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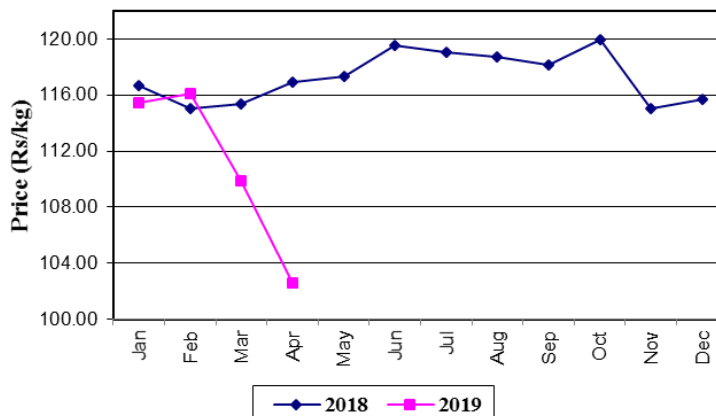
RICE:

Retail prices of samba and nadu rice had decreased while the retail prices of raw red and raw white rice had increased slightly during this month. Retail price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and average price had decreased by Rs.7.29/kg compared to the previous month.

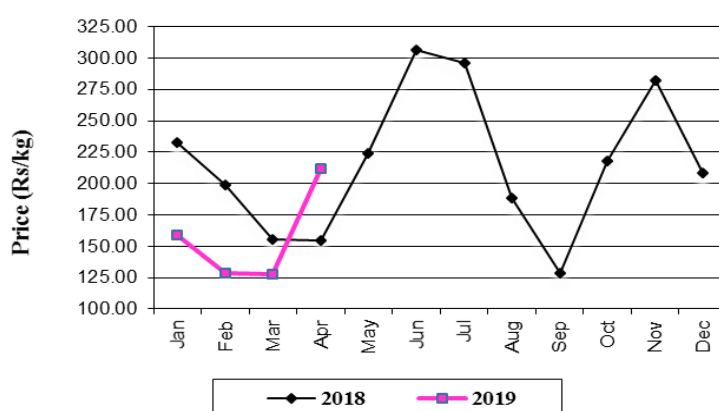
VEGETABLES:

Supplies of vegetables were limited in most of the market as the harvesting of *Maha* season has reached to its end phase. Therefore, prices of most of the vegetables have increased during the month recording the highest price increase for beans. Vegetable prices are expected increase during next month too.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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

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

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Colombo and suburb Markets

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| 1. Pettah | 5. Peliyagoda | 9. Kirulapone |
| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha | 10. Nugegoda |
| 3. Dematagoda | 7. Kiribathgoda | |
| 4. Thotalanga | 8. Wellawatta | |

Outstation Markets

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

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2018/19 *Maha* season was completely ended in all major producing areas by releasing a bumper harvest to the markets. According to the latest crop forecasting issued by the Department of Agriculture, the cultivation extent was 759,571 ha and the expected total paddy production is 2.9 million mt, for last 2018/19 *Maha* season. Favorable growing conditions, combined with state fertilizer assistance and better water availability in irrigation tanks led to a satisfactory paddy production. According to the field information, dry weather condition prevailed and the land preparation activities for *Yala* season, 2019, is in progress in most of the major producing areas like Moneragala, Tissamaharama, Dehiattakandiya, Mannar and Nikaweratiya. It was recorded that the crop establishment activities also in progress in major producing areas like Ampara and Tissamaharama.

Producer Prices

Price of all the paddy varieties have increased considerably in most of the major producing areas due to the limited supply to the markets that is resulted from completion of harvesting of paddy crop in 2018/19 *Maha* season. Accordingly, price of short grain paddy has increased by less than 20% while price of long grain white paddy has increased in the range of 8%-26%. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red in Hambantota and Embilipitiya have increased by 14% and 7% respectively. The highest and the lowest price increase of Rs.8.35/kg and 0.95 Cents/Kg for long grain white was recorded from Kalawewa and Ampara respectively. Likewise, the highest and the lowest price increase of Rs.6.67/kg and 0.05Cents/Kg for short grain was recorded from Kurunegala and Ampara respectively.

Table1.1: Producer prices of paddy – April 2019

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	36.00-40.00	33.00-38.00	38.78	35.56	52.01	3.21	9.03	-13.24	-25.45
Polonnaruwa	32.81-41.41	32.00-41.00	40.10	36.60	55.35	3.51	9.59	-15.25	-27.55
Kalawewa	36.00-40.00	31.00-36.00	39.13	32.71	51.88	6.43	19.64	-12.75	-24.57
Kurunegala	37.00-44.00	33.00-37.00	41.13	34.46	49.33	6.67	19.37	-8.20	-16.62
Dehiattakandiya	38.00-40.00	35.00-40.00	38.80	38.33	53.77	0.47	1.22	-14.97	-27.84
Nikaweratiya			0.00	0.00	40.73	-	-	-	-
Ampara	36.00-38.00	35.00-40.00	37.68	37.63	54.60	0.05	0.15	-16.92	-30.99
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	37.50-42.00	33.00-40.00	40.09	35.25	40.32	4.84	13.74	-0.22	-0.56
Polonnaruwa	34.37-42.97	31.30-39.84	40.13	35.62	41.19	4.51	12.66	-1.06	-2.56
Kalawewa	38.00-42.00	29.00-38.00	40.27	31.92	40.51	8.35	26.16	-0.25	-0.61
Kurunegala	38.00-44.00	32.00-38.00	41.97	34.04	45.50	7.93	23.28	-3.53	-7.77
Dehiattakandiya	38.00-42.00	31.00-39.00	39.90	36.92	39.66	2.98	8.08	0.24	0.61
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	40.73	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	37.83	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	36.00-37.00	35.00-38.00	36.92	35.98	-	0.95	2.63	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	29.00-35.00	28.00-32.00	33.08	34.50	35.25	-	-	-2.17	-6.16
Hambantota	30.00-35.00	27.00-32.00	33.47	29.45	33.00	4.02	13.64	0.47	1.41
Embilipitiya	31.00-35.00	30.00-32.00	32.89	30.71	35.37	2.18	7.10	-2.47	-6.99

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The average price of both short grain and long grain white paddy ranged between Rs.32.81-44.00/kg and Rs.34.37-44.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile price of long grain red paddy has increased by Rs.4.00/kg in Hambantota and has increased by Rs.2.00/kg in Embilipitiya. Its average price ranged between Rs.29.00-35.00/kg (Table 1.1).

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of all paddy varieties have declined in almost considered producing areas. Price decreases of short grain paddy varieties have ranged from 17%-31% with the highest decline reported from Ampara. Prices of long grain white have decreased slightly by less than 3% in most of the considered major producing areas except Kurunegala. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have decreased by 6% in Matara and 7% Embilipitiya (Table 1.1).

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Prices of all the paddy varieties had increased in most of the producing areas due to the end of *Maha* (2018/19) harvesting season. The demand of rice had also increased due to Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival at the mid of the month. Hence, the wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had increased during the month of April. The highest price increase of 7.61% was for raw white following 6.61% for Nadu grade II. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of Samba grade I had decreased by 3.6% compared to the previous month. Wholesale price ranged from Rs.90.00-107.00 for Samba grade I and from Rs.78.00-85.00 for Samba grade (Table 1.1).

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 20% for Samba grade II. According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 1,208mt of rice had been imported during April 2019. The total expenditure on rice imports was Rs.115.7 million within April.

Retail Prices

With reference to retail markets, retail prices of samba and Nadu had decreased while the retail prices of raw white and raw red had increased slightly. The highest price decrease of 7% was recorded for samba grade I. The retail prices of samba grade I and grade II ranged between Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and Rs.90.00-95.00/kg respectively. Prices of all the rice varieties were above Rs.70.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 12% for samba grade I. With references to the outstation markets, retail price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.92.00-118.00/kg and the highest price was recorded from Keppetipola while the lowest price was recorded from Dehiattakandiya market.

Retail price of nadu grade I range between Rs.79.00-95.00/kg and the highest price was recorded from Keppetipola while the lowest price was recorded from Mannar. It was Rs.60.00-90.00/kg for red raw and the highest price was recorded from Anuradhapura while the lowest price was recorded from Keppetipola. Retail price of raw white ranged between Rs.67.00-83.00/kg in all the outstation markets and the highest price was recorded from Gampaha while the lowest price recorded from Nuwara Eliya.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	90.00-107.00	101.13	104.90	108.70	-3.77	-3.60	-7.57	-6.97
Samba 2	78.00-85.00	81.34	80.98	102.11	0.36	0.45	-20.77	-20.34
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	87.00-90.00	89.38	90.00	-	-0.63	-0.69	-	-
Nadu 2	75.00-85.00	78.68	73.80	78.94	4.88	6.61	-0.26	-0.33
Raw red	63.00-68.00	65.83	65.68	71.48	0.15	0.23	-5.66	-7.91
Raw white	65.00-80.00	72.99	67.83	75.25	5.16	7.61	-2.26	-3.01
Imported Samba	-	-	-	70.70	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	70.64	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	72.06	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-110.00	102.58	109.87	116.93	-7.29	-6.63	-14.35	-12.27
Samba 2	90.00-95.00	91.39	95.23	104.00	-3.84	-4.04	-12.62	-12.13
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-95.00	92.17	94.63	102.24	-2.46	-2.60	-10.07	-9.85
Nadu 2	80.00-90.00	84.79	88.10	90.03	-3.30	-3.75	-5.23	-5.81
Raw red	70.00-90.00	79.92	78.87	85.43	1.05	1.33	-5.50	-6.44
Raw white	78.00-95.00	84.39	83.14	86.74	1.24	1.50	-2.35	-2.71
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	85.34	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	78.57	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	80.83	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With the increased supply from Puttalam, Anuradhapura and other major producing areas, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by about Rs.52.00/kg and Rs.42.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.117.83/kg and Rs.284.16/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 131% and 62% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	80.00-180.00	117.83	169.58	50.92	-51.75	-30.52	66.92	131.42
Dried Chilli	245.00-260.00	256.06	256.13	249.94	-0.06	-0.02	6.12	2.45
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	100.00-400.00	284.16	326.05	175.63	-41.89	-12.85	108.53	61.79
Dried Chilli	300.00-360.00	324.25	329.23	298.03	-4.98	-1.51	26.22	8.80

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Supply of dried chillie comprised only imports from India. A quantity of 3,584mt of dried chillie has been imported during April 2019 and it was a decline of 2,246mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.217.61/kg and it has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported dried chillie has not changed significantly, while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.5.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillie have increased by about 2% and 9% respectively.

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli-Nov 2018 to April 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr	3,584	779.92	217.61	324.25	106.64
Mar	5,830	1,272.18	218.21	329.23	111.02
Feb	4,855	1,134.21	233.62	335.00	101.39
Jan	3,748	876.20	233.81	330.31	96.50
Dec	5,149	1,218.31	236.59	324.98	88.39
Nov	4,020	905.77	225.29	322.74	97.45

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

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	111.00	172.00	178.00	92.50	87.40
Hambantota	170.00	170.00	260.00	260.00	272.50
Embilipitiya	158.33	238.33	276.67	198.00	139.00
Puttalam	84.00	99.00	120.00	132.50	82.00
A'Pura	206.67	220.00	230.00	150.00	136.67

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Big onion market supplies totally comprised imports and this situation would continue until *Yala* harvesting begins in July of August. A quantity of 19,699mt of big onion was imported from India which was about 2,624mt less than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.46.28/kg and it has increased by Rs.9.28/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.14.00/kg due to prevailed high demand as the festival season. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 67% and 36% respectively.

Low quality stocks of sinnan red onion varieties were available at the wholesale market and price has decreased by about Rs.7.00/kg. Meanwhile, wholesale and retail prices of vedalan red onion have increased by about Rs.31.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively with the low supplies from main producing areas. About 142mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was about 35mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.83.15/kg and it was an increase of Rs.17.71/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.28.00/kg while stocks of imported red onion were not available at most of the retail markets.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	60.00-85.00	69.50	76.50	94.00	-7.00	-9.15	-24.50	-26.06
Red Onion (Vedalan)	85.00-145.00	113.13	81.67	-	31.45	38.51	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	100.00-135.00	112.14	84.38	120.24	27.77	32.91	-8.09	-6.73
Big Onion (imported)	53.00-80.00	66.68	52.95	39.82	13.73	25.92	26.85	67.43
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00-160.00	136.56	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	150.00-200.00	175.37	168.97	-	6.40	3.79	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	153.10	188.04	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-120.00	91.75	78.17	67.31	13.58	17.37	24.43	36.30
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Apr,2019	46.28	66.68	91.75	20.40	25.07
	Mar,2019	37.00	52.95	78.17	15.95	25.22
	Apr,2018	36.23	39.82	67.31	3.59	27.49
Red onion	Apr,2019	83.15	112.14	-	29.00	-
	Mar,2019	65.44	84.38	153.10	18.94	68.73
	Apr,2018	92.83	120.24	188.04	27.41	67.80

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

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

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Apr,2019	Mar,2019	Apr,2019	Mar,2019	Apr,2019	Mar,2019
Red Onion	142	107	11.8	7.0	83.15	65.44
Big Onion	19,699	22,323	911.6	826.0	46.28	37.00

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion Nov 2018 April 2019

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Apr-2019	19,699	46.28	66.68	91.75	45.47
Mar-2019	22,323	37.00	52.95	78.17	41.17
Feb-2019	19,709	33.58	52.07	81.33	47.75
Jan -2019	23,697	40.01	56.95	85.22	57.95
Dec-2018	23,169	44.91	68.88	102.86	72.60
Nov-2018	18,659	47.64	90.69	120.24	65.33

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

Yala cultivation of potato was commenced in both Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts in April. In Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, the targeted extents of potato for the *Yala* 2019 are 884 ha and 1,504 ha. During the month of April about 90 ha and 33 ha were cultivated in the respective districts. New cultivation was affected with prevailed dry weather condition in Nuwara Eliya district.

In Badulla district, most of the new cultivation for the *Yala* season will be taken place in paddy fields after obtaining paddy harvest in those fields. According to field information, more than 75% of the harvesting had been completed in hilly areas of Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Boralanda, Ambagasdova, Uvaparagama areas of the Welimada DS division during the *Maha* season and the supply will be over from the month of May for Welimada potato.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10,865 mt of potato had been imported in April which was 1,390 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan (85%), followed by Bangladesh (13%). Compared to April, 2018 (11,645 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.33.00/kg in April.

With regard to local potato, the stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the Colombo wholesale market with ongoing harvesting for the *Maha* season. However, the demand was at high level during the festival season in the country during the month. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have increased by 32% and 19% in April.

Retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has also increased by 14%. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 11% and 15% respectively. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.130.00/kg and 120.00/kg respectively in April. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.120.00-145.00/kg, Rs.120.00-160.00/kg and Rs.83.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (22%) and imported (25%) potatoes have increased.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes- Nov 2018 to April 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr-2019	10,865	355.52	32.72	121.36	88.64
Mar-2019	9,475	298.61	31.52	103.66	72.15
Feb-2019	9,802	297.78	30.38	95.19	64.81
Jan -2019	21,206	704.59	33.23	93.77	75.11
Dec-2018	17,372	784.21	45.14	120.25	80.59
Nov-2018	10,681	440.08	41.20	121.79	75.60

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	100.00-145.00	119.90	85.66	88.85	34.24	28.56	31.05	25.90
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-140.00	130.60	94.90	88.20	35.70	27.34	42.40	32.47
Imported – CIF	31.74-45.20	32.72	31.52	25.60	1.21	3.69	7.12	21.77
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	120.00-145.00	132.50	90.00	91.33	42.50	32.08	41.17	31.07
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-160.00	142.19	115.15	109.79	27.04	19.02	32.40	22.79
Imported	83.00-110.00	93.08	82.45	68.34	10.63	11.42	24.74	26.58
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	150.00-240.00	191.47	164.00	149.37	27.47	14.35	42.10	21.99
Imported	100.00-140.00	121.36	103.66	91.33	17.70	14.58	30.03	24.74
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	60.87	69.10	61.17	-8.23	-13.52	-0.30	-0.49
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	88.64	72.15	65.73	16.49	18.60	22.91	25.84
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	49.28	-	39.58	-	-	9.70	19.68
Imported	-	28.28	21.21	22.99	7.07	25.00	5.29	18.72

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.245/kg and Rs.265/kg with an average of Rs.256/kg in April 2019. The average price has been increased by 6 percent compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 28%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.320/kg with an average of Rs.276/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has been increased by around 5%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased to around 14% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – April 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	245.00-265.00	255.72	240.27	200.09	15.45	6.43	55.63	27.80
Cowpea (White)	210.00-230.00	222.34	221.13	227.69	1.22	0.55	-5.35	-2.35
Cowpea (Red)	215.00-260.00	239.47	217.88	241.74	21.60	9.91	-2.26	-0.94
Retail Prices								
Green gram	260.00-320.00	276.09	261.90	241.44	14.19	5.42	34.64	14.35
Cowpea (White)	250.00-320.00	278.30	278.43	293.30	-0.13	-0.05	-14.99	-5.11
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-320.00	299.11	283.13	299.25	15.98	5.65	-0.14	-0.05

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.222/kg and Rs.239/kg, respectively in April 2019. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.210/kg and

Rs.230/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.215/kg and Rs.260/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has not significantly changed and red cowpea has been increased by around 10%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been decreased by 2% and red cowpea wholesale price has declined around 1% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.278/kg and Rs.299/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.250/kg and Rs.320/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.320/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea has not been changed significantly while red cowpea has been increased by around 6%. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of both white has been decreased by 5% and red cowpea price has not significantly changed. (Table 2.4.2).

A total of 1,128 MT of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is an increase of 21% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.165/kg which was increased by 3 percent compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.185.92 million which has increased by 24% of the total value spent on green gram importation compared to the previous month. Green gram has been imported from several countries which are Argentina (35%), Myanmar (34%), United Arab Emirate (9%), Australia (8%), Thailand (8%), South Africa (4%) and India (2%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- Nov 2018 to April 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	1,128	185.92	164.79	276.09	111.30
March	934	149.88	160.55	261.90	101.35
February	876	144.85	165.29	258.21	92.92
January	1,329	210.79	158.59	256.53	105.25
December	1,034	155.43	150.30	255.55	100.85
November	808	120.29	148.80	249.66	103.41

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

According to table 2.4.4, a total of 435 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been decreased by 20% compared to March 2019. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.119.50/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been decreased by 18% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.52 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Myanmar (50%), Madagascar (22%), Brazil (17%) and India (11%).

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- Nov 2018 to April 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April	438	52.32	119.49	278.43	158.94
March	547	63.57	116.15	275.49	159.34
February	737	83.96	113.93	273.31	159.38
January	900	104.65	116.28	278.22	163.07
December	614	70.72	115.14	279.38	166.82
November	740	83.30	112.56	275.27	163.00

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

Table 2.4.5: Monthly average CIF, wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Apr - 2019	164.79	255.72	276.09	90.93	20.37
	Mar - 2019	160.55	240.27	261.90	79.72	21.63
	Apr - 2018	135.32	200.09	241.44	64.77	41.35
Cowpea (White)	Apr - 2019	119.49	222.34	278.30	102.85	55.96
	Mar - 2019	116.15	221.13	278.43	104.97	57.31
	Apr - 2018	125.01	227.69	293.30	102.68	65.60
Cowpea (Red)	Apr - 2019	-	239.47	299.11	-	59.64
	Mar - 2019	-	217.88	283.13	-	65.25
	Apr - 2018	-	241.74	299.25	-	57.51

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.106/kg and Rs.112/kg with an average of Rs.108/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.130/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.21/kg during this month. The wholesale price has not been changed significantly and the retail price has inclined by around 1% compared with the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale has been increased by 3% while the retail price has increased by 2%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal – April 2019

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	106.00-112.00	108.35	108.63	105.53	-0.28	-0.26	2.82	2.67
Retail Price	120.00-140.00	129.52	128.77	127.25	0.75	0.58	2.27	1.78

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 11,062 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.83/kg and CIF price has been decreased by 2 percent compared to the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 10,651 MT) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 411 MT) was of the split type. The whole type of red dhal, 77% from Canada, 20% from Australia, 2% from India, 1% from United Arab Emirates have been imported. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs.874 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.82 per kilo and the split type red dhal, has been imported mainly from Canada. The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.99 per kilo and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.40.56 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal
Nov 2018 to April 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Apr-2019	11,062	82.64	108.35	129.52	25.70	21.17
Mar-2019	20,901	84.18	108.63	128.77	24.44	20.15
Feb-2019	14,757	85.72	115.54	131.22	29.82	15.69
Jan-2019	14,543	83.23	113.50	128.88	29.04	16.93
Dec-2018	16,510	81.21	110.25	127.19	26.57	20.96
Nov-2018	14,866	76.60	103.16	124.13	26.55	22.73

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Considering the weather situation prevailed in major vegetable producing areas, dry weather condition further continued in most of the vegetable producing areas during the month. In Nuwara Eliya district, rain fall has been reduced by 45% compared to the month of April in last year. However, Monaragala and Keppetipola received rainfall during the second half of the month. Vegetable harvesting of this *Maha* season occurred in its end phase. HARTI field information revealed that harvesting of this *Maha* season will be ended up earlier compared to the previous *Mhaha* seasons resulting prevailed dry weather condition. Meanwhile the most of the vegetable fields keep ready to start the cultivation of *Yala* (2019) season. Nevertheless, crop establishment in the *Yala* season has been delayed in most of the producing areas due to prevailed dry weather condition.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Vegetable harvesting of the *Maha* season has reached too its end phase. Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center had received about 2000-2500mt of vegetable stock on daily basis. Off season for vegetable will be started from next month and it will be prevailed until the *Yala* (2019) harvest receive to the market from July.

The vegetable market was operated and experienced the low supplies due to the end of *Maha* harvest as well as increased demand motivated by Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival season. It should be noted that vegetable market was functioned as usual as in previous years up to the 3rd week of the month, however it was hampered by the unfortunate incident occurred on Easter Sunday. Hence, buyers and sellers were very limited in the most of the market during the latter part of the month.

Overall, the prices of most of vegetable varieties have increased during the month. With regard to wholesale prices of up country vegetables, the prices of all the vegetable varieties except for carrot, leeks and knolkhol have increased in the range of 12%-148% recording the highest increase for beans. However, the wholesale prices of carrot, leeks and knolkhol have decreased by less than 5%. The wholesale prices of low country vegetable also have increased by 4%-56% recording the highest for ladies fingers. Nevertheless, the wholesale prices of brinjal, drumstick and ash plantain have decreased by 44%, 6% and 24% respectively.

In addition, the price of lime also has increased by 172% and the price was ranged between 80.00-300.00/kg, averaging to Rs.173.00/kg. According to the seasonal price index for lime, generally lime price is expected to increase from March to May of a year. However, the price increase for lime in this year was sharp than that of previous years due to the reduction of anticipated

production resulting the prevailed dry weather condition. Very limited stocks of lime will be expected during next month, therefore, increasing the price drastically.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the up country vegetable varieties had increased by 6%-153% recording the highest for beetroot. Similarly, the wholesale prices of most of low country vegetables also had increased by 3%-120% recording the highest for tomato.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – Apr 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-300.00	155.25	62.53	78.00	92.72	148.27	77.25	99.04
Carrot	30.00-100.00	62.54	65.73	82.42	-3.19	-4.85	-19.87	-24.12
Leeks	20.00-60.00	42.44	43.33	137.50	-0.90	-2.07	-95.06	-69.14
Beetroot	40.00-100.00	64.20	57.17	25.36	7.03	12.30	38.84	153.17
Knolkhol	30.00-70.00	51.21	51.88	33.49	-0.67	-1.29	17.71	52.89
Radish	20.00-60.00	47.25	36.35	31.50	10.90	29.97	15.75	50.00
Cabbage	15.00-45.00	30.31	27.14	28.53	3.17	11.67	1.78	6.23
Tomato	30.00-110.00	58.00	42.92	26.42	15.08	35.15	31.58	119.56
Ladies Fingers	40.00-70.00	53.33	34.17	39.02	19.17	56.10	14.31	36.68
Brinjal	15.00-90.00	47.40	85.38	45.83	-37.97	-44.48	1.58	3.44
Capsicum	80.00-160.00	109.00	99.70	80.86	9.30	9.33	28.14	34.81
Pumpkin	15.00-45.00	22.50	18.85	19.38	3.65	19.34	3.12	16.08
Cucumber	25.00-70.00	40.08	26.67	46.58	13.42	50.31	-6.50	-13.95
Bittergourd	80.00-130.00	99.00	95.17	75.89	3.83	4.02	23.11	30.45
Snakegourd	60.00-120.00	85.63	66.26	57.67	19.37	29.23	27.97	48.50
Drumstick	120.00-200.00	161.67	171.18	-	-9.51	-5.56	-	-
Luffa	50.00-90.00	73.20	62.92	63.21	10.28	16.35	10.00	15.81
Long Beans	20.00-100.00	55.73	43.28	34.50	12.45	28.76	21.23	61.52
Ash Plantain	30.00-70.00	49.15	64.57	46.67	-15.42	-23.89	2.48	5.31
Green Chilli	80.00-180.00	117.83	169.58	50.92	-51.75	-30.52	66.92	131.42
Lime	80.00-300.00	173.29	63.72	188.79	109.57	171.97	-15.50	-8.21

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The behavior of the retail prices for most of the vegetables was more or less similar with the wholesale market. With regard to up country vegetables, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased by 6%-66%. The highest price increase was noted for beans. Further, retail prices of most of the low country vegetable varieties also have increased in the range of 3%-23%. The offseason for the vegetables will be started from next month and therefore, the prices are expected to increase during next month. Higher prices will be prevailed up to July.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the up country vegetables have increased by 4%-37% followed by low country vegetables as 3%-39%.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – April 2019

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-400.00	212.08	127.60	154.67	84.49	66.21	57.41	37.12
Carrot	100.00-320.00	142.99	135.46	147.19	7.53	5.56	-4.20	-2.86
Leeks	80.00-160.00	126.79	119.68	208.31	7.11	5.94	-81.52	-39.13
Beetroot	80.00-200.00	127.88	119.61	104.81	8.27	6.91	23.07	22.02
Knolkhol	80.00-200.00	144.82	145.45	123.22	-0.63	-0.43	21.60	17.53
Radish	70.00-160.00	122.53	111.39	106.96	11.14	10.00	15.56	14.55
Cabbage	60.00-160.00	108.71	97.91	104.18	10.80	11.03	4.53	4.35
Tomato	60.00-200.00	114.69	93.36	82.71	21.33	22.85	31.98	38.66
Ladies Fingers	80.00-160.00	131.90	114.38	118.53	17.52	15.32	13.36	11.27
Brinjal	60.00-200.00	122.11	136.91	115.07	-14.81	-10.81	7.04	6.12
Capsicum	120.00-320.00	195.91	188.72	172.04	7.19	3.81	23.87	13.88
Pumpkin	40.00-120.00	88.68	78.56	93.84	10.12	12.88	-5.16	-5.50
Cucumber	50.00-160.00	104.82	92.39	120.40	12.43	13.45	-15.58	-12.94
Bittergourd	100.00-320.00	183.28	168.48	160.05	14.80	8.79	23.23	14.51
Snakegourd	100.00-200.00	152.05	132.54	131.13	19.51	14.72	20.92	15.95
Drumstick	160.00-500.00	304.25	311.62	256.25	-7.37	-2.36	48.00	18.73
Luffa	100.00-200.00	161.36	149.03	152.30	12.33	8.27	9.06	5.95
Long Beans	80.00-200.00	133.07	121.69	117.38	11.38	9.35	15.69	13.37
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	124.38	120.82	120.67	3.56	2.94	3.71	3.08
Green Chilli	100.00-400.00	284.16	326.05	175.63	-41.89	-12.85	108.53	61.79
Lime	100.00-600.00	344.19	205.71	375.63	138.49	67.32	-31.43	-8.37

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in March, 2019, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in April 2019. Accordingly, prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 21%, 17% and 18% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.88.75/fruit, Rs.128.28/fruit and Rs.166.25/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-220.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Vilad, Betti and Karthakolomban had decreased by 23%, 20% and 15% respectively and their price ranges recorded for a fruit were Rs.15.00-38.00, Rs.15.00-33.00 and Rs.35.00-100.00 respectively. Price of papaw had decreased by 46% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.66.35/kg and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-90.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit, imported grapes and avocado had decreased by 41%, 3% and 1% respectively. Further, the price of banana variety, Ambun had also decreased by 1% and the price was noted as Rs.13.00-20.00/fruit (Table 4.1).

However, prices of other banana varieties, Kolikuttu, Ambul, Seeni and Anamalu had recorded price increases compared to March, 2019. Prices of Kolikuttu, Ambul and Seeni had increased by 22%, 13% and 9% respectively and their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.100.00-180.00/kg, Rs.30.00-80.00/kg and Rs.50.00-80.00/kg respectively. Price of banana variety, Anamalu also recorded a 9% price increase and the price ranged between Rs.10.00-16.00/fruit. In addition, 39%, 21% and 20% price increases were noted for wood apple, slime apple and orange respectively (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2018, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 75% recorded for wood apple (Table 4.1). According to the data in previous years, prices of all the fruit varieties except orange are expected to be decreased in the coming month due to the decreased consumer demand after the festive season.

In analyzing the prices at the retail level, it was observed that the prices of all the fruit varieties except banana and imported grapes had decreased in the month of April compared to March. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 6%, 5% and 9% respectively and price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.80.00-280.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Vilad and Betti had decreased by 40%, 15% and 13% respectively. Price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.40.00-180.00. Price of papaw had also decreased by 37% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-160.00/kg. In addition, prices of avocado, passion fruit and slime apple had decreased by 29%, 17% and 11% respectively, while price of wood apple had decreased by 2%. Even though the price of orange had also decreased it was not by a notable amount (Table 4.2).

On the other hand, as stated earlier, price increases were noted for all the banana varieties and the increases were in the range of 1%-8%. Prices of Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni had increased by 8%, 7% and 3% respectively and their price ranges were noted as Rs.60.00-140.00/kg, Rs.150.00-230.00/kg and Rs.80.00-150.00/kg respectively. Further, prices of banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun had increased by 1% and their prices ranged between Rs.14.00-22.00/fruit and Rs.16.00-28.00/fruit respectively. Further, price of imported grapes had increased by 2% and the price was noted as Rs.800.00-1,000.00/kg (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2018, retail prices of banana varieties, pineapple, papaw, orange and slime apple had decreased with the highest price decrease of 13% noted for banana variety, Ambul while, prices of mango varieties, passion fruit, wood apple, avocado and imported grapes had increased with the highest price increase of 42% recorded for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Kolikuttu and Ambul and prices had increased by 23% and 14% respectively. Conversely, producer price of papaw had decreased by 44% compared to the prices in March, 2019. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.12.00-52.00/kg, Rs.65.00-135.00/kg and Rs.32.00-65.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to April, 2018, producer prices had increased for Kolikuttu and papaw by 6% and 2% respectively and it was a price decrease for Ambul by 21% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 743mt of fresh fruits in April, 2019 to the value of Rs.95mn. Of the exported quantity, 89% were papaw, 7% were fresh pineapple, 3% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. Further, 0.2mt of fresh oranges were also exported. However, the percentage value of fresh oranges was less than 1% of the total quantity. In the month of March, 2019, the quantity exported was 832mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 11% (Table 4.4).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – April 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-80.00	45.68	40.45	69.54	5.22	12.91	-23.86	-34.32
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-180.00	130.75	106.95	136.33	23.80	22.25	-5.58	-4.09
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	60.59	55.67	72.55	4.92	8.84	-11.96	-16.49
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-16.00	11.88	10.85	16.40	1.03	9.46	-4.52	-27.58
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-20.00	16.12	16.28	21.19	-0.16	-0.96	-5.07	-23.94
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	140.00-220.00	166.25	202.58	154.19	-36.33	-17.94	12.06	7.82
Medium (Fruit)	100.00-170.00	128.28	154.00	120.27	-25.72	-16.70	8.01	6.66
Small (Fruit)	60.00-130.00	88.75	113.04	86.41	-24.29	-21.49	2.34	2.71
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	15.00-33.00	24.82	31.13	22.76	-6.31	-20.26	2.06	9.06
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	35.00-100.00	70.31	82.86	56.01	-12.56	-15.15	14.29	25.52
Vilad (Fruit)	15.00-38.00	28.48	36.84	26.97	-8.36	-22.70	1.51	5.60
Kohu (Fruit)	10.00-16.00	14.00	5.00	20.00	9.00	180.00	-6.00	-30.00
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-90.00	66.35	124.00	69.94	-57.65	-46.50	-3.60	-5.14
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-21.00	16.75	28.37	16.01	-11.62	-40.96	0.74	4.63
Woodapple (Fruit)	17.00-35.00	25.91	18.60	14.83	7.31	39.32	11.08	74.70
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	21.20	17.72	26.11	3.48	19.62	-4.91	-18.82
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-120.00	72.02	72.57	58.82	-0.55	-0.76	13.21	22.45
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	26.58	22.01	26.57	4.57	20.76	0.02	0.06
Grapes Imported (Kg)	512.00-722.00	625.27	646.90	571.75	-21.63	-3.34	53.52	9.36

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – April 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-140.00	96.15	89.08	110.06	7.08	7.94	-13.91	-12.64
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-230.00	181.81	170.56	195.90	11.25	6.60	-14.09	-7.19
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-150.00	111.67	108.22	120.88	3.45	3.19	-9.21	-7.62
Anamalu (Fruit)	14.00-22.00	17.39	17.23	19.66	0.16	0.93	-2.28	-11.57
Ambun (Fruit)	16.00-28.00	21.82	21.60	24.06	0.23	1.05	-2.24	-9.30
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	180.00-280.00	214.83	236.08	220.61	-21.25	-9.00	-5.78	-2.62
Medium (Fruit)	140.00-180.00	155.09	162.77	154.45	-7.68	-4.72	0.64	0.42
Small (Fruit)	80.00-130.00	106.12	113.51	114.62	-7.39	-6.51	-8.50	-7.42
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-60.00	52.00	60.00	40.12	-8.00	-13.33	11.88	29.60
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-180.00	89.54	148.56	78.61	-59.02	-39.73	10.93	13.90
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	48.40	56.92	43.27	-8.52	-14.96	5.14	11.87
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	60.00	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-160.00	115.09	183.89	118.49	-68.80	-37.41	-3.39	-2.86
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	37.55	45.27	26.47	-7.72	-17.06	11.08	41.88
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	51.06	52.18	41.84	-1.12	-2.15	9.22	22.02
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	45.69	45.79	46.34	-0.10	-0.22	-0.65	-1.41
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	90.20	126.44	85.47	-36.24	-28.66	4.73	5.53
Slime Apple (Fruit)	35.00-100.00	53.94	60.46	59.99	-6.51	-10.77	-6.04	-10.07
Grapes Imported (Kg)	800.00-1000.00	914.17	897.29	837.36	16.88	1.88	76.81	9.17

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,590mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.709mn. Of the imported quantity, 69% were apple, 16% were oranges and 15% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, China, the United States, Italy and Spain. Egypt was the importing country of oranges. Grapes had been imported from India, South Africa and Australia. In the month of March, 2019, the quantity imported was 4,370mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 18% (Table 4.5).

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – April 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	12.00-52.50	30.45	26.61	38.63	3.84	14.42	-8.18	-21.18
Kolikuttu	65.00-135.00	99.48	81.03	94.17	18.45	22.77	5.31	5.64
Papaw	32.50-65.00	45.23	81.37	44.44	-36.14	-44.41	0.79	1.78

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, value and FOB prices of exported fruits -February 2019 to April 2019

Type of Fruit	Apr - 2019			Mar - 2019			Feb - 2019		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	50.57	20.62	407.82	81.76	43.40	530.83	23.78	8.99	377.94
Papaw	659.70	62.32	94.47	707.03	64.01	90.53	407.11	41.60	102.19
Fresh Mango	22.18	7.32	330.10	37.32	8.22	220.34	49.40	21.11	427.35
Avocado, fresh	10.11	4.42	437.31	5.18	2.69	519.45	4.33	2.29	529.19

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits - February 2019 to April 2019

Type of Fruit	Apr - 2019			Mar - 2019			Feb - 2019		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	2,462	455.67	185.08	2,462	455.76	185.09	1,629	273.19	167.73
Grapes	536	197.47	368.68	822	312.98	380.67	399	149.41	374.74
Oranges	592	55.87	94.40	1,086	102.85	94.71	772	77.05	99.86

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.1 presents wholesale and retail prices of fish for April, 2019. Wholesale prices of the given fish types ranged between Rs.80.00/kg and Rs.200.00/kg during April, 2019. Average wholesale prices of these fish types vary from Rs. 144.00 to Rs. 1044.00. Relative to average wholesale prices of last month, this month average fish price increase was reported for all selected fish types and this price increase ranges from 0.4% to 18%. However, compared to average wholesale prices of the same period of last year, average wholesale prices of this month have decreased only for *Thora* by about 1.2% and average wholesale price increase was reported for all other selected species.

Retail prices of the given types of fish ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.2000.00/kg during this month. Average retail prices of these kinds of fish vary from Rs. 264.00 to Rs. 1572.00. Comparative to average retail prices of these fish types last month, this month retail prices have decreased only for *Balaya* by 0.67%. Price increase was reported for all other fish species and price increase ranges from 13% to 0.45%. Compared to average retail prices of the same period of last year, average retail prices of all reported fish types have increased in this Month (for *Salaya* by 45%, *Hurulla* by 16%, *Balaya* by 28%, *Kelawalla* by 12%, *Thora* by 8%, *Paraw* by 12%, *Mora* by 5%, *Shrimps-small* by 4% and *Thalapath* by 12%).

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Aprr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	80.00-200.00	143.77	122.03	137.98	21.75	17.82	5.80	4.20
Hurulla	200.00-350.00	281.78	252.28	255.13	29.50	11.69	26.64	10.44
Balaya	200.00-450.00	294.71	257.72	278.27	36.99	14.35	16.44	5.91
Kelawalla	400.00-650.00	517.06	469.06	501.75	48.00	10.23	15.31	3.05
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1043.78	1039.58	1056.55	4.19	0.40	-12.77	-1.21
Paraw	400.00-650.00	539.73	470.36	535.50	69.37	14.75	4.23	0.79
Mora	500.00-650.00	572.62	543.01	564.67	29.61	5.45	7.95	1.41
Shrimp (small)	750.00-900.00	836.38	777.54	824.57	58.84	7.57	11.81	1.43
Thalapath	650.00-800.00	750.95	733.89	728.00	17.06	2.33	22.95	3.15
Retail Prices								
Salaya	200.00-360.00	263.48	232.71	181.59	30.77	13.22	81.89	45.09
Hurulla	300.00-640.00	454.99	422.96	393.34	32.03	7.57	61.65	15.67
Balaya	480.00-800.00	645.14	649.51	503.40	-4.37	-0.67	141.73	28.16
Kelawalla	760.00-1200.00	953.48	933.79	852.97	19.68	2.11	100.50	11.78
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1572.26	1506.44	1454.64	65.82	4.37	117.62	8.09
Paraw	800.00-1300.00	1029.92	1025.10	923.64	4.82	0.47	106.28	11.51
Mora	800.00-1000.00	893.79	887.68	848.17	6.11	0.69	45.62	5.38
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1300.00	1081.90	1059.76	1043.72	22.13	2.09	38.18	3.66
Thalapath	1000.00-1400.00	1186.00	1180.70	1058.78	5.29	0.45	127.21	12.02

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.2 presents wholesale and retail prices of dried fish in April 2019. Wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.200.00 /kg and Rs.1350.00 /kg during this month. Average wholesale price of dried fish varies from Rs. 292.50/kg (for *Salaya*) to Rs.1275.00/kg (for imported *Thora*).

Compared to average wholesale dried fish prices of previous month, average wholesale dried fish prices of April have increased and decreased. The highest price increase was reported for sprats as about 16% and the lowest price increase was for *Anguluwa* as about 0.3%. As per table 5.2, average wholesale prices of *Kattawa*, Imported *Kattawa*, Imported *Thora*, *Mora* and Imported *Anguluwa* increased by about 10%, 6%, 2.5%, 1% and 2% respectively. The highest price decrease was reported for *Salaya* as about 16% and the lowest price decrease was reported for *Maduwa* as about 0.33%. Further, average wholesale prices of imported sprats, imported *Mora*, *Balaya*, *Maduwa* and *Salaya* have decreased by 4.5%, 2%, 4%, 3% and 54.5% respectively.

Compared to average wholesale prices in April 2018, wholesale prices of sprats, imported sprats, imported *Mora*, imported *Maduwa* and *Salaya* have decreased by about 8%, 18%, 5%, 7% and 8% respectively. Prices of *Kattawa*, Imported *Kattawa*, Imported *Thora*, *Mora*, *Balaya*, *Anguluwa*, Imported *Anguluwa* and *Maduwa* have increased by about 15%, 13%, 17%, 0.6%, 3%, 13%, 21% and 7% respectively.

Retail prices of dried fish types given in table 5.2 ranged between 400.00/kg and Rs.1900.00 /kg during this month. However, compared to average retail prices of previous month, those prices of sprats, *kattawa*, *Thora*, *Mora*, *Anguluwa* and *Maduwa* have increased by about 1.37%, 2.24%, 2.5%, 2%, 1% and 4.6% respectively. Price of *Balaya* and *Salaya* have decreased by about 1.5% and 3%.

Compared to average retail prices in April 2018, the prices of all dried fish types, except imported sprats, have increased in this month. The highest average retail price increase was reported as 9% for *Kattawa* and the lowest average retail price increase was reported as 0.27% for *Salaya* (table 5.2).

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	650.00-900.00	782.50	674.50	847.73	108.00	16.01	-65.23	-7.70
Sprats (imported)	400.00-500.00	443.58	464.25	539.60	-20.67	-4.45	-96.02	-17.79
Kattawa	1000.00-1150.00	1065.00	970.44	929.18	94.56	9.74	135.82	14.62
Kattawa (imported)	880.00-1050.00	945.28	891.22	839.24	54.06	6.07	106.04	12.64
Thora	-	-	1216.67	1160.83	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	1200.00-1350.00	1275.00	1243.75	1088.33	31.25	2.51	186.67	17.15
Mora	830.00-950.00	894.08	884.75	888.51	9.33	1.05	5.57	0.63
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	762.75	775.07	804.77	-12.32	-1.59	-42.02	-5.22
Balaya	350.00-450.00	411.25	428.75	399.25	-17.50	-4.08	12.00	3.01
Balaya (imported)	-	-	583.06	325.80	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	840.00-1000.00	938.93	936.16	833.17	2.77	0.30	105.76	12.69
Anguluwa (imported)	800.00-940.00	876.77	858.52	724.51	18.25	2.13	152.26	21.02
Maduwa	450.00-600.00	544.39	562.31	511.06	-17.92	-3.19	33.33	6.52
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-450.00	400.45	401.78	429.93	-1.33	-0.33	-29.48	-6.86
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-400.00	292.50	347.00	317.85	-54.50	-15.71	-25.35	-7.98
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	703.41	703.78	717.47	-0.37	-0.05	-14.06	-1.96
Sprats	900.00-1600.00	1187.17	1171.17	1153.79	16.00	1.37	33.38	2.89
Kattawa	1000.00-1500.00	1298.62	1270.17	1193.83	28.44	2.24	104.79	8.78
Thora	1300.00-1900.00	1649.09	1609.36	1530.25	39.73	2.47	118.85	7.77
Mora	920.00-1500.00	1188.45	1166.54	1134.21	21.91	1.88	54.24	4.78
Balaya	600.00-1100.00	843.38	856.06	819.37	-12.68	-1.48	24.01	2.93
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1154.67	1141.30	1071.86	13.37	1.17	82.81	7.73
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	781.67	747.25	779.52	34.42	4.61	2.14	0.27
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	637.67	657.46	633.01	-19.79	-3.01	4.66	0.74

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

As given in table 5.3, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have ranged from Rs. 16.50 to Rs. 20.0 and Rs. 15.50 to Rs. 19.00 respectively. Average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs are Rs. 18.80 and Rs. 17.80 respectively. Compared to average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs in the previous year, the prices in this month have increased by about 8% each. Compared to average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs in the same period of last year, the prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 51% and 62% respectively.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.17.00 and Rs. 22.50 and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.16.00 and Rs. 21.50 in this month. Average prices of brown and white eggs were recorded as Rs. 20.00 and Rs. 19.00 respectively. Compared to average prices of brown and white eggs in the previous month, the prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 8% and 9% respectively. Thus, compared to average retail prices of brown and white eggs in the same period of last year, the prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 45% and 52% respectively (table 5.3).

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	16.50-20.00	18.81	17.43	12.47	1.38	7.91	6.35	50.90
White (each)	15.50-19.00	17.81	16.43	11.00	1.38	8.39	6.81	61.93
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	17.00-22.50	20.24	18.67	13.98	1.57	8.42	6.27	44.85
White (each)	16.00-21.50	19.23	17.62	12.68	1.61	9.12	6.55	51.63

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Table 5.4 presents retail prices of meat. The prices of the given meat types vary from Rs. 480.00/kg to Rs. 2000.00/kg. The highest average retail price observed was Rs.1860.00/kg for Mutton and the lowest retail price was Rs. 593.00/kg for Broiler chicken. Furthermore, compared to all retail meat prices of the previous month, this month prices have increased as 1.6% for broiler chicken, 1% for Mutton and 1.8% for pork. Prices of beef and curry chicken have not drastically changed. However, compared to retail prices of all meats in the previous year, the prices of beef, broiler chicken, curry chicken, mutton and pork have increased by about 4%, 5%, 10%, 2% and 39% respectively.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – April 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	985.38	981.41	950.77	3.97	0.40	34.62	3.64
Chicken (Broiler)	480.00-710.00	593.95	584.82	566.19	9.13	1.56	27.76	4.90
Chicken (curry)	500.00-750.00	618.60	623.55	564.88	-4.94	-0.79	53.72	9.51
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1858.51	1841.62	1822.45	16.89	0.92	36.06	1.98
Pork	700.00-900.00	779.67	766.00	559.60	13.67	1.78	220.07	39.33

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 175,208mt. worth of 8,583mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of April. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased and it was 62,393mt. in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of April had been mainly imported from Canada (69%) and the CIF price was Rs.50.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Russia (27,500mt.) and Pakistan (15,670mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (3%) and Australia (3%). Few quantities were also imported from and India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.45.00-63.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.49.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has increased only by Rs.1.00/kg.

A total quantity of 263mt. of wheat flour worth of 21mn. had been imported during the month of April. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased and it was four times in terms of quantity. This is the least wheat flour quantity which imported since last January. Nearly three fourth from the total quantity of wheat flour for the month of April had been imported from India (74%) and its' CIF price was Rs.84.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from Pakistan (16%), Indonesia (9%) and France (1%) as well. In addition, few quantities were also imported from China and Israel. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of April ranged between Rs.58.00-84.00/kg (for main three importing countries, which represent more than 95% from the total wheat flour imports).

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.88.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.94.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 4%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2019	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019		Apr 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	88.00-100.00	93.97	94.33	90.32	-0.36	-0.39	3.65	4.04
Sugar	95.00-110.00	104.74	104.57	108.62	0.17	0.16	-3.89	-3.58

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain-Nov 2018 to April 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Apr-2019	263	21.12	80.20	93.97	13.77
Mar-2019	1,102	77.64	70.48	94.33	23.85
Feb-2019	754	55.23	73.20	94.41	21.21
Jan-2019	581	43.93	75.66	94.43	18.77
Dec- 2018	1,385	102.51	74.04	93.63	19.59
Nov-2018	537	38.33	71.44	93.68	22.24
Wheat Grain					
Apr-2019	175,208	8,583	48.99	93.97	44.98
Mar-2019	112,815	5,421	48.05	94.33	46.28
Feb-2019	142,478	7,199	50.53	94.41	43.88
Jan-2019	100,466	5,070	50.47	94.43	43.96
Dec- 2018	139,382	6,653	47.73	93.63	45.90
Nov-2018	94,907	4,414	46.51	93.68	47.17

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

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 30,356mt. worth of 1,882mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of April. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased and it was 15,516mt. in terms of quantity. Sugar for the month of April had been mainly imported from India (80%) and its' CIF price was Rs.60.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (18%). Furthermore, sugar has also imported from United Arab Emirates (1%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Korea and Spain as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.60.00-86.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.62.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar has increased only by Rs.1.00/kg. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 182 points in April 2019, up by 3.2% from March 2019. This is due to the rise in international crude oil prices.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of April, price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.105.00/kg. The average retail price of sugar remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has decreased by 4%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- Nov 2018 to April 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr-2019	30,356	1881.9	61.99	104.74	42.74
Mar-2019	45,872	2775.3	60.50	104.57	44.07
Feb-2019	33,893	2052.6	60.56	105.34	44.78
Jan-2019	35,030	2227.6	63.59	105.92	42.33
Dec- 2018	59,943	3626.2	60.49	107.88	47.39
Nov-2018	35,396	2094.5	59.17	107.84	48.67

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

Table 7: Import of selected food items – April 2019

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Apr-2019	Mar-2019		Apr-2019	Mar-2019		Apr-2019	Mar-2019	
Rice	1,208	1,930	-37.4	115.7	169.5	-31.8	95.79	87.85	9.0
Red Onion	142	107	32.4	11.8	7.0	68.3	83.15	65.44	27.1
Big Onion	19,699	22,323	-11.8	911.6	826.0	10.4	46.28	37.00	25.1
Potato	10,865	9,475	14.7	355.5	298.6	19.1	32.72	31.52	3.8
Dried Chillies	3,584	5,830	-38.5	779.9	1272.2	-38.7	217.61	218.21	-0.3
Masoor Dhal	11,062	20,901	-47.1	914.2	1759.5	-48.0	82.64	84.18	-1.8
Green Gram	1,128	934	20.9	185.9	149.9	24.0	164.79	160.55	2.6
Cowpea	438	547	-20.0	52.3	63.6	-17.7	119.49	116.15	2.9
Garlic	2,101	4,569	-54.0	369.4	638.8	-42.2	175.83	139.81	25.8
Wheat flour	263	1,102	-76.1	21.1	77.6	-72.8	80.20	70.48	13.8
Wheat grain	175,208	112,815	55.3	8582.8	5420.8	58.3	48.99	48.05	1.9
White crystalline cane sugar	30,356	45,872	-33.8	1881.9	2775.3	-32.2	61.99	60.50	2.5
Maize	76	616	-79.7	8.1	33.5	-76.1	105.96	54.36	17.8

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – April 2019

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	155.7	151.6	12	12
Badulla	42.3	203.5	12	14
Bandarawela	125.5	158.3	14	12
Batticaloa	49.7	55.0	2	5
Colombo	193.8	245.6	13	14
Galle	88.4	206.8	15	12
Hambantota	79.1	99.6	10	8
Jaffna	36.4	52.3	5	4
Katugastota	222.9	187.7	14	14
Katunayaka	217.5	241.4	14	13
Kurunegala	145.5	264.3	19	16
Mahailuppallama	296.1	179.5	15	12
Mannar	19.8	81.4	2	6
Nuwara Eliya	112.9	158.4	14	13
Pottuvil	178.3	81.9	5	na
Puttalam	94.3	181.5	10	10
Ratmalana	191.6	246.5	14	14
Ratnapura	225.1	338.9	17	20
Trincomalee	4.7	49.2	1	5
Vavuniya	102.5	128.5	9	10
Polonnaruwa	9.7	na	3	na
Moneragala	305.3	na	13	na
Mattala	134.6	na	9	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

Note: na refers to not available

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

April - 2019

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	122.00	128.00	133.00	138.00	132.00	Welimada	44.67	41.50	46.33	28.40	36.20
A'pura	37.13	39.25	38.67	39.50	39.33	Badulla	102.00	114.00				N'Eliya	47.00	38.00	43.00	43.00	33.00
P'narawa	36.62	40.75	41.21	41.21	40.75	Welimada	107.50	111.00	121.00	135.00	125.00	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	36.33	39.67	40.00	39.67	40.00	Pulses						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala	38.33	40.33	41.33	42.83	42.83	Green Gram						N'Eliya	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	32.00
Dehiattakandiya	38.67	39.33	38.67	38.67	38.67	Galgamuwa				150.00	150.00	Dambulla	48.80	51.20	50.80	55.80	59.80
Ampara	36.40	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	Kalawewa	160.00	150.00				Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	175.83	175.83		110.00	175.00	Welimada	43.75	41.50	45.25	39.25	46.00
A'pura	38.63	39.75	40.33	40.50	41.25	Kurunegala				215.00	215.00	Knokhol					
P'narawa	37.60	40.79	40.49	40.49	41.31	A'pura		175.00		180.00	180.00	Hanguranketha					
Kalawewa	39.00	40.00	40.00	40.67	41.67	Cowpea						N'Eliya	38.00	38.00	42.00	42.00	33.00
Kurunegala	39.17	41.00	42.33	43.67	43.67	A'pura	125.00			115.00	115.00	Welimada	42.25	41.50	45.25	44.75	47.00
Dehiattakandiya	39.50	41.50	39.50	39.50	39.50	Galgamuwa	43.75	41.50	45.25	39.25	46.00	Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Hanguranketha					
Ampara	36.60	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	Kalawewa	110.00	110.00		110.00	175.00	N'Eliya	27.00	33.00	37.00	37.00	37.00
Matara						Embilipitiya	167.50	167.50		215.00	215.00	Welimada	27.80	29.75	37.00	38.50	41.60
Hambantota						Kurunegala				180.00	180.00	Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha					
Matara	31.75	30.67	34.00	34.00	35.00	A'Pura		45.00		46.00	48.00	N'Eliya	43.00	23.00	27.00	27.00	20.40
Hambantota	30.00	33.67	33.67	35.00	35.00	Kalawewa				45.00	45.00	Welimada	19.80	19.60	27.67	24.40	21.20
Ampara	32.40	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	31.43	32.57	32.57	33.40	34.50	A'Pura		250.00		250.00	250.00	Badulla	19.40	19.40	27.00	36.00	19.00
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa	220.00	220.00		200.00	200.00	Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha					
A'Pura						Kalawewa	180.00	175.00		180.00	180.00	Welimada	20.20	26.20	31.75	19.40	39.50
Galgamuwa						A'Pura		180.00		200.00	200.00	Hambantota	30.00	27.50	55.00	29.00	52.50
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	30.20	72.80	29.60	38.60	59.80
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country					
Puttalam	57.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	74.00	Dambulla	81.60	98.00	78.20	180.00	232.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	81.60	94.75	130.00	190.00	230.00	A'pura	43.33	56.67	45.00	56.67	56.67
Dambulla						Badulla	56.00	81.00	94.00	181.00	194.00	Dambulla	41.00	45.40	25.80	59.67	59.80
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota	45.00	45.00	45.00	37.50	67.50
A'Pura						Hanguranketha						Embilipitiya	39.57	60.71	44.40	41.40	78.00
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	73.00	58.00	63.00	63.00	57.00	Matara	33.33	37.50			
						Welimada	51.20	49.60	79.50	47.00	49.50						

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	31.67	45.00	42.50	43.33	30.00	Dambulla	8.30	14.00	22.00	25.80	25.40	Hambantota	105.00	105.00	150.00	150.00	165.00
Dambulla	19.60	41.60	22.40	16.80	18.40	Hambantota	19.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	27.50	Embilipitiya	45.71	124.29	124.29	152.00	152.00
Hambantota	27.50	25.00	57.50	30.00	37.50	Embilipitiya	21.75	21.75	26.67	48.25	56.33	Moneragala	71.67	91.67	112.33	291.67	142.75
Embilipitiya	21.88	25.63	54.25	17.00	22.83	Matara	26.67	21.25	25.00	28.33	35.00	Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	23.33	40.00	35.00	25.00	27.50	A'pura	16.67	16.67	27.50	31.67	43.33	Banana					
Welimada	35.17	35.60	37.00	31.75	21.50	Moneragala	16.00	15.33	22.50	16.00	28.33	Ambul					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	31.67	36.67	33.33	41.67	36.67
Capsicum						A'pura	25.00	25.00	35.00	43.33	55.00	Embilipitiya	26.33	31.89	25.00	24.00	12.00
Welimada	113.00	125.00	146.67	92.25	88.50	Dambulla	22.60	41.60	22.20	39.20	57.80	Hambantota	22.50	27.50	52.50	27.50	27.50
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	17.50	22.50	45.00	17.50	32.50	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	61.67	80.00	75.00	70.00	116.67	Matara						Moneragala	65.00	93.33	106.67	100.00	76.67
Dambulla	62.40	71.60	60.20	66.80	79.60	Long beans						Embilipitiya	113.57	127.86	95.00	100.00	79.17
Hambantota	115.00	115.00	135.00	119.00	120.00	Dambulla	44.00	54.00	52.00	61.00	84.40	Hambantota	95.00	125.00	135.00	90.00	90.00
Embilipitiya	127.14	124.29	172.50	102.50	102.50	Hambantota	40.00	47.50	55.00	47.50	77.50	Papaw					
						Embilipitiya	69.17	73.33	47.60	93.00	89.00	Moneragala					
Snake Gourd						Matara	35.00	25.00				Embilipitiya	60.33	58.67	65.00	54.40	41.40
Dambulla	42.20	62.20	44.20	47.40	62.20	A'Pura	46.67	46.67	65.00	66.67	103.33	Hambantota	35.00	35.00	32.50	32.50	37.50
Hambantota	80.00	60.00	47.50	42.50	52.50	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	50.33	53.67	41.75	42.40	64.40	Hambantota	50.00	47.50	52.50	47.50	52.50	Divulapitiya					
Matara	45.00	45.00				Embilipitiya	34.17	34.17	34.17	31.40	31.40						
A'pura	53.33	61.67	70.00	68.33	86.67	Matara		25.00	35.00	25.00	37.50						
Luffa						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	53.60	63.80	37.60	62.80	92.60	Dambulla	111.00	172.00	178.00	92.50	87.40						
Hambantota	75.00	65.00	65.00	57.50	72.50	Hambantota	170.00	170.00	260.00	260.00	272.50						
Embilipitiya	75.00	76.67	43.40	46.17	69.17	Embilipitiya	158.33	238.33	276.67	198.00	139.00						
Matara						Puttalam	84.00	99.00	120.00	132.50	82.00						
A'pura	63.33	73.33	75.00	73.33	90.00	A'Pura	206.67	220.00	230.00	150.00	136.67						