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Highlights

Paddy/Rice

Producer prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend in all major producing areas except Polonnaruwa during the month. Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties increased compared to the previous month due to limited supplies. Retail prices of samba grade 1, keeri samba and Nadu grade 1 had exceeded the MRP.

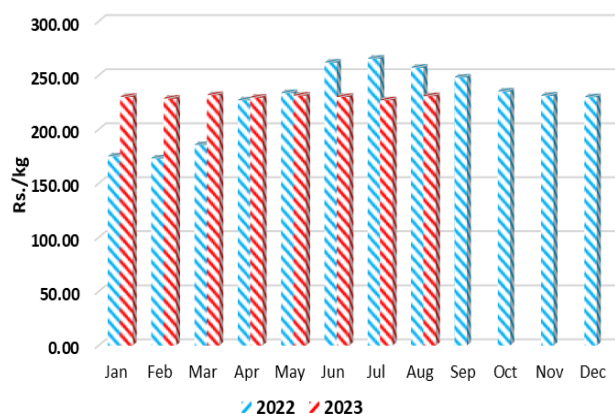
Vegetables

Due to increased supply, prices for most vegetable varieties have decreased significantly. Retail prices of vegetables have dropped by 28% to 437%, with the highest price decrease reported for capsicum at 437%. The highest retail price observed was Rs. 448.00/kg for carrots, while cucumbers were priced at the lowest average of Rs. 166.00/kg. However, prices for green chilies and lime have risen by 10% and 71%, respectively. Vegetable prices are expected to continue declining in the coming months.

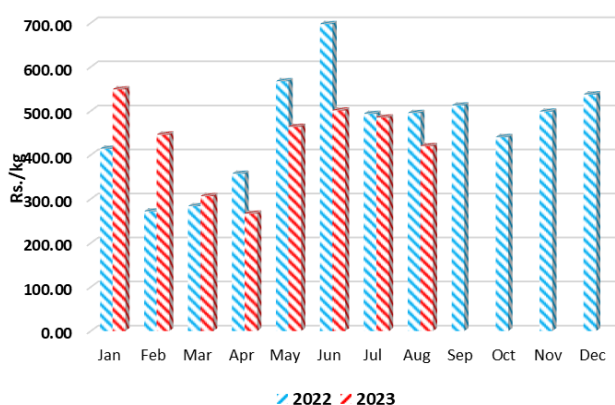
Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

The prices of most fish varieties have decreased in the wholesale market, attributed to high supply resulting from favorable weather conditions during the lean season along the southern and western coastal belt. Additionally, there has been a noticeable and ongoing shift in consumer preferences away from more expensive protein sources, such as fish and meat, towards more affordable options like eggs. Following the importation of eggs and the lifting of the maximum retail price previously imposed, retail prices for eggs have dropped by less than 21%.

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 |

Outstation Markets

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 16. Keppetipola | 31. Rathnapura |
| 2. Dambulla | 17. Thambuththegama | 32. Embilipitiya |
| 3. Matara | 18. Anuradhapura | 33. Maradagahamula |
| 4. Kurunegala | 19. Badulla | 34. Galenbindunuwewa |
| 5. Bandarawela | 20. Galle | 35. Rilkillagaskada |
| 6. Kandy | 21. Mannar | 36. Matale |
| 7. Meegoda | 22. Trincomalee | |
| 8. Kalutara | 23. Batticaloa | |
| 9. Weeravila | 24. Jaffna | |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 25. Mullativu | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 26. Kilinochchi | |
| 12. Puttalam | 27. Vavuniya | |
| 13. Hambanthota | 28. Kegalle | |
| 14. Veyangoda | 29. Ampara | |
| 15. Dehiattakandiya | 30. Monaragala | |

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

According to the Crop Forecast from the Department of Agriculture, the target area for paddy cultivation in the 2023 Yala season is 542,099 ha. As of the end of August 2023, the sown extent is reported at 495,281 ha, achieving 91% of the target. The forecasted paddy production, based on the reported sown extent as of the end of August 2023, is 1.83 million metric tons, accounting for crop losses.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End August 2023 and production forecast of Yala

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end August 2023 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
Provincial area						
Colombo	3,059	2,571	84	5,769	-	5,769
Gampaha	10,616	8,265	78	20,936	-	20,936
Kalutara	8,508	8,923	105	24,036	-	24,036
Galle	11,589	5,741	50	11,862	-	11,862
Matara	14,972	12,303	82	32,344	1,350	31,125
Ratnapura	9,940	8,052	81	27,102	746	24,592
Kegalle	7,875	6,797	86	19,676	324	19,203
Kurunagala	75,796	54,501	72	203,289	8,199	175,241
Puttalam	19,108	17,280	90	54,052	572	52,466
Kandy	6,837	5,787	85	15,490	182	15,244
Matale	9,535	8,279	87	30,898	336	30,141
N eliya	2,869	1,933	67	4,401	-	4,401
Badulla	4,578	4,168	91	15,836	-	15,836
Monaragala	14,667	11,281	77	49,306	40	49,133
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,865	7,102	103	26,988	-	26,988
Vavuniya	5,810	5,796	100	28,329	-	28,329
Mullativu	6,937	6,747	97	29,665	-	29,665
Mannar	2,684	2,722	101	11,903	-	11,903
Anuradhapura	44,277	30,477	69	105,134	96	104,804
Trincomalee	25,896	25,139	97	113,267	100	113,154
Batticaloa	34,808	34,823	100	125,089	-	125,089
Ampara	1,706	1,692	99	7,551	-	7,551
Hambantota	12,096	11,270	93	53,861	545	51,257
Inter Province Areas						
Polonnaruwa IP	28,160	27,546	98	121,592	-	121,592
Ampara IP	54,000	51,898	96	230,563	-	230,563
Monaragala IP	3,189	3,187	100	13,930	-	13,930
Hambantota IP	14,755	14,902	101	70,917	-	70,917
Hasalaka IP	8,860	9,867	111	26,409	-	26,409
Anuradhapura IP	22,238	20,559	92	70,558	-	70,558
Mahaweli Systems						
Udawalawa	8,611	12,647	147	58,802	3,664	41,766
System H	10,573	14,456	137	49,613	-	49,613
System H1	3,126	7,023	225	24,103	-	24,103
System B	19,688	20,200	103	80,638	-	80,638
System C	20,500	22,172	108	88,511	-	88,511
System G	4,052	5,886	145	19,542	-	19,542
System D	1,637	1,637	100	6,535	-	6,535
Rambakanoya	980	819	84	3,047	-	3,047
System L	703	833	118	3,105	-	3,105
Sri Lanka	542,099	495,281	91	1,884,648	16,153	1,829,554

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend in all major producing areas except Polonnaruwa during the month. Harvesting of paddy in 2023 Yala season was almost completed in the producing areas in the Eastern province. Prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.93.00-116.00/Kg and Rs.80.00-110.00/Kg respectively. The lowest price for long grain white was recorded in Ampara due to

receiving high moisture paddy from the new harvest. The price range of Rs 120.00-145.00/Kg was recorded for the *Keeri* samba paddy in major producing areas.

Compared to last month, the average prices of short grain paddy have increased by less than 4% in all the producing areas except Polonnaruwa. Meanwhile, the prices of short grain and long grain white and Keeri samba have decreased by 10%, 5% and 13% respectively in Polonnaruwa area due to ongoing harvesting. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have decreased in the range of 02-19%, 08-29% and 27-28% respectively.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –August 2023

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	103.00-115.00	108.45	105.08	112.52	3.37	3.21	-4.07	-3.62
Polonnaruwa	93.00-104.00	99.78	110.34	123.13	-10.57	-9.57	-23.36	-18.97
Kalawewa	105.00-115.00	109.45	106.00	106.84	3.45	3.25	2.61	2.44
Kurunegala	90.00-115.00	106.34	104.86	113.86	1.48	1.41	-7.53	-6.61
Dehiattakandiya	93.75-116.00	108.17	106.00	119.87	2.17	2.05	-11.69	-9.76
Nikaweratiya	90.00-115.00	102.96	101.81	109.20	1.16	1.14	-6.24	-5.71
Ampara	100.00-105.00	101.92	101.00	117.70	0.92	0.91	-15.78	-13.41
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	87.00-108.00	96.35	88.20	112.60	8.15	9.24	-16.25	-14.43
Polonnaruwa	81.00-104.00	87.25	91.42	122.93	-4.17	-4.56	-35.68	-29.03
Kalawewa	88.00-108.00	97.26	89.00	106.18	8.26	9.28	-8.92	-8.41
Kurunegala	80.00-110.00	98.38	88.45	113.86	9.93	11.22	-15.49	-13.60
Dehiattakandiya	82.00-107.00	97.65	87.07	119.03	10.58	12.15	-21.39	-17.97
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	80.00-110.00	96.39	89.02	109.20	7.38	8.28	-12.81	-11.73
Ampara	76.00-105.00	92.24	82.25	-	9.98	12.14	-	-
Long Grain Red								
A'pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	85.00-93.00	90.06	80.95	124.35	9.11	11.26	-34.29	-27.57
Hambantota	90.00-96.00	92.75	81.15	127.20	11.60	14.29	-34.45	-27.08
Embilipitiya	84.00-100.00	91.45	79.56	124.52	11.89	14.94	-33.07	-26.56
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	130.00-140.00	136.25	-	113.64	-	-	22.61	19.90
Polonnaruwa	120.00-133.00	125.25	144.14	126.97	-18.89	-13.11	-1.72	-1.35
Kalawewa	130.00-145.00	135.63	-	113.00	-	-	22.63	20.02
Kurunegala	115.00-140.00	136.38	130.20	125.42	6.18	4.74	10.96	8.73
Dehiattakandiya	124.00-142.00	136.24	138.50	122.80	-2.26	-1.63	13.44	10.94

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties increased compared to the previous month due to limited supplies. The highest price increase of 8% was recorded for raw red and raw white rice and prices ranged between Rs.140.00-170.00 and 160.00-200.00/kg respectively. Prices of keeri samba had exceed the government regulated maximum retail price even at the wholesale market and price ranged between Rs. 255.00-280.00/kg. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II ranged between

Rs. 205.00-2220.00 and 195.00-210.00/kg during the month. Furthermore, wholesale prices of all the imported rice varieties had increased in the range of 1-10% due to increased import prices.

Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of all varieties except keeri samba had decreased by 08- 30% with the highest price decrease of 30% being recorded for raw red rice.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice –August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	205.00-220.00	210.50	207.16	229.17	3.34	1.61	-18.67	-8.15
Samba 2	195.00-210.00	202.00	197.70	224.67	4.30	2.18	-22.67	-10.09
Keeri Samba	255.00-280.00	261.75	257.79	248.29	3.96	1.53	13.46	5.42
Nadu 1	175.00-205.00	183.75	177.95	219.58	5.81	3.26	-35.83	-16.32
Nadu 2	165.00-190.00	175.25	169.47	213.10	5.78	3.41	-37.85	-17.76
Raw red	140.00-170.00	150.75	140.01	215.43	10.74	7.67	-64.68	-30.02
Raw white	160.00-200.00	176.90	164.30	209.93	12.60	7.67	-33.03	-15.74
Imported Samba	225.00-225.00	225.00	213.91	183.22	11.09	5.18	41.78	22.80
Imported Raw White	188.00-190.00	189.00	187.95	170.03	1.05	0.56	18.97	11.15
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	182.86	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	220.00-240.00	230.90	226.96	257.11	3.94	1.74	-26.21	-10.19
Samba 2	200.00-230.00	218.05	214.56	243.37	3.49	1.63	-25.32	-10.40
Keeri Samba	260.00-290.00	272.85	267.00	269.43	5.85	2.19	3.42	1.27
Nadu 1	210.00-230.00	218.62	215.78	245.23	2.83	1.31	-26.61	-10.85
Nadu 2	180.00-220.00	198.70	196.75	233.24	1.95	0.99	-34.54	-14.81
Raw red	150.00-190.00	167.50	160.92	247.19	6.58	4.09	-79.70	-32.24
Raw white	160.00-210.00	188.16	182.31	246.15	5.84	3.20	-58.00	-23.56
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	230.00-280.00	244.71	230.57	212.53	14.14	6.13	32.18	15.14
Imported Raw White	200.00-220.00	206.65						
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	212.21	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had increased in the range of 1-4% compared to the previous month due to increased wholesale prices. Retail prices of samba grade 1, keeri samba and Nadu grade 1 had exceeded the MRP. A shortage of keeri samba was observed at retail level. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all local rice varieties except keeri samba had decreased in the range of 10 -32%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent for green chilli cultivation in the Yala season of 2023 was 9,773 ha. By the end of August 2023, 4,762 ha had been cultivated, representing 49% of the target. The crops are at different growth stages across the main producing areas. In the Puttalam district, approximately 407 ha have been cultivated, which is 30% of the targeted extent. Based on the cultivated area by the end of this month, the expected production of green chilli for this Yala season is 27,276 Mt, with 43% of the supply coming from Puttalam (14%), Anuradhapura (8%), Mahaweli areas (9%), Interprovincial DDA areas (4%), and Vavuniya (8%).

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2023 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end August 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Puttalam	1,370	407	30	3755
Anuradhapura	632	356	56	2137
Kurunegala	540	272	50	1291
Jaffna	480	258	54	1561
Batticaloa	363	209	58	1114
Vavuniya	300	386	129	2200
Matale	434	219	50	1104
Monaragala	419	249	59	1193
Badulla	281	240	85	1124
Kandy	278	197	71	1154
InterprovincialDDA areas	382	266	70	1148
Mahaweli areas	2,450	418	17	2548
Other areas	1844	1285	70	6947
Total	9,773	4762	49	27276

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased this month, resulting in significant decreases in both wholesale and retail prices—by approximately Rs. 134.00/kg and Rs. 194.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices for green chilli ranged from Rs. 300.00 to Rs. 700.00/kg, while retail prices ranged from Rs. 400.00 to Rs. 1,000.00/kg. The highest producer prices were recorded in the Embilipitiya area, with prices ranging from Rs. 520.00 to Rs. 694.00/kg during August. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices for green chilli have increased by 15% and 2%, respectively.

In August 2023, Sri Lanka imported 3,057 mt of dried chilli, which is 1,527 mt less than the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 778.40/kg, a decrease of Rs. 23.84/kg compared to the previous month. Consequently, wholesale and retail prices for imported dried chillies fell by approximately Rs. 57.00/kg and Rs. 12.00/kg, respectively. Prices ranged from Rs. 1,000.00 to Rs. 1,100.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs. 1,100.00 to Rs. 1,500.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices for imported dried chilli have decreased by about 30%.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-700.00	429.44	563.80	373.00	-134.36	-23.83	56.44	15.13
Dried Chilli	1000.00-1100.00	1040.19	1097.04	1487.40	-56.85	-5.18	-447.21	-30.07
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	400.00-1000.00	642.09	835.80	631.65	-193.71	-23.18	10.44	1.65
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1500.00	1295.06	1307.02	1838.64	-11.96	-0.92	-543.58	-29.56

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chilies (Rs/kg) August 2023

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	310.00	384.00	356.00	456.00
Embilipitiya	520.00	520.00	520.00	694.00
Puttalam	338.00	330.00	343.33	385.00
A'Pura	370.00	370.00	370.00	420.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (March– Aug 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug-2023	3057.48	2379.93	778.40	1295.06	516.66
July-2023	4583.72	3677.25	802.24	1307.02	504.78
June-2023	1741.63	1329.97	763.64	1303.59	539.95
May-2023	4026.94	3075.28	763.68	1361.98	598.30
April-2023	2183.46	1825.31	835.97	1352.77	516.80
March-2023	3408.37	2466.11	723.55	1439.94	716.39

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent for big onion cultivation in the 2023 Yala season was approximately 6,466 ha; however, only about 440 ha had been cultivated by the end of August 2023, representing just 7% of the target. In the Matale district, the targeted extent was 1,597 ha, with only 105 ha cultivated by the end of August, also accounting for only 7% of the target. Compared to the previous Yala season, both the cultivated extent and production have decreased by approximately 81% and 73%, respectively. Contributing factors to this decline include adverse weather conditions in recent seasons, high production costs, and market price uncertainties. In Matale, the cultivated extent of big onions has fallen by about 91% compared to the previous Yala season, with many farmers shifting their focus to mango, papaw, and vegetable cultivation instead.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala 2023 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Matale	1597	105	7	2153
Anuradhapura	724	46	6	714
Mahaweli – H	1250	74	6	1158
Mahaweli – H1	1350	73	5	1142
Other areas	1545	142	9	2344
Total	6466	440	7	7511

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent for red onion cultivation in the 2023 Yala season was 3,911 ha, with approximately 2,505 ha cultivated by the end of August 2023, representing 64% of the target. The Jaffna district recorded both the highest targeted extent (2,000 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (1,817 ha), achieving 91% of its target. The estimated production for this Yala season is 26,275 Mt, with 84% of this supply coming from Jaffna (64%) and Puttalam (20%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2023 Season

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of August, 2023		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,000	1,817	91	16,735
Puttalam	785	272	35	5,207
Vavuniya	280	54	19	642
Mulativu	100	100	100	1,196
Other area	746	262	35	2495
Total	3,911	2,505	64	26,275

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions consisted entirely of imports this month. A total of 26,951 mt of big onions were imported in August 2023, which is 3,864 mt less than the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 75.91/kg, an increase of Rs. 8.25/kg compared to the previous month. Consequently, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions rose by Rs. 33.00/kg and Rs. 37.00/kg, respectively. The wholesale price ranged from Rs. 110.00 to Rs. 190.00/kg, while retail prices ranged from Rs. 120.00 to Rs. 260.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by approximately 1% and 3%, respectively. In contrast, the supply of Vedalan red onions from main producing areas has increased this month, resulting in significant decreases in both wholesale and retail prices of about Rs. 156.00/kg and Rs. 171.00/kg, respectively. Prices for Vedalan red onions ranged from Rs. 240.00 to Rs. 320.00/kg at the wholesale level and from Rs. 300.00 to Rs. 600.00/kg at the retail level. There were no imported red onion stocks available in the market. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of Vedalan red onions have decreased by approximately 19% and 14%, respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	120.00-240.00	195.15	-	311.67	-	-	-116.52	-37.39
Red Onion (Vedalan)	240.00-320.00	280.75	436.76	345.08	-156.01	-35.72	-64.33	-18.64
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	422.41	296.50	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	110.00-190.00	145.00	111.62	146.72	33.38	29.91	-1.72	-1.17
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	368.20	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	300.00-600.00	430.04	601.36	501.24	-171.32	-28.49	-71.20	-14.20
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	448.59	385.99	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-260.00	183.45	146.26	189.33	37.19	25.43	-5.88	-3.11
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, August 2023

Item	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	August,2023	75.91	145.00	183.45	69.09	38.45
	July,2023	67.66	111.62	146.26	43.96	34.64
	August,2022	100.31	146.72	189.33	46.41	42.61
Red onion	August,2023	162.80	-	-	-	-
	July,2023	106.48	422.41	448.59	315.93	26.18
	August,2022	117.42	296.50	385.99	179.08	89.49

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Aug-2023	26,951.49	75.91	145.00	183.45	107.53
July-2023	30,815.34	67.66	111.62	146.26	78.60
June-2023	28,435.13	57.41	93.43	131.09	73.68
May-2023	27,523.01	57.64	96.66	127.64	69.99
April-2023	23,253.37	60.57	91.35	120.91	60.34
March-2023	30,172.31	61.75	94.18	126.33	64.59

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Aug,2023	July,2023	Aug,2023	July,2023	Aug,2023	July,2023
Red Onion	7.65	77.74	1.25	8.28	162.80	106.48
Big Onion	26951.49	30815.34	2045.95	2084.98	75.91	67.66

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent for potato cultivation in the Yala 2023 season is 3,040 ha, with approximately 1,668 ha cultivated by the end of August, achieving 55% of the target. This is similar to last year, where 56% of the target was met by the end of August 2022. The cultivated extent for this Yala season represents 92% of the total cultivated area compared to the same period in Yala 2022. Based on the cultivated area as of the end of August, the expected potato production for this Yala season is 30,511 mt. However, the current cultivation extent is lower than the three-year monthly average.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,016 ha, with about 534 ha cultivated by the end of August, achieving 52% of the target. In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,022 ha, with a cultivation progress of 56% (Crop Forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 05, Socio-Economic & Planning Centre/DOA).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both local and imported stocks of potatoes were available in the market in August. The average producer prices were Rs. 296.00/kg for Nuwara Eliya potatoes and Rs. 256.00/kg for Welimada potatoes. During this month, the wholesale prices for Nuwara Eliya potatoes remained stable, while retail prices saw a 4% increase compared to the previous month. The wholesale prices of imported potatoes also did not show significant changes from the previous month. The wholesale prices for Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 280.00-350.00/kg, Rs. 260.00-280.00/kg, and Rs. 160.00-250.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, the retail prices for Nuwara Eliya potatoes decreased by 13%.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –March to Aug 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug-2023	15,890	1196.68	75.31	222.73	147.42
July-2023	18,162	1289.19	70.98	239.80	168.82
June-2023	12,052	716.85	59.48	200.57	141.09
May-2023	12,983	801.12	61.71	202.36	140.66
April-2023	9,545	562.88	58.97	178.51	119.54
March-2023	20,479	1145.17	55.92	159.15	103.23

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – Aug 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	210.00-295.00	255.50	273.80	-	-18.30	-6.68	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	265.00-330.00	295.75	288.60	271.20	7.15	2.48	24.55	9.05
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	260.00-280.00	263.65	-	332.75	-	-	-69.10	-20.77
Nuwara Eliya	280.00-350.00	320.50	323.30	358.40	-2.80	-0.87	-37.90	-10.57
Imported	160.00-250.00	194.87	197.38	191.70	-2.51	-1.27	3.17	1.66
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	379.63	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	360.00-480.00	431.92	417.34	495.71	14.59	3.50	-63.78	-12.87
Imported	180.00-300.00	222.73	239.80	224.06	-17.08	-7.12	-1.33	-0.59
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		136.17	128.74	224.51	7.44	5.78	-88.33	-39.35
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	46.88	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		111.42	94.04	137.31	17.39	18.49	-25.88	-18.85
Imported		27.85	42.42	32.36	-14.57	-34.34	-4.51	-13.93

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Local green gram cultivation achieved 87% of the target extent in August, while cowpea (55%) and black gram (27%) showed relatively low progress in cultivation. As of the end of August, the cultivated areas for Yala 2023 were recorded at 182% of the total cultivated area in Yala 2021 for green gram and 91% for cowpea. Specifically, 9,211 ha of green gram and 6,310 ha of cowpea were cultivated by the end of August 2022. The major producing districts for green gram include Kurunegala, Hambantota, Moneragala, and Mannar, while Ampara and Moneragala are key for cowpea. Overall, green gram cultivation has remained above normal throughout most of the 2023 Yala season, except for April and May. In contrast, black gram has shown below-normal cultivation throughout the Yala 2023 period, and cowpea has experienced below-normal cultivation for most months, except in August (Crop Forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 05, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA).

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of green gram ranged from Rs. 900.00 to 960.00/kg, while retail prices were between Rs. 1,000.00 and 1,400.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices for green gram increased by less than 20% (16% for wholesale and 20% for retail). For cowpea, the wholesale prices for white and red varieties ranged from Rs. 850.00 to 950.00/kg, with retail prices between Rs. 900.00 and 1,300.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, the retail price of white cowpea increased by 27%, while red cowpea prices rose by 46%.

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	900.00-960.00	930.25	893.23	800.90	37.02	4.14	129.35	16.15
Cowpea (White)	850.00-950.00	883.86	715.94	708.22	167.92	23.45	175.64	24.80
Cowpea (Red)	900.00-980.00	936.25	805.43	672.23	130.82	16.24	264.02	39.27
Retail Price								
Green gram	1000.00-1400.00	1163.14	1238.00	972.97	-74.86	-6.05	190.17	19.55
Cowpea (White)	900.00-1300.00	1121.11	956.69	882.50	164.42	17.19	238.60	27.04
Cowpea (Red)	1000.00-1200.00	1133.09	981.39	775.85	151.70	15.46	357.24	46.04

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of red dhal increased by nearly 5% compared to July, with wholesale prices ranging from Rs. 265.00 to 300.00/kg. Retail prices followed a similar trend, showing a decrease of 6% from July. Compared to August 2021, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal decreased by 35% and 23%, respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – August 2023

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	265.00-300.00	279.13	265.80	431.33	13.32	5.01	-152.21	-35.29
Retail Price	280.00-380.00	325.71	307.36	485.88	18.35	5.97	-160.17	-32.97

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Harvesting for Yala 2023 has commenced, with cultivation progress recorded at 76% (13,941 ha) for up-country vegetables and 92% (20,964 ha) for low-country vegetables. The targeted extents and expected productions for this season are 18,388 ha and 217,718 mt for up-country vegetables, and 22,689 ha and 250,732 mt for low-country vegetables. Crops such as ash plantain, pumpkin, brinjal, kekiri, winged bean, tomato, and knol-khol have reported over 90% progress towards their respective targets. The highest cultivation shares were noted for beans (25%) among up-country vegetables and brinjals (20%) among low-country vegetables (Crop Forecast, Vol. 05, Yala 2023, Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture).

Table 3.1: Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Yala 2023 Season

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2023		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Up-Country Vegetables				
Bean	3,989	2,779	70	26,553
Beet	1,709	962	56	15,630
Cabbage	2,724	1,749	64	45,940
Capsicum	1,966	1,486	76	11,627
Carrot	1,815	1,543	85	33,938
Knol-khol	542	511	94	6,293
Leeks	1,286	1,052	82	17,862
Tomato	2,852	2,689	94	40,232
Radish	1,506	1,169	78	19,643
Total	18,388	13,941	76	217,718
Low – country Vegetables				
Pumpkin	3,524	3,340	95	50,086
Snake gourd	1,610	1,237	77	14,788
Cucumber	1,533	1,254	82	16,584
Bitter gourd	1,836	1,593	87	18,135
Okra	3,461	3,103	90	31,935
Brinjal	4,326	4,186	97	57,166
Ash plantain	136	516	378	7,275
Luffa	1,489	1,257	84	13,714
Long Bean	3,980	3,428	86	29,747
Winged bean	557	571	103	5,829
Kekiri	238	479	201	5,473
Total	22,689	20,964	92	250,732
Grand Total	41,077	34,905	85	468,451

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2023, volume 05, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The Yala harvesting season has commenced, leading to increased supply from production areas and a decrease in prices for most vegetable varieties. Wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have dropped by 5% to 49%, with the highest decrease reported for beetroot at 49%. Carrots recorded the highest price at Rs. 332.00/kg, while radishes had the lowest price at Rs. 49.00/kg.

For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices have decreased by 16% to 60%, except for cucumbers and ash plantains. Capsicum had the highest price at Rs. 231.00/kg, while cucumbers were priced at Rs. 72.00/kg. The most significant decrease of 60% was observed for tomatoes. Conversely, the price of lime increased by 130%, with an average price of Rs. 644.00/kg due to limited supply from producing areas.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for various vegetables have decreased by 19% to 63%. However, prices for carrots and ash plantains have risen by 38% and 34%, respectively, with the largest price drop of 63% recorded for capsicum. Additionally, lime prices have surged by 309% compared to last year's prices.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	250.00-300.00	299.75	344.40	368.80	-44.65	-12.96	-69.05	-18.72
Carrot	250.00-450.00	332.00	369.78	240.90	-37.78	-10.22	91.10	37.82
Leeks	80.00-150.00	104.75	148.20	156.20	-43.45	-29.32	-51.45	-32.94
Beetroot	50.00-200.00	129.41	252.71	127.94	-123.30	-48.79	1.47	1.15
Knolkhol	50.00-100.00	71.75	107.20	127.00	-35.45	-33.07	-55.25	-43.50
Radish	30.00-60.00	48.75	78.20	79.00	-29.45	-37.66	-30.25	-38.29
Cabbage	100.00-180.00	133.00	140.40	284.60	-7.40	-5.27	-151.60	-53.27
Tomato	60.00-200.00	129.25	330.00	265.60	-200.75	-60.83	-136.35	-51.34
Ladies Fingers	60.00-120.00	79.50	120.00	139.00	-40.50	-33.75	-59.50	-42.81
Brinjal	150.00-300.00	216.00	273.20	353.60	-57.20	-20.94	-137.60	-38.91
Capsicum	150.00-300.00	231.00	325.60	628.80	-94.60	-29.05	-397.80	-63.26
Pumpkin	50.00-130.00	92.00	116.60	126.60	-24.60	-21.10	-34.60	-27.33
Cucumber	50.00-100.00	72.00	70.40	90.80	1.60	2.27	-18.80	-20.70
Bittergourd	150.00-220.00	186.25	264.00	280.51	-77.75	-29.45	-94.26	-33.60
Snakegourd	100.00-150.00	132.75	180.89	266.44	-48.14	-26.61	-133.69	-50.18
Drumstick	120.00-300.00	194.17	309.35	271.69	-115.18	-37.23	-77.52	-28.53
Luffa	80.00-160.00	109.75	130.20	188.40	-20.45	-15.71	-78.65	-41.75
Long Beans	100.00-180.00	133.25	225.40	203.00	-92.15	-40.88	-69.75	-34.36
Ash Plantain	150.00-180.00	160.25	152.20	119.80	8.05	5.29	40.45	33.76
Green Chillies	300.00-700.00	429.44	563.80	373.00	-134.36	-23.83	56.44	15.13
Lime	500.00-900.00	644.25	280.60	157.60	363.65	129.60	486.65	308.79

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the decrease in wholesale prices, retail prices for all vegetable varieties have also fallen, with reductions ranging from 10% to 45%. The most significant price drop was observed for tomatoes at 45%. Carrots recorded the highest retail price at Rs. 448.00/kg, while cucumbers had the lowest price at Rs. 166.00/kg. Additionally, prices for green chillies and lime increased by 10% and 71%, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetables have decreased by 11% to 50%, with the exceptions of carrots and beetroot, which have not seen a decline.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – August 2023

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	300.00-480.00	420.30	485.05	495.32	-64.75	-13.35	-75.03	-15.15
Carrot	300.00-600.00	448.36	502.53	392.21	-54.16	-10.78	56.15	14.32
Leeks	100.00-320.00	241.90	314.55	280.61	-72.65	-23.10	-38.70	-13.79
Beetroot	100.00-320.00	246.52	420.24	243.92	-173.72	-41.34	2.60	1.06
Knolkhol	100.00-320.00	213.12	274.35	255.03	-61.23	-22.32	-41.91	-16.43
Radish	100.00-240.00	181.67	202.96	203.88	-21.29	-10.49	-22.22	-10.90
Cabbage	150.00-380.00	263.95	296.23	456.63	-32.28	-10.90	-192.68	-42.20
Tomato	100.00-420.00	271.22	494.96	418.00	-223.74	-45.20	-146.78	-35.11
Ladies Fingers	120.00-320.00	226.77	271.23	273.04	-44.46	-16.39	-46.27	-16.95
Brinjal	240.00-480.00	352.45	407.03	485.93	-54.58	-13.41	-133.48	-27.47
Capsicum	230.00-600.00	432.32	523.21	869.52	-90.89	-17.37	-437.20	-50.28
Pumpkin	100.00-260.00	188.33	201.79	244.48	-13.46	-6.67	-56.15	-22.97
Cucumber	100.00-280.00	165.83	171.67	193.70	-5.84	-3.40	-27.87	-14.39
Bittergourd	200.00-480.00	350.58	443.13	446.01	-92.55	-20.89	-95.43	-21.40
Snakegourd	180.00-360.00	270.11	334.02	402.95	-63.91	-19.13	-132.84	-32.97
Drumstick	240.00-500.00	359.18	518.84	471.02	-159.65	-30.77	-111.84	-23.74
Luffa	140.00-400.00	270.79	300.08	337.56	-29.29	-9.76	-66.76	-19.78
Long Beans	160.00-400.00	270.24	371.44	343.66	-101.20	-27.25	-73.42	-21.36
Ash Plantain	200.00-400.00	283.89	286.15	219.45	-2.26	-0.79	64.44	29.36
Green Chilli	400.00-1000.00	642.09	835.80	631.65	-193.71	-23.18	10.44	1.65
Lime	550.00-1500.00	920.10	538.36	418.14	381.74	70.91	501.96	120.05

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In August, prices for all types of fruits, except for wood apple, orange, and imported grapes, increased due to decreased supply from major producing areas. Specifically, prices for banana varieties rose significantly: ambul bananas increased by 43%, anamalu by 28%, seeni by 22%, kolikuttu by 21%, and ambun by 20%. The wholesale prices for these bananas ranged as follows: kolikuttu at Rs. 380.00-600.00/kg, ambul at Rs. 120.00-270.00/kg, seeni at Rs. 120.00-160.00/kg, ambun at Rs. 30.00-36.00/fruit, and anamalu at Rs. 24.00-32.00/fruit.

For pineapples, prices across all sizes increased by 12% to 20%, with average wholesale prices at Rs. 968.00/fruit for large, Rs. 791.00/fruit for medium, and Rs. 614.00/fruit for small sizes. Regarding mangoes, all varieties saw price increases, with the karthakolomban variety experiencing the highest rise of 220%, followed by vilad mangoes at 76%, attributed to the tail end of the harvesting season.

Other fruit varieties also recorded notable price increases, with papaw rising by 92%, slime apple by 53%, and passion fruit by 42%, primarily due to low stock levels. Conversely, the prices of wood apple (down 53%) and orange (down 27%) decreased due to increased supply from the ongoing harvesting period.

Compared to the same period last year, current wholesale prices for most fruit varieties have risen, with the highest increase reported for medium pineapples at 85%, followed by anamalu and ambun bananas.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	120.00-270.00	189.21	132.73	127.74	56.48	42.56	61.47	48.12
Kolikuttu (Kg)	380.00-600.00	474.38	392.45	272.29	81.93	20.88	202.08	74.21
Seeni (Kg)	120.00-160.00	138.33	112.89	108.28	25.44	22.53	30.05	27.75
Anamalu (Fruit)	24.00-32.00	28.52	22.25	15.37	6.27	28.17	13.14	85.50
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-36.00	34.02	28.26	18.37	5.76	20.37	15.65	85.16
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	820.00-1100.00	968.13	863.09	540.51	105.03	12.17	427.62	79.11
Medium (Fruit)	620.00-880.00	791.42	663.24	428.57	128.18	19.33	362.85	84.66
Small (Fruit)	480.00-700.00	613.54	512.41	343.61	101.14	19.74	269.94	78.56
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	38.24	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	100.00-420.00	285.03	89.08	167.23	195.95	219.96	117.80	70.44
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	110.97	62.96	61.63	48.01	76.26	49.34	80.06
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	120.00-280.00	196.38	102.05	188.64	94.32	92.42	7.74	4.10
Passionfruit (Fruit)	27.00-60.00	43.92	31.01	33.36	12.91	41.61	10.56	31.65
Woodapple (Fruit)	27.00-60.00	39.03	82.96	21.30	-43.93	-52.95	17.73	83.22
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-60.00	49.40	67.49	61.07	-18.09	-26.81	-11.67	-19.11
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	78.74	68.28	63.24	10.46	15.32	15.50	24.51
Slime Apple (Fruit)	28.00-55.00	38.35	25.05	30.13	13.30	53.07	8.22	27.29
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1000.00-1350.00	1238.75	1282.86	3154.17	-44.11	-3.44	-1915.42	-60.73

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In August, retail prices for all types of fruits, except for wood apple, orange, and imported grapes, increased according to wholesale market trends. Among banana varieties, ambul bananas experienced the highest price increase of 27%, while other varieties rose by 12% to 17%. During the month, prices ranged from Rs. 400.00 to 800.00/kg for kolikuttu bananas, Rs. 180.00 to 350.00/kg for ambul bananas, and Rs. 150.00 to 280.00/kg for seeni bananas in Colombo and suburban markets.

Pineapple prices also rose across all sizes by 18% to 20%, with medium-sized fruits priced between Rs. 780.00 and 1,100.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs. Among mango varieties, prices for karthakolomban and vilad increased by 138% and 42%, respectively, due to low stock levels. Additionally, retail prices for other fruits followed suit: passion fruit increased by 33%, papaw by 30%, and slime apple by 17%, reflecting the rise in wholesale prices for these varieties. Conversely, wood apple prices decreased by 38%, and orange prices fell by 11%.

Compared to the same period last year, current retail prices for all fruit varieties have risen, with the most significant increase of 111% reported for large-sized pineapples.

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	180.00-350.00	247.85	194.74	163.86	53.11	27.27	83.99	51.25
Kolikuttu (Kg)	400.00-800.00	556.88	473.97	320.80	82.91	17.49	236.08	73.59
Seeni (Kg)	150.00-280.00	216.38	192.68	160.48	23.69	12.30	55.89	34.83
Anamalu (Fruit)	30.00-45.00	35.17	31.17	22.77	4.00	12.84	12.40	54.48
Ambun (Fruit)	38.00-60.00	46.21	40.69	28.43	5.52	13.56	17.78	62.54
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	1000.00-1450.00	1211.54	1028.49	573.76	183.05	17.80	637.78	111.16
Medium (Fruit)	780.00-1100.00	941.42	798.15	477.00	143.27	17.95	464.41	97.36
Small (Fruit)	500.00-900.00	719.00	601.45	382.90	117.55	19.55	336.10	87.78
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	150.00-450.00	322.83	135.85	201.97	186.98	137.64	120.86	59.84
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00-160.00	126.57	88.98	102.23	37.59	42.24	24.34	23.81
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	160.00-360.00	260.98	200.55	282.20	60.43	30.13	-21.22	-7.52
Passionfruit (Fruit)	35.00-90.00	66.91	50.13	45.67	16.78	33.47	21.24	46.52
Woodapple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	78.15	126.85	62.34	-48.70	-38.39	15.81	25.36
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-140.00	91.37	102.45	100.41	-11.08	-10.81	-9.04	-9.00
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	94.80	98.75	96.82	-3.96	-4.01	-2.02	-2.09
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00-140.00	87.30	74.648	76.13	12.65	16.95	11.17	14.67
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1500.00-3000.00	2210.19	2346.2	4120.00	-135.98	-5.80	-1909.81	-46.35

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	54.00-171.00	103.04	62.12	65.29	40.92	65.87	37.75	57.82
Kolikuttu	212.00-432.00	312.00	222.40	134.08	89.60	40.29	177.92	132.70
Papaw	54.00-179.00	111.88	66.87	114.71	45.01	67.32	-2.83	-2.47

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, the country exported 1,857 mt of fresh fruits in August 2023, valued at Rs. 231 million. Notably, 98% of the exported quantity consisted of papaw. This represents an increase compared to August 2022, when 1,584 mt were exported (Table 4.4).

On the import side, Sri Lanka brought in 472 mt of fresh fruits during the month, with a total value of Rs. 243 million. Grapes were the most imported fruit, accounting for 240 mt, followed by apples at 145 mt. This year, the imported quantity has also increased compared to the same period last year (Table 4.5).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – June to August 2023

Type of Fruit	June- 2023			July- 2023			August- 2023		
	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 Papaw	1238.95	140.39	113.32	1617.08	188.78	116.74	1823.14	197.00	108.05
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	14.29	20.58	1440.42	17.42	20.70	1188.39	24.97	28.41	1137.64
Fresh Avocado	6.14	5.07	825.13	1.63	1.34	824.04	4.27	3.24	758.32
Pineapple, fresh	25.74	9.14	355.14	24.76	21.23	857.41	4.96	2.98	601.06

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – June to August 2023

Type of Fruit	Aug- 2023			July- 2023			June- 2023		
	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	145.36	57.55	395.92	306.22	123.93	404.71	307.65	125.09	406.61
Grapes	240.46	157.95	656.87	172.37	105.85	614.10	253.00	168.78	667.11
Oranges	86.97	27.79	319.57	128.51	35.16	273.56	139.50	29.92	214.49

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In August, wholesale prices for all fish varieties, except for small shrimp, experienced a decline. The most significant price drop was recorded for hurulla at 22%, followed by balaya at 20%, and both kelawalla and paraw at 8%. Other fish varieties saw price reductions of less than 5%, again excluding small shrimp.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties also decreased, ranging from 6% to 37%, with the most notable decline in salaya prices at 37%.

Reflecting the wholesale market trends, retail prices for all fish varieties, except for small shrimp, also fell. The largest price decrease was observed for mora at 29%, followed by balaya at 23% and hurulla at 20%. Other varieties saw reductions of less than 10%, again with the exception of small shrimp. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most fresh fish varieties decreased, with the most significant drop for small shrimp at 30%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	250.00-600.00	443.00	490.00	703.00	-47.00	-9.59	-260.00	-36.98
Hurulla	560.00-900.00	710.75	909.80	1019.25	-199.05	-21.88	-308.50	-30.27
Balaya	640.00-1000.00	829.86	1036.40	940.25	-206.54	-19.93	-110.39	-11.74
Kelawalla	1180.00-1740.00	1380.50	1495.20	1687.64	-114.70	-7.67	-307.14	-18.20
Thora	1800.00-3000.00	2396.25	2513.00	2867.17	-116.75	-4.65	-470.92	-16.42
Paraw	1100.00-1600.00	1364.25	1476.80	1546.95	-112.55	-7.62	-182.70	-11.81
Mora	860.00-1250.00	1054.00	1099.50	-	-45.50	-4.14	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1600.00-1950.00	1763.50	1679.20	1520.83	84.30	5.02	242.67	15.96
Thalapath	1650.00-2500.00	2007.50	2030.00	2140.42	-22.50	-1.11	-132.92	-6.21
Retail Prices								
Salaya	500.00-1000.00	699.37	759.41	878.67	-60.04	-7.91	-179.30	-20.41
Hurulla	650.00-1400.00	924.43	1154.56	1220.02	-230.13	-19.93	-295.59	-24.23
Balaya	880.00-1600.00	1268.80	1649.39	1801.47	-380.59	-23.07	-532.67	-29.57
Kelawalla	1600.00-3200.00	2363.95	2571.11	2625.21	-207.16	-8.06	-261.27	-9.95
Thora	2400.00-5200.00	3501.58	3689.18	3389.17	-187.60	-5.09	112.41	3.32
Paraw	1500.00-3200.00	2361.48	2607.52	2631.19	-246.04	-9.44	-269.71	-10.25
Mora	1000.00-2400.00	1666.31	2345.53	-	-679.22	-28.96	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1700.00-2300.00	1999.28	1977.79	1848.71	21.49	1.09	150.57	8.14
Thalapath	2300.00-3600.00	3017.46	3159.10	2854.58	-141.64	-4.48	162.88	5.71

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In August 2023, prices for most dried fish varieties also saw a decline. The largest price drops at the wholesale level were recorded for salaya at 29% and balaya at 24%. The prices of other dried fish varieties, except for maduwa and local sprats, decreased by less than 6%.

In contrast, the prices of local sprats and maduwa experienced a slight increase of less than 3%. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all dried fish varieties dropped, with the most significant decrease noted for imported sprats at 39%.

Consistent with the wholesale market trends, retail prices for all dried fish varieties also fell. The largest retail price drop was recorded for maduwa at 36%, followed by salaya at 13% and anguluwa at 5%. Prices for all other dried fish varieties decreased by less than 5%. When compared to the same period last year, retail prices for all dried fish varieties dropped, with the most substantial decline observed for imported sprats at 37%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of Dried fish – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	1850.00-2300.00	2132.25	2118.40	2217.60	13.85	0.65	-85.35	-3.85
Sprats (imported)	850.00-1150.00	965.91	986.50	1577.33	-20.59	-2.09	-611.42	-38.76
Kattawa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1450.00-1650.00	1563.50	1654.40	2082.53	-90.90	-5.49	-519.03	-24.92
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1600.00-1940.00	1779.00	1955.80	2450.81	-176.80	-9.04	-671.81	-27.41
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	960.00-1500.00	1297.75	1708.35	1676.94	-410.60	-24.03	-379.19	-22.61
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1400.00-1560.00	1485.68	1566.71	1909.33	-81.03	-5.17	-423.65	-22.19
Maduwa	1300.00-1700.00	1524.50	1488.78	1813.33	35.72	2.40	-288.83	-15.93
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	450.00-800.00	648.50	909.56	985.80	-261.06	-28.70	-337.30	-34.22
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	1000.00-1400.00	1216.29	1258.18	1927.57	-41.89	-3.33	-711.28	-36.90
Sprats	2000.00-2600.00	2310.65	2317.52	2582.30	-6.87	-0.30	-271.65	-10.52
Kattawa	1800.00-3200.00	2414.64	2473.68	3091.26	-59.04	-2.39	-676.62	-21.89
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	2000.00-2800.00	2370.56	2426.83	3034.06	-56.27	-2.32	-663.51	-21.87
Balaya	1400.00-2400.00	1972.46	2056.39	2412.76	-83.93	-4.08	-440.30	-18.25
Anguluwa	1500.00-2800.00	2253.90	2380.06	2833.55	-126.16	-5.30	-579.65	-20.46
Maduwa	1600.00-2400.00	1527.08	2391.21	-	-864.13	-36.14	-	-
Salaya	800.00-1300.00	1075.18	1229.50	1439.79	-154.33	-12.55	-364.62	-25.32

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The Consumer Affairs Authority has issued a special gazette notification lifting the maximum retail price (MRP) on eggs, which was previously set at Rs. 44 for white eggs and Rs. 46 for brown eggs. This order took effect on July 25th. Imported eggs are available at 'Sathosa' markets for Rs. 35.00 each, leading to a significant drop in average egg prices in August.

The recorded average wholesale price for a white egg was Rs. 43.96, and for a brown egg, it was Rs. 44.63—both lower than last month's prices of Rs. 53.00 and Rs. 53.53, respectively. In both wholesale and retail markets, the prices for brown and white eggs have decreased significantly. At the wholesale level, prices dropped by 17% for brown eggs and 20% for white eggs. In the retail market, prices fell by 14% for brown eggs and 20% for white eggs. When compared to the same period last year, retail prices for both types of eggs have decreased by 18%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	43.00-45.50	43.96	53.00	53.03	-9.04	-17.06	-9.07	-17.10
White (each)	42.00-50.00	44.63	55.53	51.00	-10.90	-19.63	-6.38	-12.50
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	44.00-55.00	47.80	55.53	58.02	-7.74	-13.93	-10.22	-17.62
White (each)	43.00-55.00	45.84	56.97	56.22	-11.13	-19.54	-10.39	-18.47

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

In August, prices for most meat varieties slightly decreased in the retail market compared to July. The largest drop was observed in chicken (curry), with a reduction of 7%. Chicken (broiler) prices decreased by 6%, while pork saw a modest decline of 1%. In comparison to last year, prices for most meat varieties have increased, with pork experiencing the highest rise at 26%

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2200.00-2500.00	2,337.86	2,341.00	2122.67	-3.14	-0.13	215.19	10.14
Chicken (Broiler)	1300.00-1540.00	1,418.16	1,503.46	1374.67	-85.29	-5.67	43.49	3.16
Chicken (curry)	1300.00-1650.00	1,437.54	1,552.54	1453.64	-115.00	-7.41	-16.10	-1.11
Mutton	3000.00-3500.00	3,227.21	3,227.44	2735.56	-0.23	-0.01	491.66	17.97
Pork	1400.00-1800.00	1,576.43	1,586.67	1255.33	-10.24	-0.65	321.10	25.58

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

In August, Sri Lanka imported a total of 2,909 mt of wheat grain valued at Rs. 448 million. This quantity represents a decrease of approximately 19,626 mt compared to the previous month. The majority of wheat grain was sourced from Canada (86%) and Australia (14%), with CIF prices of Rs. 153.22/kg and Rs. 158.40/kg, respectively. The average CIF price increased by Rs. 41.00/kg compared to the previous month, with the highest CIF price attributed to wheat imported from Australia and the lowest to wheat from Canada.

The total quantity of wheat flour imported in August was 10,835 mt, worth Rs. 1,380 million, which is a decrease of around 23,327 mt from the previous month. Most of the wheat flour was imported from Turkey (93%), with a CIF price of Rs. 124.02/kg, while the remainder came from the UAE (7%) and small amounts from India. The average CIF price for imported wheat flour this month was Rs. 127.40/kg, showing no significant change from the previous month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs. 210.32 to Rs. 216.15/kg, with an average price of Rs. 211.74/kg. This represents a 4% decrease from the previous month and a 30% decrease compared to the same period last year.

Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar –August 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2023	Aug 2023	July 2023	Aug 2022	July 2023		Aug 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	210.32-216.15	211.74	219.75	304.11	-8.01	-3.65	-92.37	-30.37
Sugar	253.50-259.50	256.11	239.15	314.99	16.96	7.09	-58.88	-18.69

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- March to August 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Aug-2023	10,835.24	1380.44	127.40	211.74	84.34
July-2023	34,161.94	4350.81	127.36	219.75	92.39
June-2023	24,772.10	3192.05	128.86	220.70	91.84
May-2023	11,560.79	1682.65	145.55	233.40	87.85
April-2023	9,100.79	1431.77	157.32	228.32	71.00
March-2023	6,008.63	1007.55	167.68	227.04	59.36
Wheat Grain					
Aug-2023	2,909.33	447.93	153.96	211.74	57.78
July-2023	22,535.40	2,545.55	112.96	219.75	106.79
June-2023	118,337.76	11,717.06	99.01	220.70	121.69
May-2023	90,346.56	9,998.07	110.66	233.40	122.74
April-2023	77,656.08	10,273.24	132.29	228.32	96.03
March-2023	110,419.03	13,505.27	122.31	227.04	104.73

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

In August, Sri Lanka imported a total of 20,757 mt of sugar, valued at Rs. 4,942 million, marking an increase of approximately 7,854 mt compared to the quantity imported in July. The largest portion of sugar, accounting for 77% of the total, was sourced from India. The remainder was imported from Thailand (8%), the UAE (1%), Brazil (4%), Malaysia (7%), Switzerland (1%), and South Korea (2%). The average CIF price for sugar was Rs. 238.10/kg, which represents an increase of Rs. 4.43/kg from the previous month. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from the UAE (Rs. 245.68/kg), while the lowest was for sugar imported from Brazil (Rs. 230.69/kg).

Regarding local retail prices for sugar, they ranged from Rs. 253.50 to Rs. 259.50/kg, with an average retail price of Rs. 256.11/kg. This reflects a 7% increase compared to last month, although it represents a 19% decrease compared to the same period last year.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- March to August 2023

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
Aug-2023	20,756.83	4942.24	238.10	256.11	18.01
July-2023	12,902.65	3014.96	233.67	239.15	5.48
June-2023	22,357.89	4894.08	218.90	237.66	18.76
May-2023	24,697.70	5366.94	217.31	257.45	40.14
April-2023	10,507.42	2085.56	198.48	233.53	35.05
March-2023	21,412.25	4238.03	197.93	219.38	21.45

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

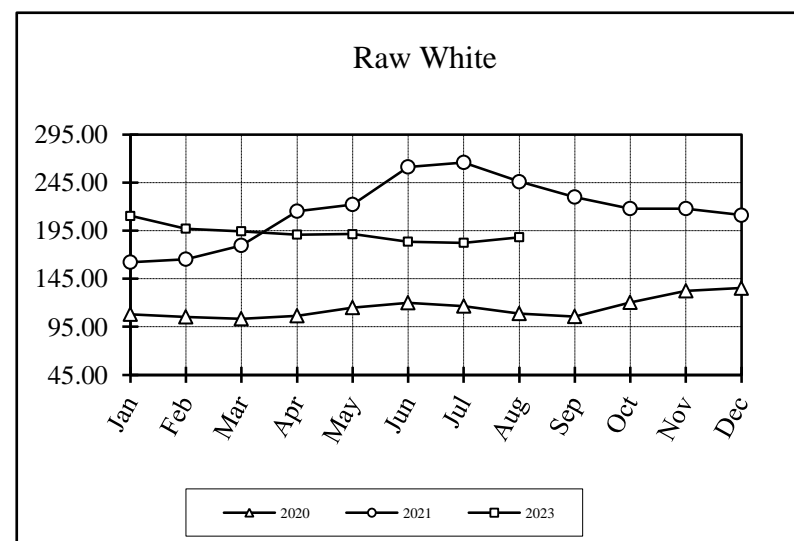
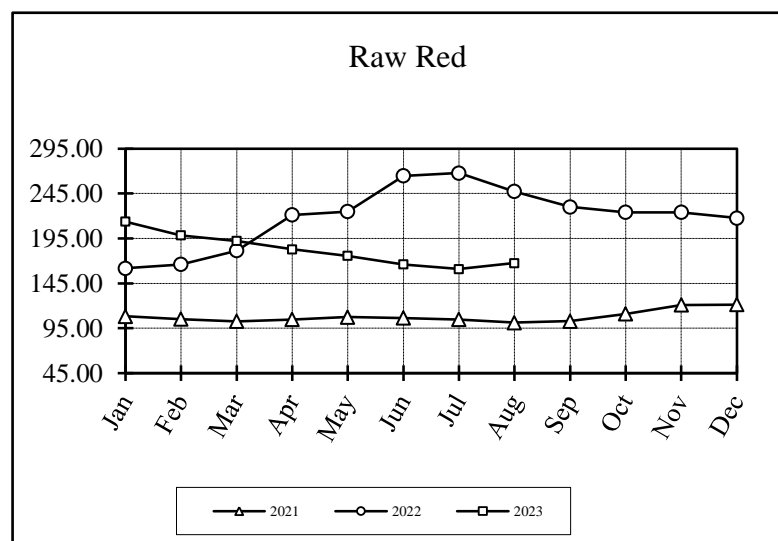
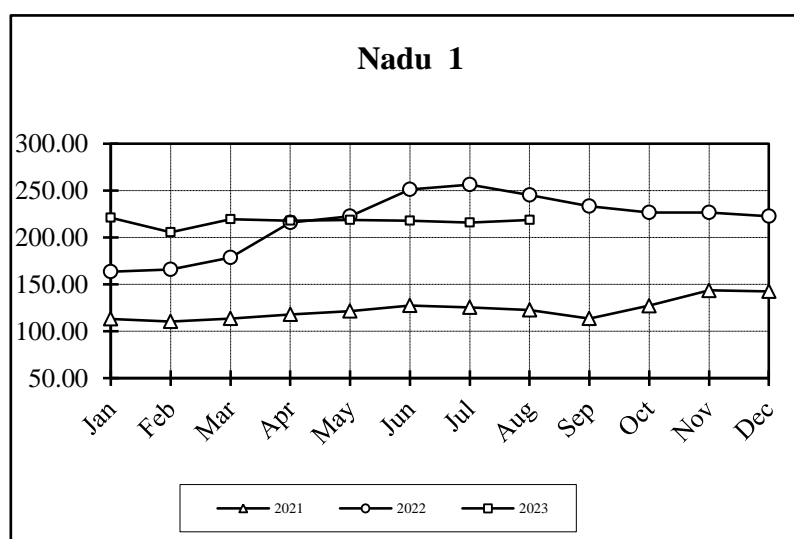
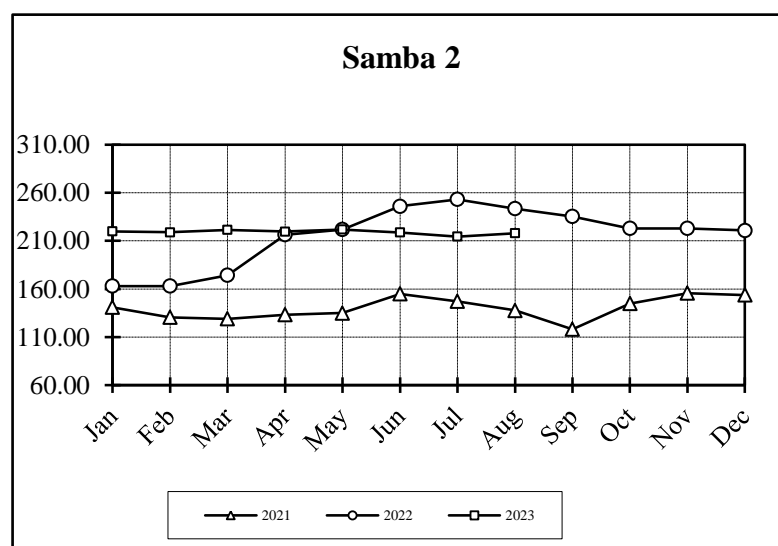
Table 7: Import of selected food items -August 2023

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Aug 2023	July 2023		Aug 2023	July 2023		Aug 2023	July 2023	
Rice	2183.1	1361.2	60	644.4	328.5	96	295.2	241.3	22
Red Onion	7.7	77.7	(90)	1.2	8.3	(85)	162.8	106.5	53
Big Onion	26951.5	30815.3	(13)	2045.9	2085.0	(2)	75.9	67.7	12
Potato	15890.0	18162.2	(13)	1196.7	1289.2	(7)	75.3	71.0	6
Maysoor Dhal	21057.0	23386.1	(10)	5116.6	5556.9	(8)	243.0	237.6	2
Garlic	4311.1	3370.4	28	1747.5	1359.1	29	405.3	403.2	1
Wheat flour	10835.2	34161.9	(68)	1380.4	4350.8	(68)	127.4	127.4	0
Wheat grain	2909.3	22535.4	(87)	447.9	2545.6	(82)	154.0	113.0	36
Sugar & sugar confectionery	20756.8	12902.7	61	4942.2	3015.0	64	238.1	233.7	2
Maize (Other)	1354.0	869.0	56	164.6	103.5	59	121.6	119.1	2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs, HARTI

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

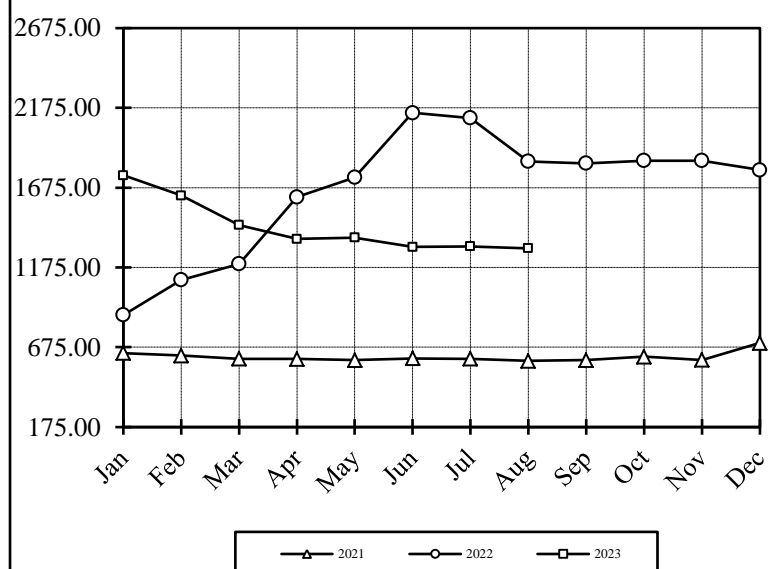
Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	141.10	163.05	219.81	113.10	163.43	220.92	108.31	161.74	213.83	108.03	162.13	210.47
Feb	130.44	162.91	218.90	110.43	165.94	205.48	105.14	166.21	198.52	105.33	165.39	197.12
Mar	128.86	174.23	221.53	113.55	178.69	219.37	102.71	181.30	192.21	103.35	179.60	194.29
Apr	133.36	216.46	219.71	118.02	216.03	217.91	104.80	221.05	182.80	106.46	215.19	191.02
May	135.00	221.87	221.71	121.48	222.47	218.80	107.41	224.78	175.69	115.04	222.45	191.48
Jun	155.00	246.00	218.83	127.50	251.20	217.79	106.45	264.53	166.19	120.00	261.37	183.70
Jul	147.27	253.30	214.56	125.36	256.35	215.78	104.83	267.75	160.92	116.53	266.15	182.31
Aug	137.66	243.37	218.05	122.81	245.23	218.62	101.28	247.19	167.50	108.81	246.15	188.16
Sep	118.18	235.46		113.72	233.33		102.87	230.02		105.80	229.95	
Oct	144.76	223.04		127.27	226.45		110.86	224.05		120.38	218.10	
Nov	155.53	223.04		143.51	226.45		121.01	224.05		132.33	218.10	
Dec	153.68	220.88		142.58	222.77		121.40	217.65		135.35	211.26	



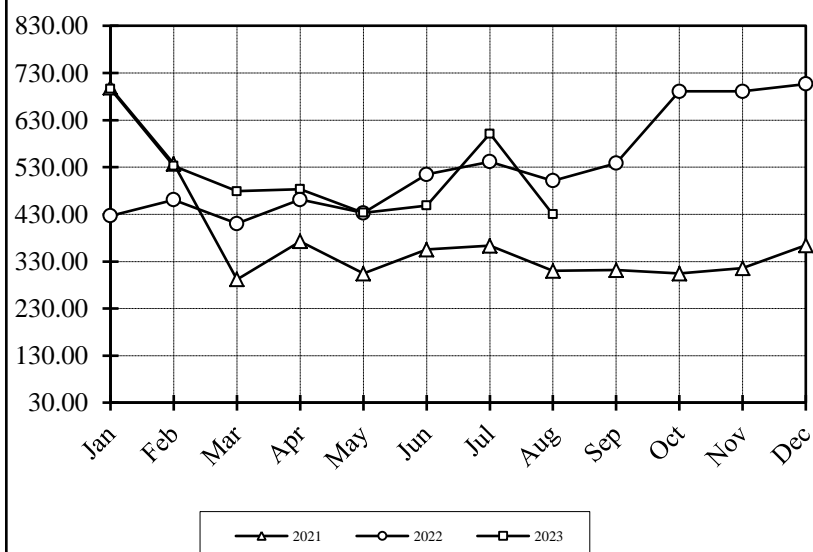
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	638.57	876.68	1752.35	698.55	426.78	696.10	127.78	203.69	188.50	227.08	303.42	443.97
Feb	623.15	1096.90	1625.09	537.28	461.00	532.96	144.28	173.63	158.70	205.92	314.05	361.86
Mar	602.72	1197.17	1439.94	291.66	410.30	479.02	123.19	175.30	126.33	188.53	294.04	357.69
Apr	601.31	1615.64	1352.77	372.89	461.12	483.63	97.65	236.52	120.91	195.46	319.03	361.12
May	594.37	1739.46	1361.98	304.18	433.13	433.52	100.75	203.29	127.64	208.71	307.54	362.70
Jun	605.00	2143.50	1303.59	355.40	514.80	448.76	117.42	230.89	131.09	199.41	373.16	365.72
Jul	602.48	2110.93	1307.02	363.39	541.94	601.36	111.94	228.96	146.26	205.29	468.93	417.37
Aug	589.40	1838.64	1295.06	309.97	501.24	430.04	122.89	189.33	183.45	233.39	495.71	431.92
Sep	593.55	1827.19		311.79	538.53		141.61	183.42		211.28	500.91	
Oct	615.62	1843.52		304.48	690.99		191.39	281.28		202.40	437.60	
Nov	594.81	1843.52		315.79	690.99		190.57	281.28		251.49	437.60	
Dec	700.81	1785.38		364.32	706.59		211.24	195.56		311.55	467.45	

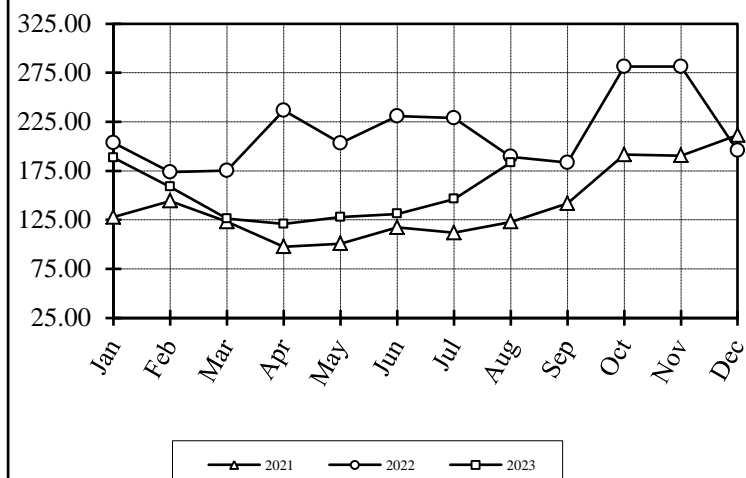
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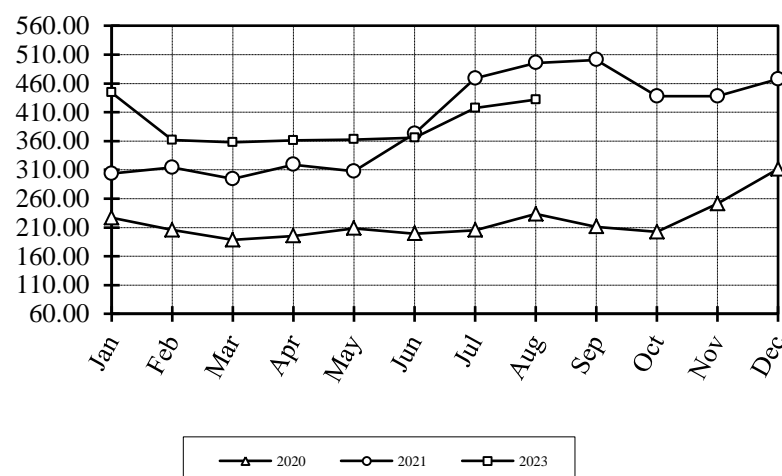
Red Onion - Vedalan



Big Onion



Potato - N'eliya



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

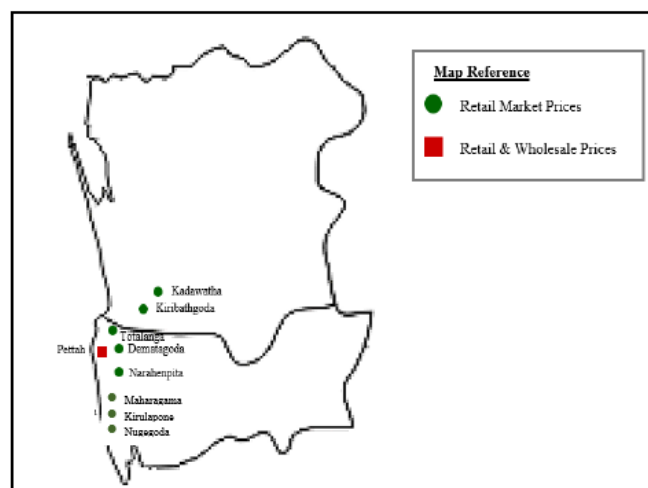
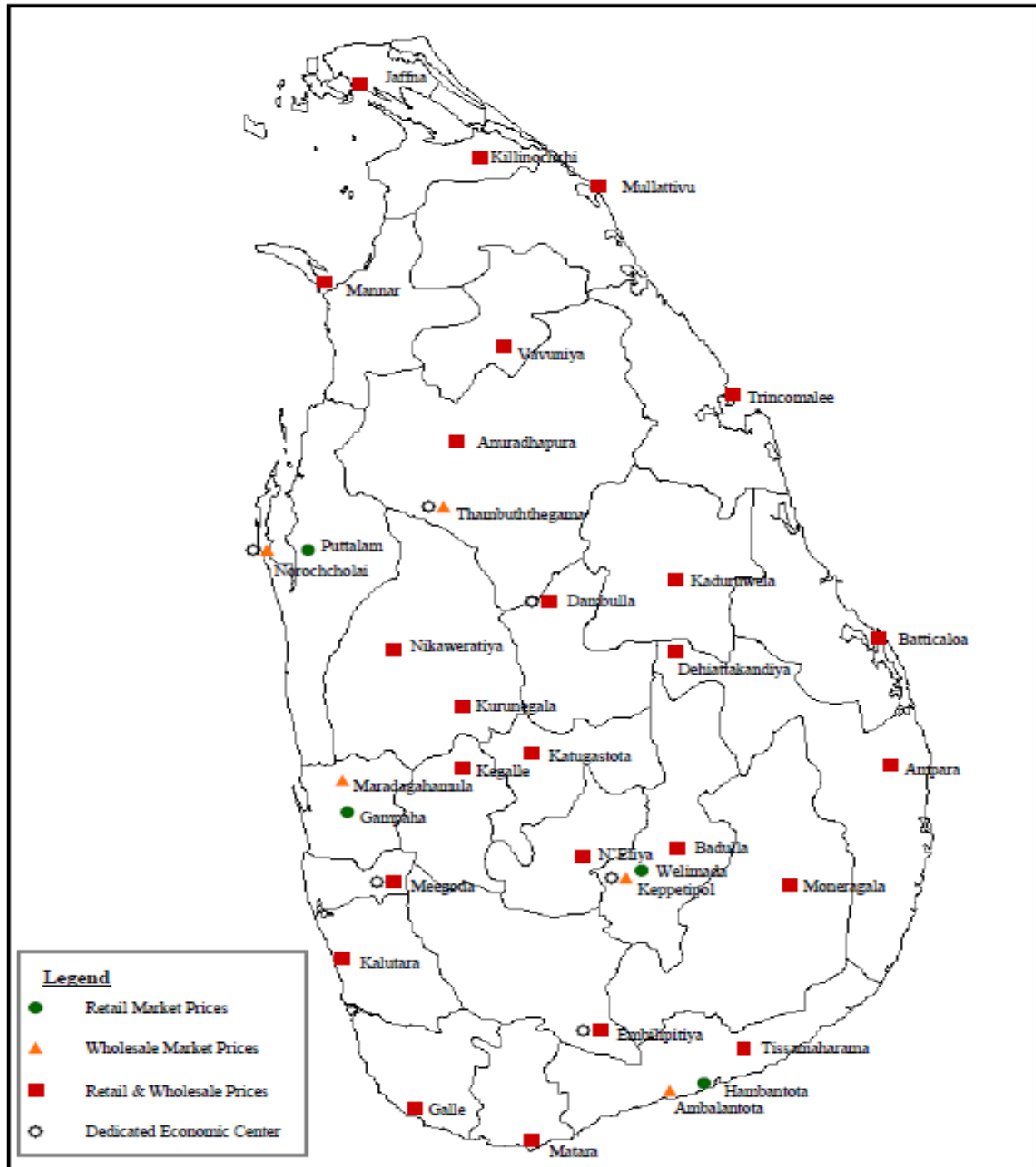
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	324.00	309.00	273.00	277.00	Welimada	86.00	73.00	59.00	51.00
A'pura	105.80	107.00	110.20	110.80	Badulla					N'Eliya	89.00	81.00	70.00	64.00
P'naruwa	93.80	98.50	103.30	103.50	Welimada	289.00	289.00	228.00	216.00					
Kalawewa	106.80	109.17	109.83	112.00	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala	99.40	102.20	111.25	112.50	<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha	85.67	70.00	55.60	62.60
Dehiattakandiya	107.00	103.69	110.33	111.67	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	81.00	64.00	64.00	60.00
Ampara	100.00	102.33	103.33	102.00	Kalawewa	800.00	787.50	850.00	825.00	Dambulla	78.80	86.40	71.80	89.40
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	790.00	790.00	790.00	790.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	89.40	90.80	102.00	103.20	Kurunegala					Welimada	83.00	49.00	49.00	49.00
P'naruwa	81.40	82.70	91.50	93.40	A'pura	775.00	775.00	775.00	775.00	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	92.20	91.33	100.33	105.17	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha	50.00	43.75	39.60	38.40
Kurunegala	87.80	93.20	104.00	108.50	A'pura					N'Eliya	59.00	55.00	49.00	66.00
Dehiattakandiya	91.83	91.75	102.00	105.00	Galgamuwa					Welimada	41.00	51.00	32.00	49.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya			675.00	700.00	<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara	83.14	89.40	92.40	104.00	Kalawewa	612.50	712.50	650.00	650.00	Hanguranketha	20.80	25.00	19.40	22.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	695.00	795.00	795.00	795.00	N'Eliya	31.00	31.00	21.80	49.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	25.40	24.00	18.00	30.00
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	88.25	89.50	91.25	91.25	A'Pura	147.50	147.50	147.50	137.50	Hanguranketha	101.00	88.75	90.00	88.00
Hambantota	90.00	90.00	95.50	95.50	Kalawewa	152.50	152.50	132.50	135.00	N'Eliya	138.00	122.00	111.00	95.00
Ampara	83.38	84.67	90.00	104.50	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	105.00	100.00	80.00	71.00
Embilipitiya	85.20	90.40	90.80	99.40	A'Pura	575.00	575.00	575.00	575.00	Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	110.00	93.00	95.00	83.00
A'pura	135.00	137.50	135.00	137.50	<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
Polonnaruwa	120.40	123.30	131.80	125.50	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	113.75	95.00	69.00	49.60
Kalawewa			133.75	137.50	A'Pura	825.00	850.00	925.00	875.00	Welimada	110.00	107.00	46.00	61.00
Kurunegala	128.00	140.00	140.00	137.50	<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	132.67	132.63	141.00	138.67	<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	121.00	111.00	63.00	81.20
					Dambulla	294.00	342.00	306.00	260.00	<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Red Onion</u>					Welimada	276.00	298.00	324.00	266.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Badulla	240.00	309.00	328.00	244.00	A'pura	74.00	58.00	44.00	59.00
Dambulla					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	61.60	62.60	51.60	61.60
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	357.50	335.00	302.00	284.00	Hambantota	56.00	48.00	41.00	41.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	378.00	369.00	325.00	266.00	Embilipitiya	45.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	332.00	306.00	259.00	205.00	Matara	70.00	75.00	67.50	67.50

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	194.00	158.00	164.00	188.00	Dambulla	99.20	73.60	61.20	48.00	Hambantota				
Dambulla	252.00	161.00	196.00	189.00	Hambantota	67.50	67.50	45.00	45.00	Embilipitiya	527.50	508.00	535.00	668.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	112.00	88.00	67.00	64.00	Moneragala	408.00	470.00	538.00	870.00
Embilipitiya	160.00	194.00	182.00	188.00	Matara	75.00	78.33	60.00	60.00	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	142.50	130.00	133.75	133.75	A'pura	74.00	76.00	59.00	59.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	231.00	178.00	179.00	131.00	Moneragala	74.00				<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	54.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	37.00	37.00	37.00	59.00	Embilipitiya	108.00	132.00	152.00	171.00
Welimada	314.00	276.00	195.00	236.00	Dambulla	36.60	51.00	60.40	65.00	Hambantota	75.00	87.50	117.50	147.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	188.00	188.00	188.00	208.00	Matara	28.33	24.50	31.25	31.25	Moneragala	212.00	220.00	258.00	270.00
Dambulla	145.00	155.00	165.50	184.50	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	322.00	384.00	398.00	432.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	150.50	148.20	159.00	152.50	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	216.00	228.00	236.00	262.00	Hambantota					<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	198.00	148.00	132.00	128.00	Moneragala	54.00	84.00	108.00	88.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	203.33	128.33	145.00	145.00	Embilipitiya	112.50	152.00	160.00	179.00
Dambulla	66.80	89.40	85.60	99.00	A'Pura	168.00	154.00	154.00	154.00	Hambantota	55.00	82.50	105.00	162.50
Hambantota	135.00	155.00	105.00	110.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	130.00	143.00	143.00	149.00	Hambantota	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	116.67	115.00	111.67	111.67	Embilipitiya	110.00	106.00	106.00	100.00					
A'pura	84.00	84.00	104.00	104.00	Matara	91.67	95.00	91.67	91.67					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	101.00	105.00	110.00	83.20	Dambulla	310.00	384.00	356.00	456.00					
Hambantota	114.00	114.00	110.00	120.00	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	132.00	125.00	138.00	141.00	Embilipitiya	520.00	520.00	520.00	694.00					
Matara	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	Puttalam	338.00	330.00	343.33	385.00					
A'pura	94.00	84.00	114.00	108.00	A'Pura	370.00	370.00	370.00	420.00					

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