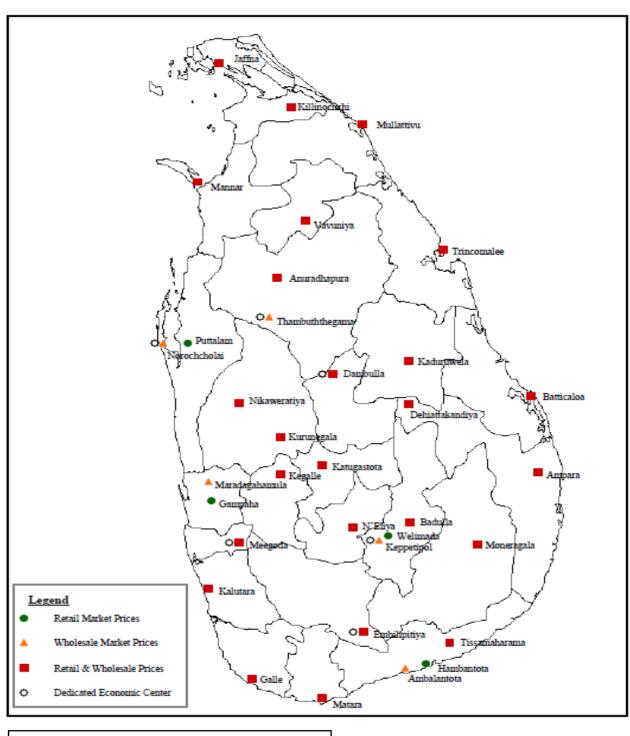
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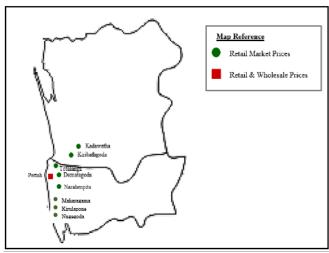
Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	Jul-2	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Commounty	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	142.40	166.00	159.00	157.00	Welimada	127.60	119.20	127.60	172.00
A'pura	61.80	60.80		52.33	Badulla	144.00	152.00	149.00	156.00	N'Eliya	132.60	127.60	142.20	168.00
P'naruwa	53.00	52.67	53.00	45.33	Welimada	142.20	149.00	142.40	153.00					
Kalawewa	60.80	62.00	62.00	51.00	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	50.00	55.00	55.33	54.33	Green Gram					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	55.00	53.00	51.33	52.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	95.80	87.40	97.80	98.40
Ampara	65.75	67.67	61.67	53.00	Kalawewa	506.67	523.33	476.67	466.67	Dambulla	106.00	107.00	105.00	116.00
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	575.00	555.00	555.00	555.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	56.20	53.20	45.83	49.71	Kurunegala					Welimada	78.00	67.60	85.80	95.00
P'naruwa	51.00	50.67	46.00	43.33	A'pura	520.00	516.00	492.00	444.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa	51.60	51.60	52.00	45.20	Cowpea					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	48.00	52.00	53.00	50.67	A'pura	570.00	468.00	472.00	446.00	N'Eliya	67.80	83.20	77.80	77.80
Dehiattakandiya	52.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	Galgamuwa					Welimada	67.20	66.80	76.00	86.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					Radish				
Ampara	48.80	47.60	44.80	48.00	Kalawewa	426.67	426.67	423.33	416.67	Hanguranketha				
Matara	55.00	55.33	55.33	53.33	Embilipitiya	525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00	N'Eliya	72.40	67.80	73.20	58.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	37.60	37.40	38.20	28.00
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara				#REF!	A'Pura	67.00	57.00	53.00	67.00	Hanguranketha				
Hambantota		55.50	55.33	54.67	Kalawewa		76.67	73.33		N'Eliya	95.80	87.00	97.80	118.00
Ampara	46.75	44.33	44.33	47.50	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	75.80	76.80	77.20	86.00
Embilipitiya	56.60	54.60	53.40	53.20	A'Pura					Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa	250.00	250.00	232.50	232.00	Badulla	88.00	84.00	77.00	83.33
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Tomato				
A'Pura					Kalawewa	326.67	326.67	326.67	315.00	Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					A'Pura					Welimada	38.00	29.20	57.60	38.00
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota	46.67	43.33	63.33	43.33
Red Onion					<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	56.40	39.20	84.60	27.80
Puttalam	257.50	252.50	227.50	187.50	Dambulla	110.00	176.00	211.00	206.00	Low Country				
					Welimada	105.00	165.00	175.00	198.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Badulla	110.00	158.00	192.00	196.00	A'pura	47.00	57.00	58.00	67.00
Dambulla					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	100.00	85.40	85.20	94.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	53.33	53.33	50.00	63.33
A'Pura		1	1		N'Eliya	97.80	88.40	77.80	118.00	Embilipitiya	91.00	66.00	67.00	75.00
Kurunegala		<u> </u>			Welimada	76.80	67.60	67.20	86.00	Matara	56.67	56.67	55.00	51.67

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Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
·	Week	Week	Week	Week	· ·	Week	Week	Week	Week	•	Week	Week	Week	Week
Brinjals					Pumpkin					Lime				
A'pura	83.00	62.00	67.00	84.00	Dambulla	88.40	70.60	81.40	76.40	Hambantota				
Dambulla	95.00	80.00	85.20	128.00	Hambantota	60.00	60.00	60.00	63.33	Embilipitiya	185.00	185.00	185.00	177.00
Hambantota	56.67	70.00	70.00	90.00	Embilipitiya	73.00	113.00	102.00	102.00	Moneragala				
Embilipitiya	109.00	78.00	78.00	121.00	Matara					Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Matara	55.00	53.33	51.67		A'pura	57.00	52.00	53.00	57.00	Banana				
Welimada	78.00	67.80	76.60	86.00	Moneragala					<u>Ambul</u>				
					Cucumber					Moneragala				
Capsicum					A'pura	42.00	47.00	48.00	42.00	Embilipitiya	20.83	22.50	20.83	23.33
Welimada	175.00	174.00	226.00	256.00	Dambulla	88.60	80.80	76.40	52.20	Hambantota	15.00	18.33	21.67	21.67
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota	33.33	50.00	46.67	46.67	Kolikuttu				
A'pura					Matara	48.33			45.00	Moneragala				
Dambulla	152.00	105.00	80.80	102.00	Long beans					Embilipitiya	100.00	100.00	100.00	106.00
Hambantota	135.00	135.00	125.00	155.00	Dambulla	85.80	78.80	100.00	101.00	Hambantota	57.50	57.50	60.00	60.00
Embilipitiya	192.00	165.00	179.00	179.00	Hambantota	86.67	80.00	80.00	63.33	Papaw				
					Embilipitiya	138.00	130.00	138.00	120.00	Moneragala				
Snake Gourd					Matara		55.00	55.00	55.00	Embilipitiya	46.00	65.00	67.00	77.00
Dambulla	109.00	85.40	96.00	103.00	A'Pura	72.00	53.00	52.00	63.00	Hambantota	33.33	33.33	46.67	46.67
Hambantota	45.00	60.00	60.00	56.67	Ash Plantain					Pineapple				
Embilipitiya	149.00	138.00	144.00	155.00	Hambantota	16.67	16.67	18.33	18.33	Divulapitiya				
Matara	51.67	51.67	48.33	48.33	Embilipitiya	29.00	29.00	29.00	34.00					
A'pura	62.00	57.00	47.00	62.00	Matara	48.33	43.33	43.33	43.33					
Luffa					Green Chillies									
Dambulla	73.40	78.80	92.20	86.60	Dambulla	188.50	143.50	129.00	148.00					
Hambantota	50.00	50.00	53.33	76.67	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	119.00	111.00	125.00	100.00	Embilipitiya	217.00	213.00	276.00	216.00					
Matara	60.00	58.33	58.33	56.67	Puttalam	122.50	142.50	135.00	140.00					
A'pura	77.00	57.00	57.00	63.00	A'Pura	292.00	192.00	168.00	152.00					

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