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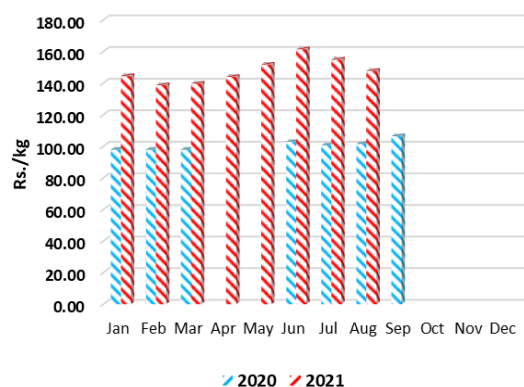
### Paddy/Rice

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2021 *Yala* season is in progress and the production outlook is satisfactory in most of the major producing areas. In line with the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have gone down in the range of Rs 1.00-10.00/kg. The lowest price range of Rs 98.00-110.00/Kg was recorded for raw red and the price of raw white ranged between Rs 100.00-110.00/Kg. However, limited stocks of Samba and Nadu rice varieties were recorded during the latter part of the month in most of the markets.

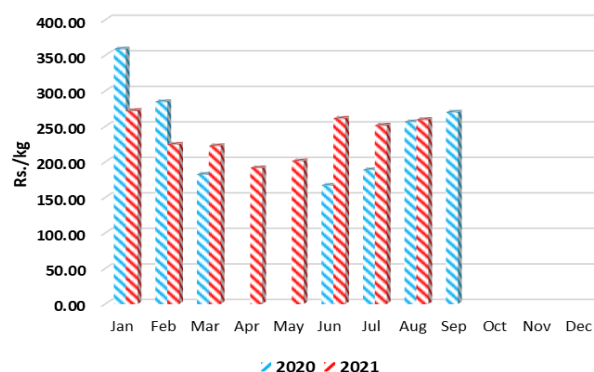
### Vegetables and Onions

In line with the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased by 1%-31% mainly due to the increased supply of *Yala* season harvesting. The retail prices of both *Sinnan* and *Vedalan* red onion varieties have decreased by about Rs.24.00/kg and Rs.53.00/kg respectively.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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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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| 3. Dematagoda  | 6. Kadawatha  | 9. Nugegoda     |

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

## 1. Paddy Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2021 *Yala* season is progress in most of the major producing areas while the peak harvesting was recorded in producing areas in the Eastern and North Central provinces. Dry weather was prevailing in many part of the country. Movement restrictions and lockdowns due to the *Covid* pandemic situation continued throughout the season in many parts of the country. The government encouraged and facilitated the farmers for paddy cultivation activities. Therefore, the production outlook was satisfactory in most of the producing areas. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of 2021 *Yala* season reported as 534,495 ha. The cultivation progress up to end of June was 502,395 ha and it is 94% of the target. Better farm gate prices for paddy prevailing throughout the last *Maha* season and sufficient water availability in major and minor irrigation schemes caused the progress of paddy cultivation. Cultivation targets have exceeded in Northern Province, Batticaloa, Ampara and all areas in the Mahaweli systems. Paddy production forecast based on the reported sown extent as at end August 2021 is 2.1 million metric tons. Harvesting of paddy crop progressed in all major producing areas and is expected to last until mid-September.

**Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* season as at end of August 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                | 2,364            | 109                                       | 6,430                                      | -                          | 0   | 6,430                            |
| Gampaha          | 7,928                | 9,190            | 116                                       | 25,779                                     | 2,734                      | 6036  | 19,743                           |
| 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               | 14,541           | 97  | 40,869                                     | 290                        | 363   | 40,505                           |
| Ratnapura        | 8,686                | 8,319            | 96  | 31,326                                     | -                          | 0   | 31,326                           |
| Kegalle          | 7,364                | 6,030            | 82  | 18,359                                     | -                          | 0   | 18,359                           |
| Kurunegala       | 72,798               | 63,837           | 88  | 261,732                                    | -                          | 0   | 261,732                          |
| Puttalam         | 19,108               | 17,502           | 92  | 66,202                                     | -                          | 0   | 66,202                           |
| Kandy            | 5,947                | 5,606            | 94  | 17,109                                     | -                          | 0   | 17,109                           |
| Matale           | 7,905                | 7,960            | 101                                       | 35,432                                     | -                          | 0   | 35,432                           |
| N eliya          | 2,778                | 2,170            | 78  | 4,598                                      | -                          | 0   | 4,598                            |
| Badulla          | 5,253                | 4,448            | 85  | 18,713                                     | -                          | 0   | 18,713                           |
| Monaragala       | 13,366               | 11,664           | 87  | 50,865                                     | -                          | 0   | 50,865                           |
| Jaffna           | -                    | -                | -   | -  | -                          | 0   | -                                |
| Kilinochchi      | 9,750                | 9,797            | 100                                       | 44,207                                     | -                          | 0   | 44,207                           |
| Vavuniya         | 5,499                | 5,476            | 100                                       | 25,678                                     | -                          | 0   | 25,678                           |
| Mullativu        | 6,151                | 6,151            | 100                                       | 27,799                                     | -                          | 0   | 27,799                           |
| Mannar           | 2,000                | 2,540            | 127                                       | 12,660                                     | -                          | 0   | 12,660                           |
| Andradhapura     | 41,685               | 21,965           | 53  | 90,251                                     | -                          | 0   | 90,251                           |
| Trincomalee      | 30,290               | 24,692           | 82  | 116,529                                    | -                          | 0   | 116,529                          |
| Batticaloa       | 33,197               | 33,197           | 100                                       | 120,713                                    | -                          | 0   | 120,713                          |
| Ampara           | 1,647                | 1,710            | 104                                       | 8,322                                      | -                          | 0   | 8,322                            |
| Hambantota       | 12,197               | 11,496           | 94  | 60,166                                     | -                          | 0   | 60,166                           |
| Udawalawa        | 10,000               | 11,509           | 115                                       | 64,171                                     | -                          | 0   | 64,171                           |
| System H         | 10,157               | 16,918           | 167                                       | 76,875                                     | -                          | 0   | 76,875                           |
| System H1        | 3,570                | 6,452            | 181                                       | 29,318                                     | -                          | 0   | 29,318                           |
| System B         | 19,934               | 20,529           | 103                                       | 86,714                                     | -                          | 0   | 86,714                           |
| System C         | 21,704               | 22,090           | 102                                       | 93,308                                     | -                          | 0   | 93,308                           |
| System G         | 4,300                | 5,470            | 127                                       | 21,617                                     | -                          | 0   | 21,617                           |
| System D         | 1,020                | 1,058            | 104                                       | 4,469                                      | -                          | 0   | 4,469                            |
| Rambakanoya      | 890                  | 887              | 100                                       | 3,598                                      | -                          | 0   | 3,598                            |
| System L         | 899                  | 980              | 109                                       | 3,756                                      | -                          | 0   | 3,756                            |
| Others           | 129,651              | 127,944          | 627                                       | 593,233                                    | 265                        | 421   | 592,812                          |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | <b>534,495</b>       | <b>502,350</b>   | <b>94</b>                                 | <b>2,107,558</b>                           | <b>1,538</b>               | <b>507</b>                                      | <b>554</b>                       |

Source: Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2021, Department of Agriculture, \*Others: Inter-province areas

## Producer Prices

The producer prices of all the paddy varieties have decreased in most of the producing areas during the first half of the month mainly due to progress of 2021 *Yala* harvesting and the arrival of newly harvested high moisture paddy to the markets. During the latter part of the month prices of all the paddy varieties have stable due to the competitive buying of newly harvested paddy by the rice millers. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have slightly decreased in Anuradhapura and Kalawewa while the prices have increased in other major producing areas. However, the prices of short grain have decreased by 7% in Anuradhapura and Kalawewa and 10% in Ampara. The price of short grain and long grain paddy increased in Polonnaruwa by Rs 4.00/Kg and Rs 5.00/Kg respectively. The prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.48.00-62.00/Kg and Rs.44.00-60.00/Kg in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs 50.00-56.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of all the paddy varieties have increased in all major producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 16%-22% in major producing areas. The prices of short grain and long grain white have increased in the range of 2-13% and 8-16%.

**Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – August 2021**

| Commodity               | Price Range | Average Price |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |       |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|                         | August 2021 | August 2021   | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |       |
|                         | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %      | Rs/kg       | %     |
| <b>Short Grain</b>      |             |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| Anuradhapura            | 50.00-58.00 | 53.48         | 57.18     | 52.45       | -3.70              | -6.47  | 1.03        | 1.96  |
| Polonnaruwa             | 48.00-62.00 | 54.65         | 51.00     | 48.72       | 3.65               | 7.16   | 5.93        | 12.17 |
| Kalawewa                | 50.00-62.00 | 54.62         | 58.95     | 51.19       | -4.33              | -7.35  | 3.43        | 6.70  |
| Kurunegala              | 54.00-55.00 | 54.31         | 53.67     | 48.15       | 0.64               | 1.19   | 6.16        | 12.79 |
| Dehiattakandiya         | 51.00-55.00 | 53.92         | 52.83     | 50.92       | 1.09               | 2.06   | 3.00        | 5.89  |
| Nikaweratiya            | -           | -             | 61.13     | 44.82       | -                  | -      | -           | -     |
| Ampara                  | 46.00-57.00 | 55.50         | 62.02     | -           | -6.52              | -10.51 | -           | -     |
| <b>Long Grain White</b> |             |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| Anuradhapura            | 44.00-54.00 | 50.90         | 51.24     | 46.46       | -0.34              | -0.66  | 4.44        | 9.56  |
| Polonnaruwa             | 47.00-60.00 | 52.73         | 47.75     | 45.52       | 4.98               | 10.43  | 7.21        | 15.84 |
| Kalawewa                | 45.00-55.00 | 50.00         | 50.10     | 46.45       | -0.10              | -0.20  | 3.55        | 7.64  |
| Kurunegala              | 50.00-52.00 | 51.29         | 50.92     | 46.34       | 0.37               | 0.73   | 4.95        | 10.68 |
| Dehiattakandiya         | 50.00-54.00 | 52.08         | 50.50     | 46.90       | 1.58               | 3.13   | 5.18        | 11.04 |
| Embilipitiya            | -           | -             | -         | -           | -                  | -      | -           | -     |
| Nikaweratiya            | -           | -             | 47.58     | 44.82       | -                  | -      | -           | -     |
| Matara                  | -           | -             | -         | -           | -                  | -      | -           | -     |
| Hambantota              | -           | -             | -         | -           | -                  | -      | -           | -     |
| Ampara                  | 46.00-57.00 | 50.95         | 47.30     | -           | 3.65               | 7.72   | -           | -     |
| <b>Long Grain Red</b>   |             |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| A'pura                  | -           | -             | 54.00     | -           | -                  | -      | -           | -     |
| Matara                  | 50.00-54.00 | 51.25         | 54.75     | 50.64       | -3.50              | -6.39  | 0.61        | 1.20  |
| Hambantota              | 50.00-53.00 | 51.06         | 55.17     | 50.33       | -4.11              | -7.45  | 0.73        | 1.45  |
| Embilipitiya            | 50.00-56.00 | 51.69         | 54.45     | 51.00       | -2.76              | -5.07  | 0.69        | 1.35  |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Prices of all the rice varieties have shown a slight increasing trend during the first part of the month. However adequate stocks were recorded in the markets during the first part of the month. Prices have stable during the latter part of the month mainly due to the government strictly adopt the price ceilings. However limited stocks of Samba and Nadu rice varieties were recorded during the latter part of the month. Meanwhile, the prices of Raw white and Raw red rice remained stable and adequate stocks were recorded in most of the markets. Wholesale prices of Samba grade II and Nadu grade II have decreased by 8% and 4% respectively and the price ranges were Rs.115.00-125.00/kg and Rs.95.00-112.00/kg respectively. The prices of Raw white and Raw red were ranged between Rs 88.00-95.00/Kg and Rs 95.00-103.00/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 3% -29% and the highest and the lowest price increase was reported for samba grade I and raw red rice.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – August 2021**

| Item                        | Price Range   | Average Price |           |             | Change Compared to |       |             |       |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                             | August 2021   | August 2021   | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |       | August 2020 |       |
|                             | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %     | Rs/kg       | %     |
| <b>Wholesale Prices</b>     |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Samba 1                     | 120.00-130.00 | 126.63        | -         | 98.00       | -                  | -     | 28.63       | 29.21 |
| Samba 2                     | 115.00-125.00 | 117.63        | 128.40    | 98.82       | -10.77             | -8.39 | 18.81       | 19.03 |
| Samba 3                     |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Nadu 1                      | 105.00-110.00 | 107.45        | -         | 95.78       | -                  | -     | 11.67       | 12.18 |
| Nadu 2                      | 95.00-112.00  | 103.31        | 107.29    | 92.20       | -3.98              | -3.71 | 11.11       | 12.05 |
| Raw red                     | 88.00-95.00   | 91.35         | 93.69     | 89.00       | -2.34              | -2.50 | 2.35        | 2.64  |
| Raw white                   | 95.00-103.00  | 98.55         | 104.51    | 88.54       | -5.96              | -5.70 | 10.01       | 11.31 |
| Imported Samba              |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Imported Raw White          |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Imported Nadu               |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| <b>Retail Prices</b>        |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Samba 1                     | 140.00-150.00 | 147.78        | 154.91    | 101.63      | -7.13              | 7.00  | 46.15       | 45.41 |
| Samba 2                     | 130.00-140.00 | 137.66        | 147.27    | -           | -9.61              | -6.53 |             | -     |
| Samba 3                     |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Nadu 1                      | 120.00-130.00 | 122.81        | 125.36    | 99.16       | -2.55              | -2.03 | 23.65       | 23.85 |
| Nadu 2                      | 108.00-120.00 | 117.10        | 118.18    | -           | -1.08              | -0.91 | -           | -     |
| Raw red                     | 98.00-110.00  | 101.28        | 104.84    | 96.47       | -3.56              | -3.40 | 4.81        | 4.99  |
| Raw white                   | 100.00-110.00 | 108.81        | 116.53    | 96.13       | -7.72              | -6.62 | 12.68       | 13.19 |
| Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Imported Raw White          |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Imported Nadu               |               |               |           |             |                    |       |             |       |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

### Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale market prices of all the local rice varieties have also gone down in the range of Rs.1.00-10.00/kg. The highest and the lowest price drop was recorded for Samba II and Nadu grade II respectively. Prices of Samba grade I and Samba grade II ranged between Rs 140.00-150.00/Kg and Rs 130.00-140.00/Kg respectively. Meanwhile the prices of Nadu rice

ranged between Rs 108.00-130.00/Kg. The lowest price range of Rs 98.00-110.00/Kg was recorded for raw red and the price of raw white ranged between Rs 100.00-110.00/Kg. However limited stocks of samba and Nadu rice varieties were recorded during the latter part of the month in most of the markets. Meanwhile, the prices of raw white and raw red rice around the ceiling price and the supply was adequate in most of the markets.

Compared to the same period of last year prices of all local rice varieties have increased. The prices of Samba grade I, Nadu grade I, Raw white and Raw red have increased in the range of 5% -45% and the highest price increase was reported for samba grade I.

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation

The cultivation progress of green chilli at the end of August,2021 was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. The highest targeted extent (641ha) and cultivated extent (544ha) were reported from Puttalam district, and cultivation progress was 85% of the targeted extent. Total estimated production of green chilli for this yala season was about 29,853mt and out of that around 42% of the production will be supplied from Puttalam (16%), Anuradhapura (8%), Vavuniya (7%), Monaragala (6%) and Batticaloa (5%) districts.

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

| Areas                      | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress by the end of August 2021 |                          | Expected Production (mt) |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                            |                      | Cultivated Extent (ha)                         | % Of the Targeted Extent |                          |
| Anuradhapura               | 632                  | 408  | 65                       | 2,325                    |
| Puttalam                   | 641                  | 544  | 85                       | 4,692                    |
| Monaragala                 | 408                  | 333  | 82                       | 1,697                    |
| Batticaloa                 | 560                  | 391  | 70                       | 1,556                    |
| Vavuniya                   | 299                  | 368  | 123                      | 2,037                    |
| Matale                     | 504                  | 322  | 64                       | 1,580                    |
| Inter Provincial DDA Areas | 491                  | 491  | 100                      | 2,434                    |
| Mahaweli Areas             | 677                  | 503  | 74                       | 2,635                    |
| Other Areas                | 3,174                | 2,322  | 73                       | 10,897                   |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>7,386</b>         | <b>5,682</b>                                   | <b>77</b>                | <b>29,853</b>            |

*Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 04, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased significantly by about Rs.56.00/kg and Rs.43.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale price and retail price of green chilli were about Rs.165.33/kg and Rs.276.41/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of green chilli has increased by about 12% while the retail price has decreased by about 8%. Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about Rs.12.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.13.00/kg. The average wholesale price and retail of imported dried

chilli were about Rs.511.38/kg and Rs.589.40/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 33% and 16% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chillies and green chillies – August 2021**

| Item                   | Price Range   | Average Price |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |       |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|                        | August 2021   | August 2021   | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |       |
|                        | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %      | Rs/kg       | %     |
| <b>Wholesale Price</b> |               |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| Green Chillies         | 100.00-200.00 | 165.33        | 221.50    | 147.93      | -56.17             | -25.36 | 17.40       | 11.76 |
| Dried Chillies         | 490.00-530.00 | 511.38        | 499.85    | 383.40      | 11.53              | 2.31   | 127.98      | 33.38 |
| <b>Retail Price</b>    |               |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| Green Chillies         | 150.00-400.00 | 276.41        | 319.13    | 299.02      | -42.72             | -13.39 | -22.61      | -7.56 |
| Dried Chillies         | 540.00-650.00 | 589.40        | 602.48    | 507.84      | -13.08             | -2.17  | 81.56       | 16.06 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

| Location     | 1 <sup>st</sup> week | 2 <sup>nd</sup> week | 3 <sup>rd</sup> week | 4 <sup>th</sup> week | 5 <sup>th</sup> week |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dambulla     | 158.50               | 158.50               | 146.00               | -                    | -                    |
| Hambantota   | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Embilipitiya | 200.00               | 204.00               | 184.00               | -                    | 215.00               |
| Puttalam     | 140.00               | 141.25               | 104.00               | -                    | 116.00               |
| A'Pura       | 168.00               | 168.00               | 152.00               | -                    | 152.00               |

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

## 2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

### Crop Situation

Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 2001ha and at the end of August 2021, around 1706 ha has been cultivated which represents 85% of the targeted extent. The cultivation progress of big onion in Anuradhapura district is also in a satisfactory level and around 708ha has been cultivated which represents 95% of the targeted extent. The estimated production of big onion for this yala season was 83,891mt and out of that 85% will be supplied from Matale (52%), Anuradhapura (14%), Anuradhapura Inter Provincial areas (10%) and Mahaweli H1 areas. Peak harvest of big onion will be supplied in October (60%) from Matale district.

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

| Areas                 | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress as at the end of August 2021 |                          | Expected Production (mt) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                       |                      | Cultivated Extent (ha)                            | % of the targeted extent |                          |
| Matale                | 2,001                | 1706  | 85                       | 43,364                   |
| Anuradhapura          | 746                  | 708   | 95                       | 11,354                   |
| Anuradhapura IP areas | 176                  | 528   | 300                      | 8,620                    |
| Mahaweli-H            | 261                  | 260   | 100                      | 4,166                    |
| Mahaweeli –H1         | 1,076                | 458   | 43                       | 7,346                    |
| Other Areas           | 691                  | 452   | 65                       | 9,041                    |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>4,951</b>         | <b>4112</b>                                       | <b>83</b>                | <b>83,891</b>            |

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 04, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Cultivation progress of red onion was in a satisfactory level in major producing areas. Both the highest targeted extent and cultivated extent was reported from Jaffna district and the cultivation progress was 91% of the total targeted extent at the end of August, 2021. In Puttalam district, cultivation progress has exceeded the targeted extent (108%) at the end of this month. Total expected production of red onion for this yala season was 42,945mt and out of that 85% will be supplied from Jaffna (53%), Puttalam (26%) and Vavuniya (6%) districts.

**Table 2.2.2: Target and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala Season, 2021**

| Areas        | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress as at the end of August 2021 |                          | Expected Production (mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|              |                      | Cultivated Extent (ha)                            | % of the targeted extent |                          |
| Jaffna       | 2,000                | 1,820   | 91                       | 22,677                   |
| Puttalam     | 530                  | 574   | 108                      | 11,055                   |
| Vavuniya     | 285                  | 227   | 80                       | 2,755                    |
| Mullaitivu   | 350                  | 86  | 25                       | 1,037                    |
| Trincomalee  | 656                  | 199   | 30                       | 2,133                    |
| Other areas  | 787                  | 310   | 39                       | 3,288                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4,608</b>         | <b>3,216</b>                                      | <b>70</b>                | <b>42,945</b>            |

#### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

Both imported and local big onion varieties were available at the wholesale market during this month. Prices ranged between Rs.100.00 – 105.00/kg for local big onion. However, local big onion stocks were not available at the retail markets as limited supply from main producing areas. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.14.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of imported big onion has increased by about 4%.

With the high supplies from main producing areas, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan red onion have decreased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.59.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased by about Rs.24.00/kg and Rs.53.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year retail price of vedalan has increased by about 49%.

Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.29.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks of local and imported red onions at the market.



**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion - August 2021**

| Item                    | Price Range   | Average Price |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |       |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|                         | August 2021   | August 2021   | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |       |
|                         | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %      | Rs/kg       | %     |
| <b>Wholesale Prices</b> |               |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| Red Onion (Sinnan)      | 120.00-190.00 | 159.97        | 189.84    | 117.33      | -29.87             | -15.73 | 42.64       | 36.34 |
| Red Onion (Vedalan)     | 170.00-250.00 | 212.75        | 271.73    | 144.70      | -58.98             | -21.71 | 68.05       | 47.03 |
| Red Onion (Imported)    | 215.00-220.00 | 217.50        | 247.50    | -           | -30.00             | -12.12 | -           | -     |
| Big Onion (Imported)    | 70.00-108.00  | 91.78         | 78.17     | 93.84       | 13.61              | 17.41  | -2.06       | -2.20 |
| Big Onion (Local)       | 100.00-105.00 | 102.50        | -         | 106.67      | -                  | -      | -4.17       | -3.91 |
| <b>Retail Prices</b>    |               |               |           |             |                    |        |             |       |
| Red Onion (Sinnan)      | 240.00-300.00 | 278.87        | 303.24    | -           | -24.37             | -8.04  | -           | -     |
| Red Onion (Vedalan)     | 280.00-350.00 | 309.97        | 363.39    | 208.40      | -53.42             | -14.70 | 101.57      | 48.74 |
| Red Onion (Imported)    | 280.00-360.00 | 319.55        | 348.35    | -           | -28.80             | -8.27  | -           | -     |
| Big Onion (imported)    | 110.00-140.00 | 122.89        | 111.94    | 118.02      | 10.95              | 9.78   | 4.87        | 4.13  |
| Big Onion (Local)       | -             | -             | -         | -           | -                  | -      | -           | -     |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2021 is 2,793 ha and about 2,863 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of August exceeding the targeted extent by 103%. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in August was at low level, which was recorded as 820 ha. Compared to the same period of *Yala* 2020, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season up to now is at a high level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of August, the expected production of potato is 55,499 mt for this *yala* season with 78% from Badulla and 22% from Nuwara Eliya respectively (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 752 ha for this *yala* season and about 594 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 79% of the targeted extent. In the Badulla district, the targeted extent was 2,029 ha and cultivation progress has exceeded the targeted extent by 112%. During the month of August, 152 ha were cultivated in Nuwara Eliya. About 668 ha were cultivated in Badulla, which was lower than the extent cultivated in July. In Badulla district most of the new cultivation has been taken place during the months of July and August. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extents during this *yala* season were at high level in both districts. Harvesting of potato has been commenced from Badulla district in August (Table 2.3.1).

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of potato (Yala 2021)**

| District         | Targeted Extent (ha) |              | Achievement (ha) |              | Progress (%)<br>Yala 2021 | Expected production (Mt) |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                  | Yala 2020            | Yala 2021    | Yala 2020        | Yala 2021    |                           |                          |
| Badulla          | 854                  | 752          | 536              | 594          | 79                        | 12,444                   |
| Nuwara-Eliya     | 2,063                | 2,029        | 1,875            | 2,268        | 112                       | 43,043                   |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | <b>2,917</b>         | <b>2,793</b> | <b>2,411</b>     | <b>2,863</b> | <b>103</b>                | <b>55,499</b>            |

Source: MF PAD/HARTI \*Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Yala 2021, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August and sufficient stocks were received. However, a limited stock of Nuwara Eliya potato were reported in the market as the harvesting was affected due to heavy rains. 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. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.182.00/kg and Rs.155.00/kg in August. During this month, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 15% and 14% respectively. In August, the average wholesale price of Welimada potato was Rs.195.00/kg. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 8% and 10% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.185.00-205.00/kg, Rs.160.00-220.00/kg and Rs.115.00-185.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (2%) and imported (8%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be high in September with increased supply from Badulla district and the prices of potatoes are expected be lower in coming months.

**Table: 2.3.2: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – August 2021**

| Item                         | Price Range   | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |       |             |        |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|--------|
|                              | August 2021   | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |       | August 2020 |        |
|                              | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %     | Rs/kg       | %      |
| <b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>  |               |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Welimada                     | 137.00-168.00 | 155.29      | 148.45    | 133.70      | 6.84               | 4.61  | 21.59       | 16.15  |
| Nuwara Eliya                 | 152.25-196.00 | 181.83      | 156.1     | 151.00      | 25.73              | 16.48 | 30.83       | 20.41  |
| Imported – CIF               | -             | -           | -         | 56.29       | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| <b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b> |               |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Welimada                     | 185.00-205.00 | 195.00      | -         | 127.53      | -                  | -     | 67.47       | 52.91  |
| Nuwara Eliya                 | 160.00-220.00 | 189.57      | 164.27    | 168.42      | 25.30              | 15.40 | 21.15       | 12.56  |
| Imported                     | 115.00-185.00 | 138.13      | 127.57    | 111.56      | 10.56              | 8.28  | 26.57       | 23.82  |
| <b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>    |               |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Welimada                     | -             | -           | -         | 180.00      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Nuwara Eliya                 | 200.00-280.00 | 233.39      | 205.29    | 227.97      | 28.10              | 13.69 | 5.42        | 2.38   |
| Imported                     | 140.00-200.00 | 164.95      | 149.55    | 152.49      | 15.40              | 10.30 | 12.46       | 8.17   |
| <b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>  |               |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Welimada                     |               | -           | -         | 46.30       | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Nuwara Eliya                 |               | 51.57       | 49.19     | 76.97       | 2.38               | 4.83  | -25.41      | -33.01 |
| Imported (RP-CIF)            |               | -           | -         | 96.20       | -                  | -     | -           | 0.00   |
| <b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b> |               |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Welimada                     |               | -           | -         | 52.47       | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Nuwara Eliya                 |               | 43.82       | 41.02     | 59.55       | 2.80               | 6.83  | -15.73      | -26.41 |
| Imported                     |               | 26.82       | 21.98     | 40.93       | 4.84               | 22.02 | -14.11      | -34.47 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

The local green gram production increased by nearly three times with compared to the last year production. The government continuously 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. The following 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, Kurunegala and Mannar 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 August 2021 in Yala season, 2021**

| Item                                  | Unit | Green gram | Cowpea |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------|--------|
| <b>Yala 2021</b>                      |      |            |        |
| Targeted Extent                       | Ha   | 20451      | 10166  |
| Achievement                           | Ha   | 25739      | 7886   |
| Crop affected area due to flood       | Ha   | 0          | 85     |
| Expected Production                   | Mt   | 23151      | 9255   |
| Achievement in Extent from the Target | %    | 126        | 78     |
| <b>Yala 2020</b>                      |      |            |        |
| Cultivated Extent                     | Ha   | 6769       | 6290   |
| Production                            | Mt   | 8439       | 7451   |

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 04, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The farm gate price of Green gram ranged between Rs 500.00- 560.00/Kg in Anuradhapura and Embilipitiya areas during the mid-month. The wholesale and retail prices ranged Rs 630.00-800.00/Kg and Rs 680.00-900/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 600.00-800.00/Kg. With compared to the same period of last year nearly 70% increase was recorded for the current retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea.

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

| Item                    | Price Range   | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |        |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                         | August 2021   | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |        |
|                         | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %      | Rs/kg       | %      |
| <b>Wholesale Prices</b> |               |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Green gram              | 630.00-800.00 | 706.88      | 683.93    | 284.40      | 22.95              | 3.36   | 422.48      | 148.55 |
| Cowpea (White)          | 520.00-600.00 | 550.87      | 580.35    | 354.25      | -29.48             | -5.08  | 196.62      | 55.50  |
| Cowpea (Red)            | 350.00-450.00 | 398.25      | 476.46    | 308.30      | -78.21             | -16.41 | 89.95       | 29.18  |
| <b>Retail Prices</b>    |               |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Green gram              | 680.00-900.00 | 793.43      | 812.34    | 335.31      | -18.91             | -2.33  | 458.12      | 136.63 |
| Cowpea (White)          | 600.00-800.00 | 678.77      | 674.37    | 394.24      | 4.40               | 0.65   | 284.53      | 72.17  |
| Cowpea (Red)            | 600.00-700.00 | 654.21      | 677.20    | 394.18      | -22.99             | -3.39  | 260.03      | 65.97  |

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

It was reported that the cultivation progress of up country and low country vegetables in *Yala* 2021 season are 73% and 78% respectively as at beginning of month of August 2021. The total target for vegetable cultivation is 43,390 ha while the total of 32,977 ha cultivation has achieved in the month of August. Ash plantain cultivation has exceeded the target cultivation extent reporting the progress of 105%.

Brinjal (3,989 ha), long bean (3,381 ha), okra (2,862 ha), pumpkin (3,237 ha), tomato (2,621 ha) and bean (2,343 ha) were the mostly cultivated vegetables. Further, considering the cultivation progress reported of August 2021, the highest production is expected from brinjal (55,725 mt), pumpkin (49,085 mt) and tomato (43,364 mt). (Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2021, Vol.02, Socio Economics & Planning Centre/DOA).

**Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – August 2021**

| Item           | Price Range   | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |        |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                | August 2021   | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |        |
|                | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %      | Rs/kg       | %      |
| Beans (green)  | 160.00-260.00 | 207.58      | 191.50    | 192.40      | 16.08              | 8.40   | 15.18       | 7.89   |
| Carrot         | 80.00-130.00  | 106.87      | 118.25    | 102.00      | -11.38             | -9.62  | 4.87        | 4.77   |
| Leeks          | 160.00-230.00 | 194.27      | 154.75    | 55.20       | 39.52              | 25.54  | 139.07      | 251.94 |
| Beetroot       | 30.00-150.00  | 88.12       | 113.26    | 99.30       | -25.14             | -22.20 | -11.18      | -11.26 |
| Knolkhol       | 80.00-120.00  | 101.04      | 111.00    | 79.68       | -9.96              | -8.97  | 21.36       | 26.81  |
| Radish         | 40.00-90.00   | 63.29       | 84.50     | 58.40       | -21.21             | -25.10 | 4.89        | 8.37   |
| Cabbage        | 100.00-150.00 | 127.50      | 115.00    | 94.27       | 12.50              | 10.87  | 33.23       | 35.25  |
| Tomato         | 50.00-120.00  | 79.00       | 69.02     | 50.11       | 9.98               | 14.46  | 28.89       | 57.65  |
| Ladies Fingers | 30.00-110.00  | 78.14       | 101.75    | 47.29       | -23.61             | -23.20 | 30.85       | 65.24  |
| Brinjal        | 120.00-200.00 | 151.00      | 127.75    | 99.77       | 23.25              | 18.20  | 51.23       | 51.35  |
| Capsicum       | 140.00-300.00 | 230.29      | 244.07    | 261.18      | -13.78             | -5.65  | -30.89      | -11.83 |
| Pumpkin        | 90.00-140.00  | 107.54      | 87.25     | 92.00       | 20.29              | 23.26  | 15.54       | 16.89  |
| Cucumber       | 10.00-60.00   | 38.63       | 88.00     | 37.50       | -49.37             | -56.10 | 1.13        | 3.01   |
| Bitter gourd   | 80.00-130.00  | 108.94      | 140.00    | 134.53      | -31.06             | -22.19 | -25.59      | -19.02 |
| Snake gourd    | 120.00-160.00 | 131.54      | 142.21    | 85.78       | -10.67             | -7.50  | 45.76       | 53.35  |
| Drumstick      | 100.00-220.00 | 159.02      | 212.50    | 101.20      | -53.48             | -25.17 | 57.82       | 57.13  |
| Luffa          | 70.00-100.00  | 82.04       | 83.00     | 90.36       | -0.96              | -1.16  | -8.32       | -9.21  |
| Long Beans     | 40.00-140.00  | 113.83      | 128.50    | 82.80       | -14.67             | -11.42 | 31.03       | 37.48  |
| Ash Plantain   | 35.00-60.00   | 45.58       | 38.63     | 94.84       | 6.95               | 17.99  | -49.26      | -51.94 |
| Green Chillies | 100.00-200.00 | 165.33      | 221.50    | 147.93      | -56.17             | -25.36 | 17.40       | 11.76  |
| Lime           | 70.00-180.00  | 99.76       | 140.25    | 80.96       | -40.49             | -28.87 | 18.80       | 23.22  |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties except beans (green), leeks, cabbage, tomato, pumpkin and ash plantain have decreased by 1%-56% recording the highest decrease for cucumber and the lowest decrease for luffa. The wholesale price of leeks increased by 26%, pumpkin by 23% and ash plantain by 18%, tomato 15%, cabbage 11% and beans (green) by 8%. Decrease in price of most of the vegetables during the month mainly due to the favorable supply by all producing areas as the *Yala* cultivation has reached over 70% cultivation target and due to the beginning of the *Yala* vegetable harvesting season. During the month, the highest wholesale price of Rs. 300.00/kg was recorded for capsicum. The lowest wholesale price of Rs. 10.00 /kg was noted for cucumber followed by ladies fingers and beetroot (30.00 /kg).

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased by 3%-252% recording the highest for leeks, and the lowest for cucumber.

The retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased by 1%-31% recording the lowest price fall for knolkhol and the highest for drumstick. Brinjal recorded average retail price of 230 Rs/kg which is a price increased by 21%. The highest retail price of Rs. 400.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks, green chillies and lime followed by leeks (Rs. 320/kg). The lowest retail price of Rs. 50/kg was recorded for cucumber.

**Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – August 2021**

| Items          | Price Range   | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |        |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                | August 2021   | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |        |
|                | Rs/kg         | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %      | Rs/kg       | %      |
| Beans (green)  | 200.00-320.00 | 259.25      | 251.32    | 256.20      | 7.93               | 3.16   | 3.05        | 1.19   |
| Carrot         | 100.00-260.00 | 175.05      | 189.14    | 165.68      | -14.09             | -7.45  | 9.37        | 5.66   |
| Leeks          | 180.00-320.00 | 252.86      | 235.70    | 130.50      | 17.16              | 7.28   | 122.36      | 93.76  |
| Beetroot       | 70.00-240.00  | 153.14      | 189.18    | 153.25      | -36.04             | -19.05 | -0.11       | -0.07  |
| Knolkhol       | 100.00-240.00 | 180.16      | 181.35    | 150.69      | -1.19              | -0.66  | 29.47       | 19.56  |
| Radish         | 70.00-180.00  | 130.66      | 153.21    | 127.89      | -22.55             | -14.72 | 2.77        | 2.17   |
| Cabbage        | 120.00-240.00 | 191.89      | 192.04    | 169.92      | -0.15              | -0.08  | 21.97       | 12.93  |
| Tomato         | 90.00-240.00  | 154.63      | 137.08    | 126.63      | 17.55              | 12.80  | 28.00       | 22.11  |
| Ladies Fingers | 80.00-200.00  | 153.70      | 169.42    | 134.35      | -15.72             | -9.28  | 19.35       | 14.40  |
| Brinjal        | 180.00-280.00 | 230.94      | 190.38    | 163.44      | 40.56              | 21.30  | 67.50       | 41.30  |
| Capsicum       | 200.00-400.00 | 294.42      | 323.34    | 332.18      | -28.92             | -8.94  | -37.76      | -11.37 |
| Pumpkin        | 100.00-200.00 | 170.84      | 158.80    | 152.95      | 12.04              | 7.58   | 17.89       | 11.70  |
| Cucumber       | 50.00-160.00  | 104.95      | 140.37    | 107.05      | -35.42             | -25.23 | -2.10       | -1.96  |
| Bitter gourd   | 130.00-280.00 | 209.66      | 246.62    | 228.14      | -36.96             | -14.99 | -18.48      | -8.10  |
| Snake gourd    | 130.00-240.00 | 201.21      | 227.95    | 155.35      | -26.74             | -11.73 | 45.86       | 29.52  |
| Drumstick      | 120.00-400.00 | 248.59      | 362.06    | 194.31      | -113.47            | -31.34 | 54.28       | 27.93  |
| Luffa          | 120.00-240.00 | 193.89      | 193.29    | 156.40      | 0.60               | 0.31   | 37.49       | 23.97  |
| Long Beans     | 100.00-240.00 | 178.49      | 200.22    | 146.54      | -21.73             | -10.85 | 31.95       | 21.80  |
| Ash Plantain   | 60.00-160.00  | 121.64      | 120.40    | 155.83      | 1.24               | 1.03   | -34.19      | -21.94 |
| Green Chillies | 150.00-400.00 | 276.41      | 319.13    | 299.02      | -42.72             | -13.39 | -22.61      | -7.56  |
| Lime           | 100.00-400.00 | 240.81      | 247.80    | 269.98      | -6.99              | -2.82  | -29.17      | -10.80 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in August 2020, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in August 2021 as the supply was interrupted due to quarantine curfew imposed in the country and due to off-season for some of the fruit varieties. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the highest price increase of 10% was reported for *Kolikuttu* banana, followed by *Ambun* (2%) and *Anamlau* (2%) varieties. However, the wholesale price of *ambul* banana has declined by 10%. In August, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.120.00-190.00/kg (*Kolikuttu*), Rs.50.00-70.00/kg (*Seeni*), Rs.30.00-60.00/kg (*Ambul*), Rs.13.00-16.00/fruit (*Ambun*) and Rs.10.00-13.00/fruit (*anamlu*).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – August 2021**

| Item                  | Price Range    | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |        |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                       | August 2021    | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |        |
|                       | (Rs)           | (Rs)        | (Rs)      | (Rs)        | (Rs)               | %      | (Rs)        | %      |
| <b>Plantain</b>       |                |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Ambul (Kg)            | 30.00-60.00    | 45.19       | 50.21     | 92.17       | -5.02              | -10.00 | -46.98      | -50.97 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg)        | 120.00-190.00  | 144.38      | 130.83    | 202.17      | 13.55              | 10.36  | -57.79      | -28.58 |
| Seeni (Kg)            | 50.00-70.00    | 60.21       | 60.57     | 88.17       | -0.36              | -0.59  | -27.96      | -31.71 |
| Anamalu (Fruit)       | 10.00-13.00    | 11.13       | 10.94     | 13.35       | 0.19               | 1.74   | -2.22       | -16.63 |
| Ambun (Fruit)         | 13.00-16.00    | 14.08       | 13.83     | 16.77       | 0.25               | 1.81   | -2.69       | -16.04 |
| <b>Pineapple</b>      |                |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Large (Fruit)         | 150.00-210.00  | 172.77      | 159.25    | 207.68      | 13.52              | 8.49   | -34.91      | -16.81 |
| Medium (Fruit)        | 110.00-160.00  | 135.55      | 128.03    | 173.64      | 7.52               | 5.87   | -38.09      | -21.94 |
| Small (Fruit)         | 70.00-110.00   | 86.77       | 87.05     | 134.25      | -0.28              | -0.32  | -47.48      | -35.37 |
| <b>Mango</b>          |                |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Betti (Fruit)         | 24.00-28.00    | 26.10       | 26.44     | 30.08       | -0.34              | -1.29  | -3.98       | -13.23 |
| Karthakolomban(fruit) | 70.00-130.00   | 107.80      | 69.18     | 113.07      | 38.62              | 55.83  | -5.27       | -4.66  |
| Vilad (Fruit)         | 30.00-50.00    | 37.02       | 33.56     | 46.62       | 3.46               | 10.31  | -9.60       | -20.59 |
| Kohu (Fruit)          | -              | --          |           | 19.08       | -                  | -      | -           | -      |
| Papaw (Kg)            | 50.00-110.00   | 75.29       | 82.12     | 75.67       | -6.83              | -8.32  | -0.38       | -0.50  |
| Passionfruit (Fruit)  | 8.00-13.00     | 11.00       | 9.50      | 8.57        | 1.50               | 15.79  | 2.43        | 28.35  |
| Wood apple (Fruit)    | 14.00-45.00    | 27.14       | 38.40     | 8.62        | -11.26             | -29.32 | 18.52       | 214.85 |
| Orange (Fruit)        | 25.00-40.00    | 32.81       | 30.96     | 32.99       | 1.85               | 5.98   | -0.18       | -0.55  |
| Avocado (Fruit)       | 30.00-50.00    | 39.23       | 41.52     | 35.54       | -2.29              | -5.52  | 3.69        | 10.38  |
| Slime Apple (Fruit)   | 20.00-50.00    | 37.54       | 36.98     | 40.28       | 0.56               | 1.51   | -2.74       | -6.80  |
| Grapes Imported (Kg)  | 714.00-1150.00 | 845.64      | 862.70    | 596.44      | -17.06             | -1.98  | 249.20      | 41.78  |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices of large and medium sized pineapple have increased by 8% and 6%, while the price of small sized has not changed significantly. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.173.00/fruit (large), Rs.136.00/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, except *Betti* mango have increased by 56% (*Karthakolomban*) and 10% (*Vilad*) respectively. During the month, the highest

price range of Rs.70.00-130.00/fruit was recorded for *Karthakolomban* mango. In addition, the prices of passion fruit (16%) and orange (6%) have increased due to low stock position.

Meanwhile, due to ongoing harvesting season, the wholesale prices of wood apple (29%), papaw (8%) and avocado (6%) have decreased in August. Compared to the same period of 2020, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 51% was noted for *Ambul* banana (Table 4.1).

Though the wholesale prices have increased for most of the fruit varieties, the retail prices of most of the varieties have decreased due to low demand as the retail markets were not functioned regularly in August with quarantine curfew in the country. Accordingly, the prices of all the banana varieties except for *Kolikuttu* banana have decreased in the range of 1-7% with the highest price decrease recorded for *Seeni* (7%). Prices of large (1%) and medium (2%) sized pineapple have increased and the prices of those types ranged between was Rs.150.00-260.00/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.120.00-200.00/fruit (*Karthakolomban*) and Rs.40.00-100.00/fruit (*Vilad*) in August. Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of papaw (14%), avocado (12%) and wood apple (9%) have decreased in line with the decreased wholesale prices. Prices of slime apple (15%), grapes (9%) and passion fruit (7%) have increased due to limited stocks. Compared to the same period of 2020, the retail prices of all the major fruit varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 24% noted for pineapple (medium size) (Table 4.2).

**Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – August 2021**

| Item                  | Price Range     | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |        |             |        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                       | August 2021     | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |        | August 2020 |        |
|                       | (Rs)            | (Rs)        | (Rs)      | (Rs)        | (Rs)               | %      | (Rs)        | %      |
| <b>Plantain</b>       |                 |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Ambul (Kg)            | 80.00-140.00    | 112.18      | 113.34    | 143.23      | -1.16              | -1.02  | -31.05      | -21.68 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg)        | 180.00-260.00   | 223.77      | 219.37    | 256.99      | 4.40               | 2.01   | -33.22      | -12.93 |
| Seeni (Kg)            | 100.00-150.00   | 130.77      | 140.74    | 137.84      | -9.97              | -7.08  | -7.07       | -5.13  |
| Anamalu (Fruit)       | 16.00-20.00     | 18.68       | 19.16     | 21.22       | -0.48              | -2.51  | -2.54       | -11.97 |
| Ambun (Fruit)         | 20.00-25.00     | 23.57       | 24.18     | 26.44       | -0.61              | -2.52  | -2.87       | -10.85 |
| <b>Pineapple</b>      |                 |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Large (Fruit)         | 200.00-260.00   | 236.38      | 234.39    | 273.08      | 1.99               | 0.85   | -36.70      | -13.44 |
| Medium (Fruit)        | 150.00-200.00   | 176.46      | 172.31    | 231.25      | 4.15               | 2.41   | -54.79      | -23.69 |
| Small (Fruit)         | 120.00-150.00   | 138.70      | 142.11    | 173.91      | -3.41              | -2.40  | -35.21      | -20.25 |
| <b>Mango</b>          |                 |             |           |             |                    |        |             |        |
| Betti (Fruit)         | -               | -           | -         | -           | -                  | -      | -           | -      |
| Karthakolomban(fruit) | 120.00-200.00   | 147.62      | 111.13    | 169.29      | 36.49              | 32.84  | -21.67      | -12.80 |
| Vilad (Fruit)         | 40.00-100.00    | 67.13       | 60.00     | 75.89       | 7.13               | 11.88  | -8.76       | -11.54 |
| Kohu (Fruit)          | -               | -           | -         | -           | -                  | -      | --          |        |
| Papaw (Kg)            | 100.00-200.00   | 147.69      | 171.89    | 124.31      | -24.20             | -14.08 | 23.38       | 18.81  |
| Passionfruit (Fruit)  | 16.00-27.00     | 23.22       | 21.71     | 19.86       | 1.51               | 6.96   | 3.36        | 16.92  |
| Wood apple (Fruit)    | 40.00-130.00    | 88.84       | 97.67     | 41.77       | -8.83              | -9.04  | 47.07       | 112.69 |
| Orange (Fruit)        | 40.00-80.00     | 63.57       | 62.33     | 57.57       | 1.24               | 1.99   | 6.00        | 10.42  |
| Avocado (Fruit)       | 50.00-120.00    | 80.70       | 91.49     | 72.31       | -10.79             | -11.79 | 8.39        | 11.60  |
| Slime Apple (Fruit)   | 50.00-120.00    | 88.65       | 77.37     | 84.59       | 11.28              | 14.58  | 4.06        | 4.80   |
| Grapes Imported (Kg)  | 1200.00-1500.00 | 1286.53     | 1177.11   | 943.59      | 109.42             | 9.30   | 342.94      | 36.34  |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – August 2021**

| Item      | Price Range  | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |       |             |        |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|--------|
|           | August 2021  | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |       | August 2020 |        |
|           | Rs/kg        | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %     | Rs/kg       | %      |
| Ambul     | 17.00-35.00  | 26.47       | 20.52     | 70.20       | 5.95               | 29.00 | -43.73      | -62.29 |
| Kolikuttu | 60.00-120.00 | 98.29       | 80.13     | 152.00      | 18.16              | 22.66 | -53.71      | -35.34 |
| Papaw     | 45.00-74.00  | 61.94       | 51.88     | 49.85       | 10.06              | 19.39 | 12.09       | 24.25  |

Source; Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

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

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Easing of Covid related market disruptions in the first two weeks of the month followed by the tightening of the same disruptions in the last two weeks of the month resulted in an upward trend in most of the fresh fish prices, at the wholesale market, in August 2021 compared to July 2021.

The highest price increase was noted for thalapah as 23% in August. Next, prices of both thora and paraw had upsurged by 15%. Prices of all the other fresh fish varieties, except for hurulla and balaya had increased in the range of 1% -7%. However, the highest price drop was reported for hurulla as 7% and balaya as 5% in the wholesale market. Compared to the same period of the last year, price of most of the fresh fish varieties at the wholesale level had increased with the highest price increase reported for thora as 36%.

Unlike in previous months, retail market price - movements were in the same direction, as the wholesale market for all the fish varieties, in August. Hence, prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased, except for hurulla and balaya. The highest price increase was reported for thora as 25%. Next, prices of both salaya and mora had upsurged by 11%. Next, prices of kelawalla, paraw and shrimps had increased in the range of 7% -8%. Yet, prices of hurulla and balaya had dropped in the range of 1%-2%.

Compared to the same period of the last year, price of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase reported for mora as 36%.



**Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – August 2021**

| Item                    | Price Range     | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |       |             |        |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|--------|
|                         | August 2021     | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |       | August 2020 |        |
|                         | Rs/kg           | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %     | Rs/kg       | %      |
| <b>Wholesale Prices</b> |                 |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Salaya                  | 150.00-320.00   | 206.42      | 192.20    | 244.80      | 14.22              | 7.40  | -38.38      | -15.68 |
| Hurulla                 | 400.00-600.00   | 475.71      | 511.95    | 469.80      | -36.24             | -7.08 | 5.91        | 1.26   |
| Balaya                  | 350.00-480.00   | 406.46      | 430.17    | 364.80      | -23.71             | -5.51 | 41.66       | 11.42  |
| Kelawalla               | 550.00-860.00   | 674.29      | 628.89    | 622.25      | 45.40              | 7.22  | 52.04       | 8.36   |
| Thora                   | 1400.00-1800.00 | 1605.00     | 1399.17   | 1180.29     | 205.83             | 14.71 | 424.71      | 35.98  |
| Paraw                   | 700.00-900.00   | 794.04      | 691.83    | 650.89      | 102.21             | 14.77 | 143.15      | 21.99  |
| Mora                    | 620.00-750.00   | 684.54      | 676.25    | 656.40      | 8.29               | 1.23  | 28.14       | 4.29   |
| Shrimp (small)          | 800.00-1150.00  | 941.63      | 879.83    | 1011.33     | 61.80              | 7.02  | -69.70      | -6.89  |
| Thalapath               | 850.00-1150.00  | 1031.29     | 837.08    | 934.80      | 194.21             | 23.20 | 96.49       | 10.32  |
| <b>Retail Prices</b>    |                 |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Salaya                  | 200.00-440.00   | 343.11      | 310.25    | 356.37      | 32.86              | 10.59 | -13.26      | -3.72  |
| Hurulla                 | 480.00-700.00   | 594.94      | 603.25    | 593.14      | -8.31              | -1.38 | 1.80        | 0.30   |
| Balaya                  | 800.00-1000.00  | 906.41      | 924.17    | 694.37      | -17.76             | -1.92 | 212.04      | 30.54  |
| Kelawalla               | 1080.00-1400.00 | 1246.53     | 1162.09   | 1028.08     | 84.44              | 7.27  | 218.45      | 21.25  |
| Thora                   | 1600.00-2600.00 | 2000.00     | 1605.50   | 1693.27     | 394.50             | 24.57 | 306.73      | 18.11  |
| Paraw                   | 1000.00-1600.00 | 1259.88     | 1160.38   | 1227.05     | 99.50              | 8.57  | 32.83       | 2.68   |
| Mora                    | 900.00-1000.00  | 966.67      | 870.00    | 712.00      | 96.67              | 11.11 | 254.67      | 35.77  |
| Shrimp (small)          | 960.00-1500.00  | 1151.31     | 1074.29   | 1204.37     | 77.02              | 7.17  | -53.06      | -4.41  |
| Thalapath               | 1200.00-1680.00 | 1446.69     | 1335.16   | 1326.17     | 111.53             | 8.35  | 120.52      | 9.09   |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had slightly decreased at the wholesale level. The main supply areas for the local varieties were Mannar and Kalpitiya. Of the varieties which showed a price decrease, the highest drop was reported for mora as 5% followed by anguluwa as 4% and sprats (imported) as 3%. Further, prices of both kattawa and salaya had dropped by 1% at the wholesale level. Yet, the highest price increase was reported for sprats as 9%. Next, prices of balaya and maduwa had upsurged by 7% and 3% respectively.

Compared to the same period of the last year, price of most of the dried fish varieties at the wholesale level had significantly increased, with the highest price increase reported for sprats (imported) as 71%. The reported high margin price increase for imported sprats in the second consecutive month might be a result of the depreciation of value of rupee, against USD.

Retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties, except for kattawa and thora, had slightly increased, with the highest price increase noted for salaya (imported), salaya (local) and balaya as 4%. Prices of anguluwa had increased by 3%. However, retail prices of kattawa and thora had dropped by nearly 1%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail price of most of the dried fish varieties had upsurged, with the highest price upsurge reported for both sprats (imported) and mora as 27%.

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

| Item                                | Price Range     | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |       |             |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|--------|
|                                     | August 2021     | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |       | August 2020 |        |
|                                     | Rs/kg           | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %     | Rs/kg       | %      |
| <b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b> |                 |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Sprats                              | 1000.00-1350.00 | 1251.67     | 1146.49   | 1032.52     | 105.18             | 9.17  | 219.15      | 21.22  |
| Sprats (imported)                   | 600.00-700.00   | 653.56      | 675.46    | 382.11      | -21.90             | -3.24 | 271.45      | 71.04  |
| Kattawa                             | 1150.00-1300.00 | 1246.96     | 1264.85   | 1034.86     | -17.89             | -1.41 | 212.10      | 20.50  |
| Kattawa (imported)                  | -               | -           | -         | 893.16      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Thora                               | 1450.00-1460.00 | 1456.67     | 1450.50   | -           | 6.17               | 0.43  | -           | -      |
| Thora (imported)                    | -               | -           | -         | 1230.47     | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Mora                                | 1100.00-1380.00 | 1183.10     | 1239.17   | 964.58      | -56.07             | -4.52 | 218.52      | 22.65  |
| Mora (imported)                     | -               | -           | -         | 904.80      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Balaya                              | 550.00-800.00   | 717.62      | 669.88    | 560.85      | 47.74              | 7.13  | 156.77      | 27.95  |
| Balaya (imported)                   | -               | -           | -         | 624.92      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Anguluwa                            | 1200.00-1280.00 | 1214.63     | 1261.67   | 1171.59     | -47.04             | -3.73 | 43.04       | 3.67   |
| Anguluwa (imported)                 | -               | -           | -         | 904.20      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Maduwa                              | 660.00-850.00   | 781.79      | 755.48    | 658.44      | 26.31              | 3.48  | 123.35      | 18.73  |
| Maduwa (imported)                   | -               | -           | -         | 444.17      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Salaya                              | 250.00-340.00   | 293.08      | 296.90    | 345.68      | -3.82              | -1.29 | -52.60      | -15.22 |
| Salaya (imported)                   | -               | -           | -         | -           | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| <b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>    |                 |             |           |             |                    |       |             |        |
| Sprats(imported)                    | 700.00-1000.00  | 832.73      | 797.14    | 655.37      | 35.59              | 4.46  | 177.36      | 27.06  |
| Sprats                              | 1100.00-1600.00 | 1381.74     | 1380.00   | 1240.89     | 1.74               | 0.13  | 140.85      | 11.35  |
| Kattawa                             | 1400.00-1800.00 | 1586.53     | 1600.54   | 1441.69     | -14.01             | -0.88 | 144.84      | 10.05  |
| Thora                               | 1700.00-2200.00 | 1946.53     | 1962.50   | 1890.79     | -15.97             | -0.81 | 55.74       | 2.95   |
| Mora                                | 1400.00-1800.00 | 1547.35     | 1541.34   | 1218.20     | 6.01               | 0.39  | 329.15      | 27.02  |
| Balaya                              | 800.00-1200.00  | 1071.31     | 1029.76   | 971.64      | 41.55              | 4.03  | 99.67       | 10.26  |
| Anguluwa                            | 1300.00-1700.00 | 1523.33     | 1475.12   | 1283.14     | 48.21              | 3.27  | 240.19      | 18.72  |
| Maduwa                              | -               | -           | 860.00    | 872.33      | -                  | -     | -           | -      |
| Salaya                              | 350.00-700.00   | 550.94      | 532.79    | 646.03      | 18.15              | 3.41  | -95.09      | -14.72 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had slightly upsurged by 4% and 2% at the wholesale level compared to July 2021. The monthly average wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 18.00-20.50/egg and 16.00-18.50. In line with the wholesale price behaviour, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 3% and 2% respectively at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.19.50 -22.00/egg and Rs.18.00-20.00/egg respectively.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – August 2021**

| Item                   | Price Range | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |      |             |        |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|------|-------------|--------|
|                        | August 2021 | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |      | August 2020 |        |
|                        | Rs          | Rs          | Rs        | Rs          | Rs                 | %    | Rs          | %      |
| <b>Wholesale Price</b> |             |             |           |             |                    |      |             |        |
| Eggs – Brown (each)    | 18.00-20.50 | 19.78       | 19.10     | 22.27       | 0.68               | 3.56 | -2.49       | -11.18 |
| White (each)           | 16.00-18.50 | 17.83       | 17.54     | 21.25       | 0.29               | 1.65 | -3.42       | -16.09 |
| <b>Retail Price</b>    |             |             |           |             |                    |      |             |        |
| Eggs- Brown (each)     | 19.50-22.00 | 20.32       | 19.78     | 22.90       | 0.54               | 2.73 | -2.58       | -11.27 |
| White (each)           | 18.00-20.00 | 18.94       | 18.51     | 22.15       | 0.43               | 2.32 | -3.21       | -14.49 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness 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 pork as 5%. Further, prices of chicken (curry), and chicken (broiler) had increased by 3% and 2% respectively. Yet, prices of mutton and beef (without bones) had dropped by 1% 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 17%.

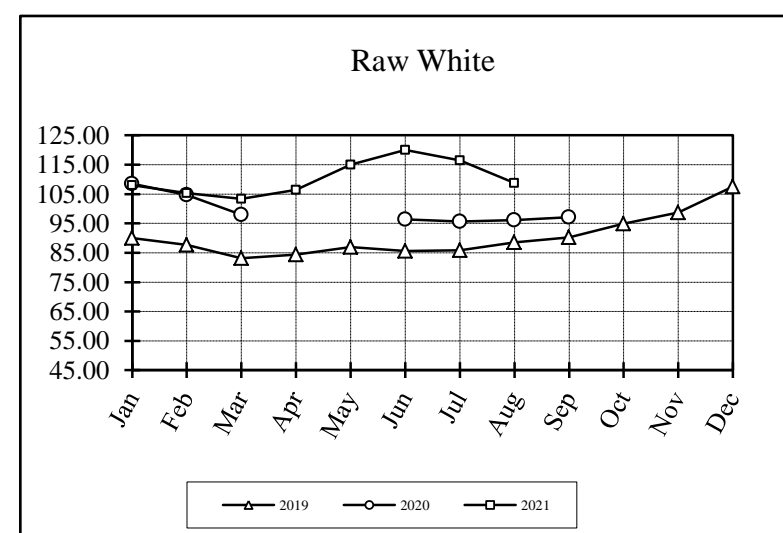
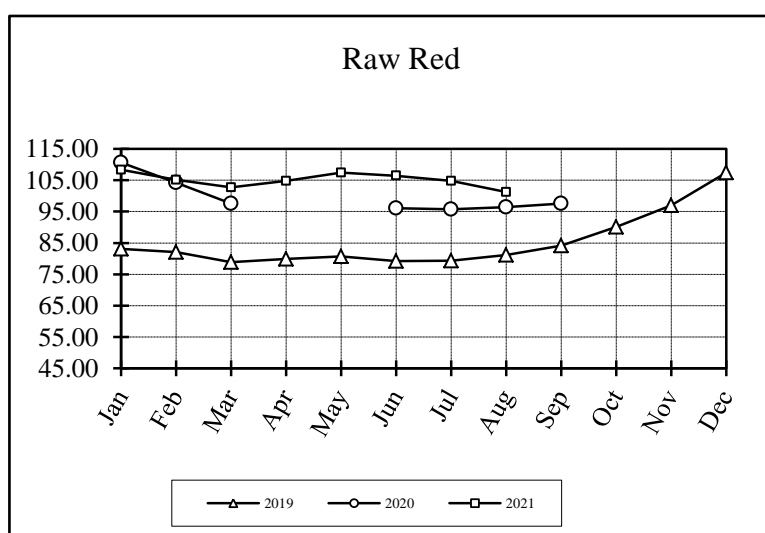
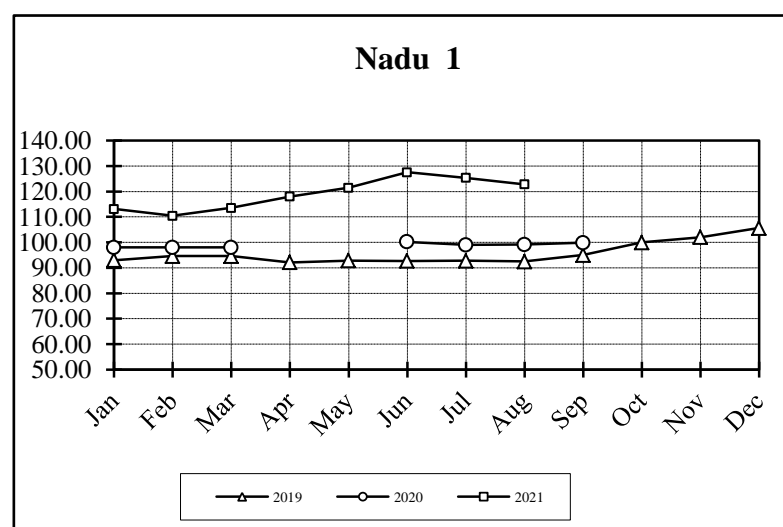
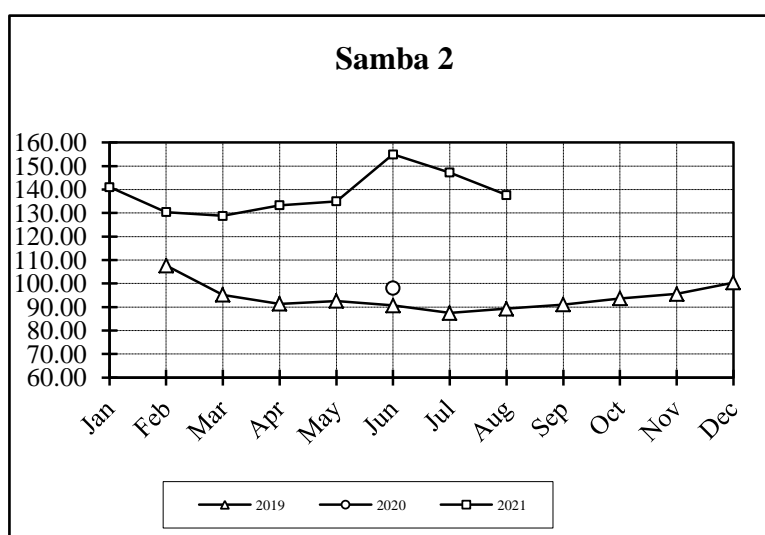
**Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – August 2021**

| Item                 | Price Range     | Average     |           |             | Change Compared to |       |             |       |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                      | August 2021     | August 2021 | July 2021 | August 2020 | July 2021          |       | August 2020 |       |
|                      | Rs/kg           | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg     | Rs/kg       | Rs/kg              | %     | Rs/kg       | %     |
| <b>Meat</b>          |                 |             |           |             |                    |       |             |       |
| Beef (without bones) | 1100.00-1300.00 | 1,176.59    | 1,187.50  | 1058.91     | -10.91             | -0.92 | 117.68      | 11.11 |
| Chicken (Broiler)    | 620.00-760.00   | 709.67      | 698.44    | 604.44      | 11.23              | 1.61  | 105.23      | 17.41 |
| Chicken (curry)      | 650.00-760.00   | 712.05      | 691.75    | 669.12      | 20.30              | 2.93  | 42.93       | 6.42  |
| Mutton               | 1900.00-2200.00 | 2,074.07    | 2,087.50  | 1893.33     | -13.43             | -0.64 | 180.74      | 9.55  |
| Pork                 | 750.00-900.00   | 861.11      | 820.00    | 780.52      | 41.11              | 5.01  | 80.59       | 10.33 |

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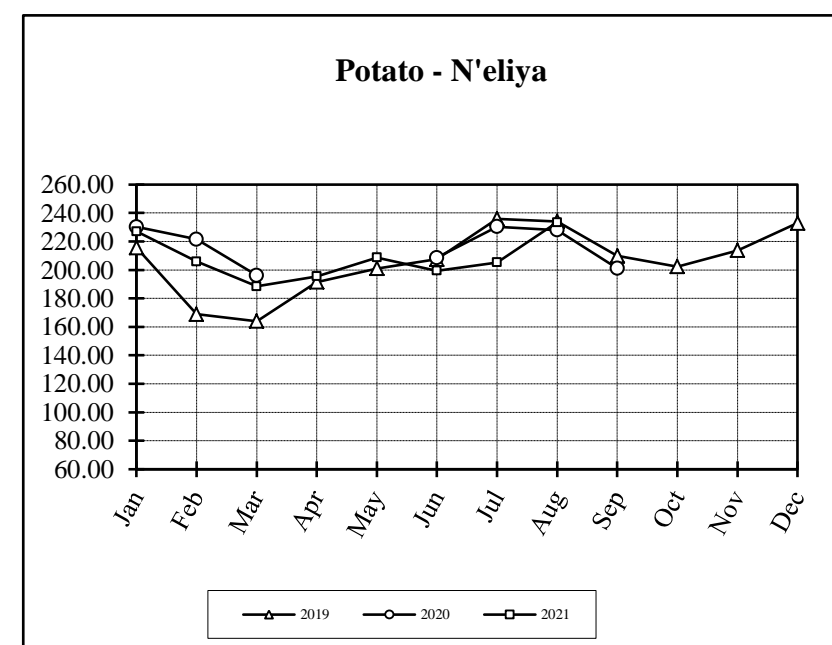
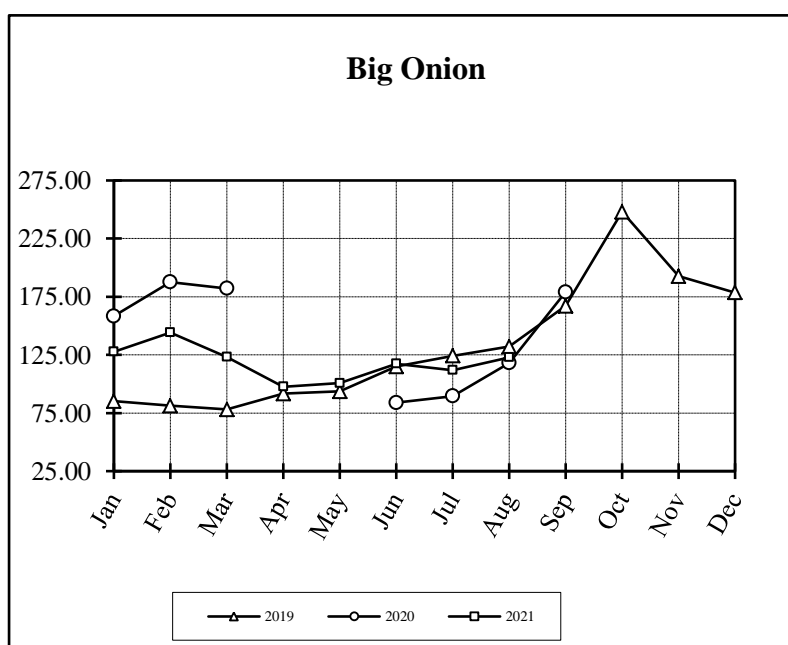
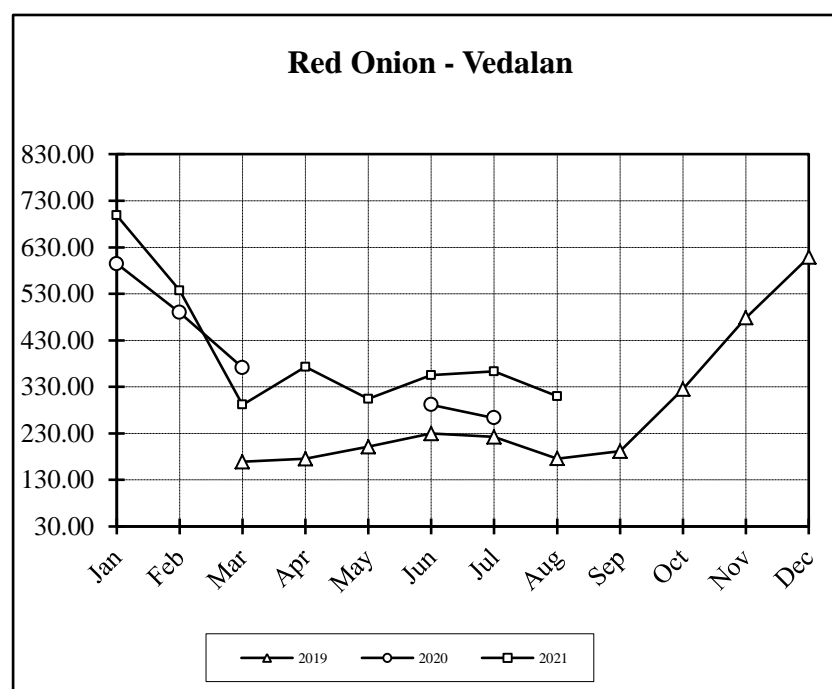
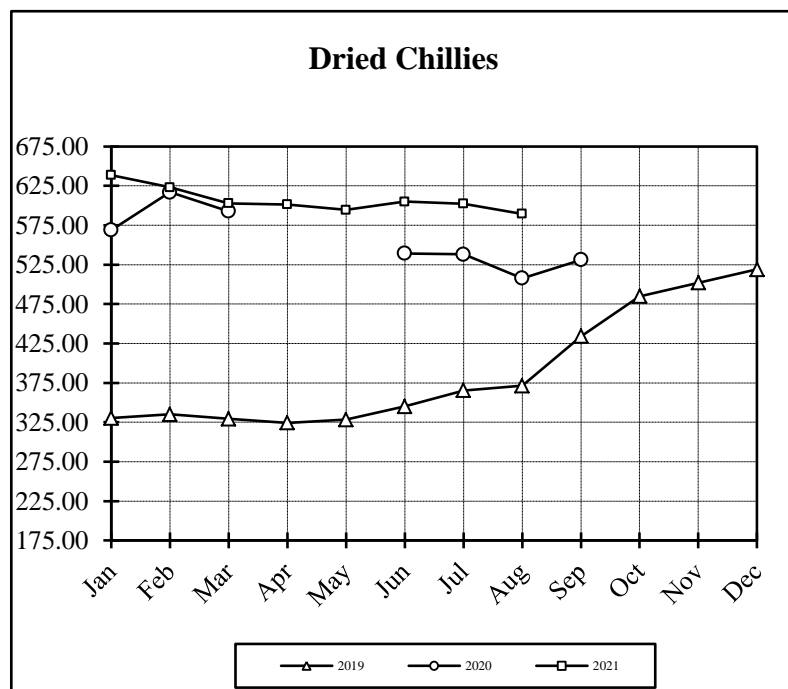
### Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

| 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   |       | 137.66 | 92.49  | 99.16  | 122.81 | 81.14   | 96.47  | 101.28 | 88.49     | 96.13  | 108.81 |
| 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 Prices 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 | 589.40 | 175.95    |        | 309.97 | 132.13    | 118.02 | 122.89 | 234.10           | 227.97 | 233.39 |
| 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)**

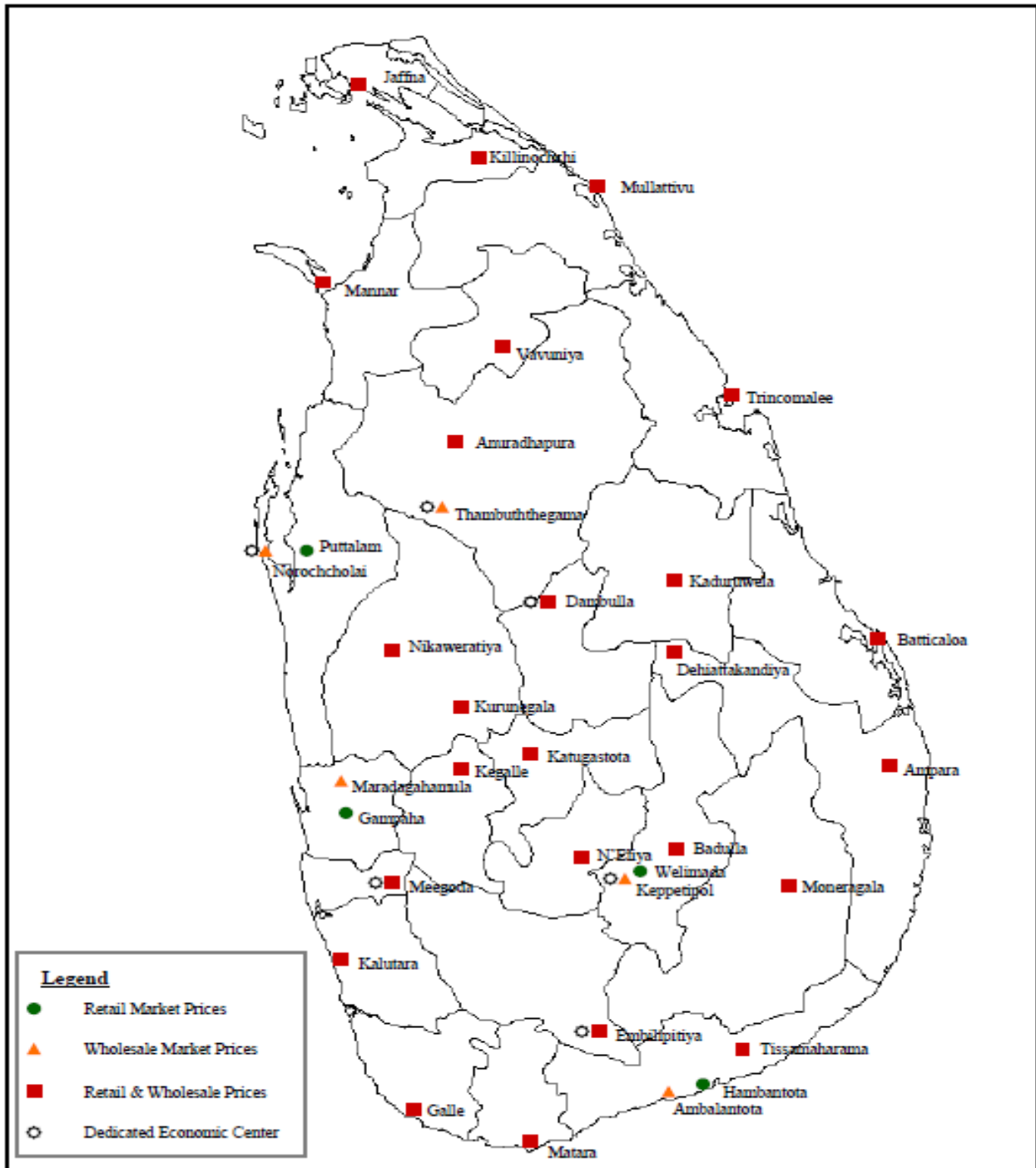
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| Commodity                 | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Week | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Week | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Week | 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Week | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Week | Commodity                      | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Week | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Week | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Week | 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Week | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Week | Commodity             | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Week | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Week | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Week | 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Week | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Week |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Paddy</b>              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Potato</b>                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Leeks</b>          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Short grain</b>        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | N'Eliya                        | 152.50                  | 184.00                  | 196.00                  |                         | 194.80                  | Welimada              | 186.00                  | 158.00                  | 147.00                  |                         | 163.00                  |
| A'pura                    | 52.33                   | 52.00                   | 52.40                   |                         | 57.20                   | Badulla                        | 143.33                  | 164.00                  | 165.00                  |                         | 154.00                  | N'Eliya               | 187.50                  | 174.00                  | 147.00                  |                         | 177.80                  |
| P'narawa                  | 56.33                   | 50.00                   | 50.75                   |                         | 61.50                   | Welimada                       | 137.00                  | 148.00                  | 168.00                  |                         | 163.00                  |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Kalawewa                  | 52.83                   | 53.80                   | 56.14                   |                         | 55.71                   | <b>Pulses</b>                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Beetroot</b>       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Kurunegala                | 54.00                   | 54.25                   | 54.00                   |                         | 55.00                   | <b>Green Gram</b>              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hanguranketha         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Dehiattakandiya           | 54.67                   | 53.00                   | 55.00                   |                         | 53.00                   | Galgamuwa                      |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | N'Eliya               | 99.50                   | 104.00                  | 58.00                   |                         | 55.00                   |
| Ampara                    | 54.25                   | 55.25                   | 55.38                   |                         | 57.13                   | Kalawewa                       | 466.67                  | 483.33                  | 550.00                  |                         | 543.33                  | Dambulla              | 92.00                   | 92.00                   | 51.00                   |                         |                         |
| <b>Long grain (White)</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Embilipitiya                   | 555.00                  | 555.00                  | 555.00                  |                         | 555.00                  | Kurunegala            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| A'pura                    | 50.00                   | 51.20                   | 50.80                   |                         | 51.60                   | Kurunegala                     |                         |                         |                         |                         | 408.00                  | Welimada              | 86.00                   | 68.00                   | 44.00                   |                         | 42.00                   |
| P'narawa                  | 53.67                   | 48.25                   | 49.75                   |                         | 59.25                   | A'pura                         | 544.00                  | 520.00                  | 538.00                  |                         |                         | <b>Knokhol</b>        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Kalawewa                  | 47.67                   | 49.40                   | 51.07                   |                         | 51.86                   | <b>Cowpea</b>                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hanguranketha         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Kurunegala                | 51.67                   | 52.00                   | 51.50                   |                         | 50.00                   | A'pura                         | 524.00                  | 370.00                  | 388.00                  |                         | 428.00                  | N'Eliya               | 86.25                   | 84.00                   | 72.00                   |                         | 37.00                   |
| Dehiattakandiya           | 53.33                   | 52.00                   | 53.00                   |                         | 50.00                   | Galgamuwa                      |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Welimada              | 86.00                   | 92.00                   | 67.00                   |                         | 38.00                   |
| Embilipitiya              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Nikaweratiya                   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Radish</b>         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Ampara                    | 49.42                   | 49.40                   | 50.50                   |                         | 54.50                   | Kalawewa                       | 396.67                  | 360.00                  | 376.67                  |                         | 426.67                  | Hanguranketha         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Matara                    | 53.33                   | 50.33                   | 50.33                   |                         | 51.00                   | Embilipitiya                   | 525.00                  | 525.00                  | 525.00                  |                         | 525.00                  | N'Eliya               | 52.50                   | 52.00                   | 53.00                   |                         | 27.60                   |
| Hambantota                |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Kurunegala                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Welimada              | 37.00                   | 28.00                   | 27.00                   |                         | 22.00                   |
| <b>Long grain (Red)</b>   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Maize</b>                   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Cabbage</b>        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Matara                    | 53.33                   | 50.33                   | 50.33                   |                         | 51.00                   | A'Pura                         | 77.00                   | 67.00                   | 67.00                   |                         | 77.00                   | Hanguranketha         | 90.00                   |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Hambantota                | 50.00                   | 51.50                   | 50.75                   |                         | 52.00                   | Kalawewa                       | 72.33                   | 70.67                   | 71.67                   |                         | 60.75                   | N'Eliya               | 128.75                  | 94.00                   | 87.00                   |                         | 116.80                  |
| Ampara                    | 49.42                   | 49.40                   | 50.50                   |                         | 54.50                   | <b>Gingelly</b>                |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Welimada              | 88.00                   | 88.00                   | 67.00                   |                         | 87.00                   |
| Embilipitiya              | 50.33                   | 50.33                   | 50.83                   |                         | 55.25                   | A'Pura                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hambantota            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Other Food Crops</b>   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Kalawewa                       | 245.00                  |                         | 205.00                  |                         |                         | Badulla               | 85.00                   | 83.33                   | 83.33                   |                         | 88.00                   |
| <b>Dried Chillies</b>     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Black Gram</b>              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Tomato</b>         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| A'Pura                    |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Kalawewa                       | 325.00                  | 325.00                  | 313.75                  |                         | 300.00                  | Hanguranketha         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Galgamuwa                 |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | A'Pura                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Welimada              | 42.00                   | 57.00                   | 87.00                   |                         | 76.00                   |
| Kalawewa                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hambantota            | 42.50                   | 32.50                   | 70.00                   |                         | 65.00                   |
| <b>Red Onion</b>          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Beans</b>                   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Dambulla              | 55.80                   | 55.80                   | 78.80                   |                         |                         |
| Puttalam                  | 160.00                  | 151.00                  | 141.00                  |                         | 161.00                  | Dambulla                       | 217.00                  | 217.00                  | 204.00                  |                         |                         | <b>Low Country</b>    |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Big Onion</b>          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Welimada                       | 202.00                  | 168.00                  | 172.00                  |                         | 204.00                  | <b>Ladies Fingers</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Dambulla                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Badulla                        | 200.00                  | 166.00                  | 193.33                  |                         | 172.50                  | A'pura                | 76.00                   | 62.00                   | 42.00                   |                         | 64.00                   |
| Kalawewa                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Carrot</b>                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Dambulla              | 75.20                   | 75.20                   | 52.60                   |                         |                         |
| A'Pura                    |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hanguranketha                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hambantota            | 63.33                   | 53.33                   | 53.33                   |                         | 45.00                   |
| Kurunegala                |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | N'Eliya                        | 96.25                   | 98.00                   | 77.00                   |                         | 72.00                   | Embilipitiya          | 75.00                   | 65.00                   | 63.00                   |                         | 60.00                   |
|                           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Welimada                       | 67.00                   | 56.00                   | 47.00                   |                         | 63.00                   | Matara                |                         | 55.00                   | 56.67                   |                         | 46.67                   |

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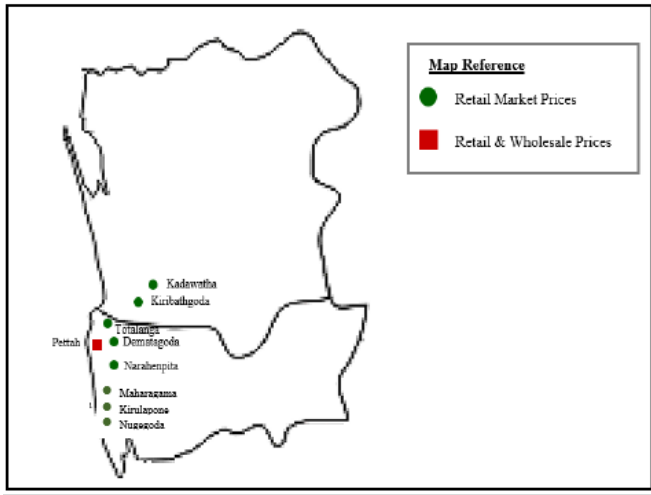
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| <b>Brinjals</b>     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Pumpkin</b>        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Lime</b>           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| A'pura              | 164.00                  | 168.00                  | 128.00                  |                         | 144.00                  | Dambulla              | 75.20                   | 75.20                   | 91.00                   |                         |                         | Hambantota            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Dambulla            | 153.50                  | 153.50                  | 149.00                  |                         |                         | Hambantota            | 63.33                   | 43.33                   | 63.33                   |                         | 63.33                   | Embilipitiya          | 177.00                  | 71.00                   | 67.00                   |                         | 67.00                   |
| Hambantota          | 100.00                  | 100.00                  | 110.00                  |                         | 110.00                  | Embilipitiya          | 102.00                  | 112.00                  | 110.00                  |                         | 86.25                   | Moneragala            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Embilipitiya        | 126.00                  | 138.00                  | 138.00                  |                         | 145.00                  | Matara                |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Matara              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | A'pura                | 67.00                   | 88.00                   | 64.00                   |                         | 84.00                   | <b>Banana</b>         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Welimada            | 138.00                  | 147.00                  | 134.00                  |                         | 86.80                   | Moneragala            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Ambul                 |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
|                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Cucumber</b>       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Moneragala            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Capsicum</b>     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | A'pura                | 42.00                   | 44.00                   | 42.00                   |                         | 32.00                   | Embilipitiya          | 23.33                   | 23.33                   | 18.33                   |                         | 17.00                   |
| Welimada            | 236.00                  | 216.00                  | 185.00                  |                         | 144.00                  | Dambulla              | 43.20                   | 43.20                   | 29.00                   |                         |                         | Hambantota            | 33.33                   | 35.00                   |                         |                         | 35.00                   |
| <b>Bitter Gourd</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Hambantota            | 50.00                   | 23.33                   | 23.33                   |                         | 18.33                   | <b>Kolikuttu</b>      |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| A'pura              | 94.00                   | 108.00                  | 88.00                   |                         | 74.00                   | Matara                | 41.67                   | 42.50                   | 42.50                   |                         | 32.50                   | Moneragala            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Dambulla            | 92.20                   | 92.20                   | 104.00                  |                         |                         | <b>Long beans</b>     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Embilipitiya          | 110.00                  | 110.00                  | 113.00                  |                         | 110.00                  |
| Hambantota          | 142.50                  | 170.00                  | 163.33                  |                         |                         | Dambulla              | 104.00                  | 104.00                  | 85.40                   |                         |                         | Hambantota            | 60.00                   | 65.00                   |                         |                         | 120.00                  |
| Embilipitiya        | 167.00                  | 173.00                  | 173.00                  |                         | 180.00                  | Hambantota            | 63.33                   | 63.33                   | 63.33                   |                         | 73.33                   | <b>Papaw</b>          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
|                     |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Embilipitiya          | 112.50                  | 112.50                  | 112.50                  |                         | 107.50                  | Moneragala            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Snake Gourd</b>  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | Matara                | 55.00                   | 55.00                   | 55.00                   |                         |                         | Embilipitiya          | 74.00                   | 74.00                   | 62.00                   |                         | 45.00                   |
| Dambulla            | 102.00                  | 102.00                  | 100.00                  |                         |                         | A'Pura                | 67.00                   | 74.00                   | 67.00                   |                         | 94.00                   | Hambantota            | 53.33                   | 63.33                   |                         |                         |                         |
| Hambantota          | 56.67                   | 56.67                   | 56.67                   |                         | 56.67                   | <b>Ash Plantain</b>   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Pineapple</b>      |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Embilipitiya        | 148.00                  | 148.00                  | 151.00                  |                         | 96.25                   | Hambantota            | 18.33                   | 18.33                   | 18.33                   |                         | 20.00                   | Divulapitiya          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Matara              | 48.33                   | 53.33                   | 53.33                   |                         | 48.33                   | Embilipitiya          | 30.00                   | 28.00                   | 21.00                   |                         | 21.00                   |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| A'pura              | 84.00                   | 88.00                   | 67.00                   |                         | 84.00                   | Matara                | 40.00                   | 40.00                   |                         |                         |                         |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Luffa</b>        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         | <b>Green Chillies</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Dambulla            | 84.80                   | 84.80                   | 79.60                   |                         |                         | Dambulla              | 158.50                  | 158.50                  | 146.00                  |                         |                         |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Hambantota          | 53.33                   | 73.33                   | 73.33                   |                         |                         | Hambantota            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Embilipitiya        | 91.00                   | 108.00                  | 125.00                  |                         | 133.75                  | Embilipitiya          | 200.00                  | 204.00                  | 184.00                  |                         | 215.00                  |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Matara              | 53.33                   | 53.33                   | 53.33                   |                         | 48.33                   | Puttalam              | 140.00                  | 141.25                  | 104.00                  |                         | 116.00                  |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| A'pura              | 74.00                   | 84.00                   | 64.00                   |                         | 86.00                   | A'Pura                | 168.00                  | 168.00                  | 152.00                  |                         | 152.00                  |                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |

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