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Highlights

Paddy/ Rice

The producer prices for short grain and Keeri Samba paddy varieties are exhibiting an upward trend, whereas prices for long grain white and red varieties have experienced a decline in almost all producing areas. Supplies of local rice varieties such as *Samba*, *Nadu*, raw red, and raw white increased during the month due to *Maha* harvesting. Wholesale prices of *Samba* grade I and II ranged between Rs. 205.00-215.00 and 195.00-210.00/kg respectively during the month and the price decreased by 3% compared to the previous month. Aligned with the trends in wholesale prices, retail prices for most local rice varieties experienced a decline, with the most notable decrease of 5% observed in raw red rice.

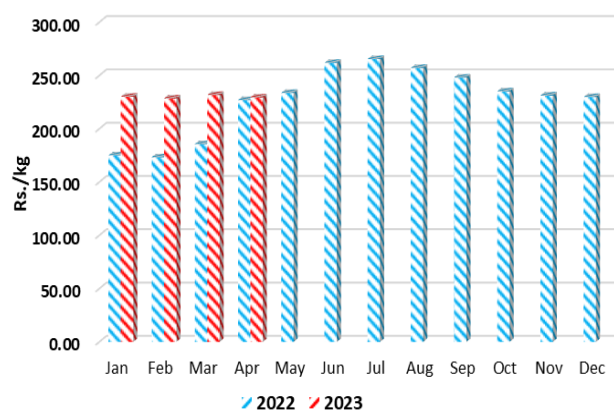
Vegetables

Supplies of vegetables were limited as the harvesting of the *Maha* season has reached its end phase and prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased due to seasonal demand for Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 1%-84% except bean and knolkhol. The highest price increase was reported for cabbage (84%). In line with the fluctuations of wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have slightly increased. Retail prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 1%-39%. Highest price increase was reported for cabbage (39%).

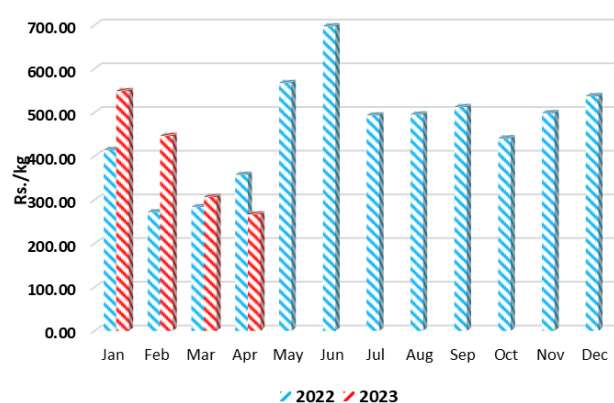
Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Due to lower food inflation and abundant supply resulting from favorable weather conditions, the prices of most fish varieties have experienced a further decline in both wholesale and retail markets. However, the retail prices of both types of eggs have increased due to a shortage that occurred after the implementation of maximum retail prices (MRP) for brown eggs at Rs. 46.00 and white eggs at Rs. 44.00.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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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

The targeted paddy area for the Yala 2023 season is established at 533,639 hectares. As of the conclusion of April 2023, the reported sown extent stands at 213,092 hectares, marking a 40% achievement towards the set target. Noteworthy is the substantial 53% year-on-year increase in the sown area of paddy for April 2023. Of particular significance is the cultivation progress observed in several districts within the Northern and Eastern provinces of the country, including Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Batticaloa, Ampara, and Vavuniya. In these regions, cultivation has surpassed 80% of the targeted paddy area.

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

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end April 2023 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
Provincial Areas						
Colombo	3,059	600	20	1,494	-	1,494
Gampaha	10,616	2,857	27	7,845	-	7,845
Kalutara	8,508	422	5	1,207	-	1,207
Galle	11,589	110	1	252	-	252
Matara	14,972	1,926	13	5,323	-	5,323
Ratnapura	9,940	1,359	14	5,139	-	5,139
Kegalle	7,875	4,104	52	12,303	-	12,303
Kurunagala	75,796	15,294	20	63,471	-	63,471
Puttalam	19,108	5,989	31	21,688	-	21,688
Kandy	6,837	183	3	498	-	498
Matale	9,535	1,894	20	8,484	-	8,484
Neliya	608	-	-	-	-	-
Badulla	5,319	724	14	3,132	-	3,132
Monaragala	12,310	3,623	29	17,860	-	17,860
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,865	5,677	83	25,365	-	25,365
Vavuniya	5,179	4,346	84	22,593	-	22,593
Mullaitivu	6,458	5,389	83	26,288	-	26,288
Mannar	2,684	243	9	1,223	-	1,223
Anuradhapura	40,496	18,147	45	71,793	-	71,793
Trincomalee	25,896	18,571	72	89,195	10	89,183
Batticaloa	34,148	32,788	96	124,724	-	124,724
Ampara	1,681	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	12,096	1,678	14	8,560	-	8,560
Inter Provincial Areas						
Polonnaruwa IP	28,160	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara IP	54,000	49,656	92	246,695	-	246,695
Monaragala IP	3,187	1,279	40	6,305	-	6,305
Hambantota IP	15,750	342	2	1,738	-	1,738
Hasalaka IP	8,860	-	-	-	-	-
Anuradhapura IP	22,238	2,327	10	9,173	-	9,173
Mahaweli Systems						
Udawalawa	8,611	6,930	80	34,401	-	34,401
System H	10,573	376	4	1,480	-	1,480
System H1	3,126	1,850	59	7,282	-	7,282
System B	19,688	9,067	46	39,169	-	39,169
System C	20,500	13,207	64	57,054	-	57,054
System G	4,052	770	19	3,068	-	3,068
System D	1,637	56	3	242	-	242
Rambakanoya	980	474	48	1,972	-	1,972
System L	703	833	118	3,445	-	3,445
Sri Lanka	533,639	213,092	40	930,459	10	930,447

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

The producer prices for short grain and Keeri Samba paddy varieties are exhibiting an upward trend, whereas prices for long grain white and red varieties have experienced a decline in almost all producing areas. Specifically, the producer prices of short grain paddy have seen an increase across all major producing areas except Ampara, ranging between Rs. 90.00-111.00/kg. Notably, the lowest average price was observed in the Kalawewa area. For long grain white paddy, the lowest average price was reported in Dehiattakandiya, while Plonnaruwa and Nikaweratiya recorded the highest average prices. Conversely, the producer prices of long grain red paddy have decreased in all major producing areas, ranging between Rs. 75.00-85.00/kg. This contrasts with Keeri Samba paddy, where prices ranged between Rs. 110.00-136.00/kg, with the lowest average price noted in Ampara.

Comparing prices to the same period last year, there has been a reduction in producer prices for all paddy varieties, ranging from 1% to 28%. Notably, there has been a significant decrease in prices for long grain red paddy.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –April 2023

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	95.00-105.00	101.05	98.50	110.70	2.55	2.59	-9.65	-8.72
Polonnaruwa	109.00-111.00	109.75	105.43	117.50	4.32	4.10	-7.75	-6.60
Kalawewa	90.00-105.00	97.72	94.68	108.99	3.04	3.21	-11.28	-10.35
Kurunegala	90.00-108.00	101.19	95.53	113.11	5.66	5.93	-11.93	-10.54
Dehiattakandiya	100.00-108.50	105.58	104.37	113.42	1.22	1.17	-7.83	-6.91
Nikaweratiya	95.00-106.00	102.71	100.71	114.80	2.00	1.99	-12.09	-10.53
Ampara	95.00-100.00	99.38	103.13	118.63	-3.75	-3.64	-19.25	-16.23
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	85.00-95.00	90.10	93.45	110.70	-3.35	-3.58	-20.60	-18.61
Polonnaruwa	89.00-111.00	92.48	94.45	117.50	-1.97	-2.09	-25.03	-21.30
Kalawewa	85.00-92.00	88.84	87.29	107.34	1.54	1.77	-18.50	-17.24
Kurunegala	80.00-95.00	89.69	89.04	112.99	0.65	0.73	-23.30	-20.62
Dehiattakandiya	80.00-93.00	86.17	90.84	113.33	-4.68	-5.15	-27.17	-23.97
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	90.00-95.00	92.39	93.78	114.80	-1.39	-1.48	-22.41	-19.52
Ampara	88.00-95.00	91.46	93.42	-	-1.96	-2.10		
Long Grain Red								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	75.00-85.00	80.38	87.94	112.25	-7.56	-8.60	-31.87	-28.39
Hambantota	78.00-85.00	81.81	87.85	114.08	-6.04	-6.87	-32.27	-28.29
Embilipitiya	80.00-85.00	82.75	90.65	116.33	-7.90	-8.71	-33.58	-28.87
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	115.00-127.00	121.45	116.00	122.60	5.45	4.70	-1.15	-0.94
Polonnaruwa	125.00-136.00	129.85	124.64	132.50	5.21	4.18	-2.65	-2.00
Kalawewa	110.00-125.00	118.38	110.98	125.25	7.40	6.67	-6.88	-5.49
Kurunegala	118.00-130.00	123.50	114.96	125.81	8.54	7.43	-2.31	-1.84
Dehiattakandiya	125.00-134.50	129.63	119.33	128.83	10.30	8.63	0.79	0.62

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supplies of local rice varieties such as *Samba*, *Nadu*, raw red, and raw white increased during the month due to *Maha* harvesting. Wholesale prices of *Samba* grade I and II ranged between Rs. 205.00-215.00 and 195.00-210.00/kg respectively during the month and the price decreased by 3% compared to the previous month. Furthermore, wholesale prices of *Nadu* grade I and II ranged between Rs. 180.00-190.00 and Rs. 175.00-185.00/kg and price has decreased by 2%. The highest price decrease among all the rice varieties was recorded for raw red and the price ranged between rs.150.00-165.00/kg. In contrast, the wholesale price of *Keeri samba* has increased by Rs. 3.00/kg due to decreased supplies.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of *samba* and *Keeri samba* prices have increased while all the other local rice varieties decreased. The highest price decrease of 21% was recorded for raw red followed by raw white (15%).

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	205.00-215.00	210.45	215.94	205.17	-5.49	-2.54	5.28	2.57
Samba 2	195.00-210.00	203.94	210.58	199.16	-6.64	-3.15	4.78	2.40
Keeri Samba	240.00-260.00	247.30	244.50	242.50	2.80	1.15	4.80	1.98
Nadu 1	180.00-190.00	184.54	187.16	201.50	-2.62	-1.40	-16.96	-8.42
Nadu 2	175.00-185.00	180.25	183.00	195.66	-2.75	-1.50	-15.41	-7.87
Raw red	150.00-165.00	156.15	163.89	197.92	-7.74	-4.73	-41.77	-21.10
Raw white	165.00-180.00	170.68	176.25	201.36	-5.57	-3.16	-30.68	-15.24
Imported Samba	200.00-210.00	203.93	207.40	177.05	-3.47	-1.67	26.88	15.18
Imported Raw White	170.00-180.00	176.84	174.34	156.92	2.51	1.44	19.92	12.70
Imported Nadu	163.00-175.00	168.90	170.86	171.31	-1.96	-1.15	-2.41	-1.41
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	220.00-235.00	229.55	231.74	227.02	-2.19	-0.94	2.53	1.12
Samba 2	210.00-230.00	219.71	221.53	216.46	-1.81	-0.82	3.25	1.50
Keeri Samba	250.00-270.00	264.54	262.08	264.14	2.45	0.94	0.40	0.15
Nadu 1	210.00-220.00	217.91	219.37	216.03	-1.46	-0.67	1.87	0.87
Nadu 2	200.00-210.00	206.16	206.15	206.45	0.01	0.00	-0.29	-0.14
Raw red	160.00-200.00	182.80	192.21	221.05	-9.41	-4.90	-38.25	-17.30
Raw white	180.00-200.00	191.02	194.29	215.19	-3.27	-1.68	-24.16	-11.23
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	210.00-240.00	222.58	223.47	199.51	-0.89	-0.40	23.07	11.56
Imported Raw White	180.00-200.00	194.61	192.25	190.58	2.36	1.23	4.02	2.11
Imported Nadu	180.00-210.00	197.08	195.43	195.07	1.65	0.84	2.01	1.03

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Aligned with the trends in wholesale prices, retail prices for most local rice varieties experienced a decline, with the most notable decrease of 5% observed in raw red rice. Retail prices of *Samba* grade I and II ranged between Rs. 220.00-235.00 and 210.00-230.00/kg respectively during the month and the price decreased slightly by 1% compared to the previous month.

Furthermore, retail prices of *Nadu* grade I and II ranged between Rs. 210.00-220.00 and Rs. 200.00-210.00/kg and Prices remained relatively stable compared to the previous month.

In a year-over-year comparison, retail prices for most rice varieties increased. The dynamics of retail pricing are influenced by various factors, and it's noteworthy that despite the recent month's decreases, the general trend over the past year has been an upward trajectory in retail prices for local rice varieties. These fluctuations in retail prices are indicative of the complex interplay between factors such as wholesale prices, market demand, and supply conditions.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in Yala 2023 was 9,563 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 1,250 ha by the end of April and it was 13% of the target. The highest targeted extent (1370ha) was recorded from the Puttalam district and the highest cultivated extent was recorded from Anuradhapura district (133ha) at the end of this month.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end April 2023	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Anuradhapura	619	133	21
Puttalam	1,370	119	9
Monaragala	345	103	30
Batticaloa	363	104	29
Jaffna	480	41	9
Kurunegala	540	86	16
Badulla	281	45	16
Kilinochchi	180	17	9
Matale	434	53	12
Mullathivu	211	29	14
Interprovincial DDA areas	427	118	28
Mahaweli areas	2,450	45	2
Other areas	1,863	357	19
Total	9,563	1,250	13

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has decreased during the month as at the end of the Maha season. However, wholesale price of green chili has decreased by about Rs.10.00/kg due to availability low quality stocks in most of the markets. Meanwhile retail price of green chilli has increased by Rs.28.00/kg due higher demand. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.300.27/kg and Rs.518.45/kg respectively. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from the Embilipitiya area with the price range of Rs.358.00 – 466.00/kg during the month of April. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by about 23% and 13% respectively.

A quantity of 2,183 mt of dried chillie was imported in April, 2023 and this quantity was less than 1225mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.835.97/kg and it has increased by Rs.112.42/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported dried chillies has increased by about Rs.6.00/kg while retail price has decreased by Rs.87.00/kg. Prices ranged between Rs.1000.00-1160.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1100.00 – Rs. 1600.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 21% and 16% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	250.00-400.00	300.27	310.50	392.00	-10.23	-3.29	-91.73	-23.40
Dried Chilli	1000.00-1160.00	1067.38	1061.50	1343.77	5.88	0.55	-276.40	-20.57
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-800.00	518.45	490.66	593.72	27.79	5.66	-75.27	-12.68
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1600.00	1352.77	1439.94	1615.64	-87.17	-6.05	-262.86	-16.27

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) April 2023

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	215.00	216.00	286.00	189.50
Embilipitiya	362.00	392.00	466.00	358.00
Puttalam	200.00	476.00	286.00	206.00
A'Pura	268.00	320.00	332.00	232.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (April– Nov 2022)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April-2023	2183.46	1825.31	835.97	1352.77	516.80
March-2023	3408.37	2466.11	723.55	1439.94	716.39
Feb-2023	4224.49	3434.89	813.09	1625.09	812.00
Jan-2023	3079.93	2746.44	891.72	1752.35	860.63
Dec-2022	4063.21	3596.78	885.21	1785.38	900.17
Nov-2022	3959.56	3568.72	901.29	1843.52	942.23

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for big onion for yala season 2023, was 7,133ha and no cultivation was recorded in major producing areas. Nursery preparation of big onion has started in Matale district and Yala cultivation will commence next month. The targeted extent of land for red onion for yala season was 3896 ha, of which 259 ha has been cultivated by the end of the month. It represented 7% of the targeted extent of red onion in Sri Lanka. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about, 2000 ha in Jaffna and 168 ha of the target (8%) was grown at the end of April 2023.

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

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of April, 2023	
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent
Matale	1,597	0	0
Anuradhapura	708	0	0
Anuradhapura IP	700	0	0
Mahaweli H	1,250	0	0
Mahaweli H1	1,350	0	0
Other areas	1,528	3	0.2
Total	7,133	3	0.04

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2023 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of April 2023	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target
Jaffna	2,000	168	8
Puttalam	785	48	6
Other area	1,111	43	4
Total	3896	259	7

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of only imported and big onions during this month too. A quantity of 23,253mt of big onion was imported in April 2023 and this quantity was lower than the 6,919 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.60.57/kg and it has decreased by Rs.1.18/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by about Rs.3.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.91.35/kg and Rs.120.91/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 50% and 49% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

The supply of local red onion has increased slightly from the main producing areas during this month. Hence both wholesale and retail prices of sinnan have decreased by about Rs.1.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively. However, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by Rs.56.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively due availability of good quality stocks in most of the markets. Retail prices range between Rs.320.00 -360.00/kg for sinnan and Rs.460.00- 520.00/kg for vedalan. A quantity of 1,522mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 181 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.107.85/kg and it has decreased by Rs. 1.48/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have increased by about Rs.35.00/kg and Rs.34.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of sinnan, vedalan and imported red onions have increased by about 18%, 5% and 18% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-260.00	242.50	243.33	178.57	-0.83	-0.34	63.93	35.80
Red Onion (Vedalan)	290.00-430.00	354.97	298.78	282.46	56.19	18.81	72.51	25.67
Red Onion (Imported)	260.00-420.00	308.25	273.39	284.02	34.86	12.75	24.23	8.53
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-100.00	91.35	94.18	183.52	-2.83	-3.00	-92.17	-50.22
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	320.00-360.00	346.00	352.02	292.77	-6.02	-1.71	53.23	18.18
Red Onion (Vedalan)	460.00-520.00	483.63	479.02	461.12	4.61	0.96	22.51	4.88
Red Onion (Imported)	350.00-560.00	423.24	389.11	359.19	34.13	8.77	64.04	17.83
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-140.00	120.91	126.33	236.52	-5.42	-4.29	-115.61	-48.88
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, April 2023

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	April,2023	60.57	91.35	120.91	30.77	29.57
	March,2023	61.75	94.18	126.33	32.43	32.16
	April,2022	96.11	183.52	236.52	87.41	53.00
Red onion	April,2023	107.85	308.25	423.24	200.40	114.99
	March,2023	109.33	273.39	389.11	164.06	115.72
	April,2022	133.94	284.02	359.19	150.08	75.17

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)
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
February-2023	23,206.84	73.34	111.20	158.70	85.35
January-2023	27,637.65	84.21	145.40	188.50	104.29
Dec-2022	25,501.24	88.27	157.60	195.56	107.29
Nov-2022	19,712.16	92.02	226.13	281.28	189.26

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)	
	April,2023	March,2023	April,2023	March,2023	April,2023	March,2023
Red Onion	1522.09	1340.93	164.16	146.60	107.85	109.33
Big Onion	23253.37	30172.31	1408.57	1862.99	60.57	61.75

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

Yala cultivation of potatoes commenced in only Badulla district in April while in Nuwara Eliya district the Yala harvesting season started and around 5% of the total cultivated area was harvested at the end of the month. According to field information, more than 95% of the harvesting had been completed in Welimada potatoes in Badulla and the supply of Welimada potato will end in the month of May. In Badulla district, only 29 ha has cultivated in April while it is 39 ha in Nuwara Eliya district. The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2023 season is 2,685 ha which is higher (48%) than the previous year actual cultivated area (1,814ha).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 9,545 mt of potato had been imported in April, which was 10,934 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs. 59.00/kg in April. The 12% reduction in the imports compared to the previous month and the reduced supply from the local production areas (Welimada) resulted in a price increase in the wholesale as well as the retail market.

With regard to local potato, stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the Colombo wholesale market with ongoing harvesting for maha season. However, the demand was high during the festival season in the country during the month. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have increased by 20% and 13% in April. The retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased slightly by 7%. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 23% and 12% respectively. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and welimada potato was Rs.223.00/kg and Rs. 210/kg respectively in April. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya, and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 190.00-250.00/kg, Rs. 220.00-270.00/kg and Rs. 125.00-160.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period last year, the current retail prices of Welimada(19%), Nuwara Eliya (16%) potatoes increases while imported potato prices decrease by 10%.

The reduced supply from the producing area due to the end of the harvesting season in Welimada area, and reduced *maha* season cultivation extent due to high seed prices and other input prices in Nuwara Eliya district will reduce the local supply of potatoes to the markets. By considering those, a price increase is expected in the coming months.

Table 2.3.1: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – April 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	185.00-240.00	209.75	163.90	191.13	45.85	27.97	18.63	9.74
Nuwara Eliya	195.00-240.00	223.00	186.20	178.60	36.80	19.76	44.40	24.86
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	190.00-250.00	227.50	189.38	190.94	38.13	20.13	36.56	19.15
Nuwara Eliya	220.00-270.00	248.75	220.63	215.38	28.13	12.75	33.38	15.50
Imported	125.00-160.00	146.93	119.38	163.04	27.56	23.08	-16.11	-9.88
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	260.00-320.00	296.47	290.88	276.18	5.59	1.92	20.29	7.35
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-460.00	361.12	357.69	319.03	3.43	0.96	42.09	13.19
Imported	150.00-200.00	178.51	159.15	217.61	19.36	12.16	-39.10	-17.97
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		86.72	126.98	85.06	-40.26	-31.70	1.67	1.96
Nuwara Eliya		138.12	171.49	140.43	-33.37	-19.46	-2.31	-1.64
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		68.97	101.51	85.25	-32.53	-32.05	-16.27	-19.09
Nuwara Eliya		112.37	137.07	103.65	-24.70	-18.02	8.72	8.41
Imported		31.58	39.78	54.57	-8.20	-20.61	-22.99	-42.13

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –Nov 2022 to April 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April-2023	9,545	562.88	58.97	178.51	119.54
March-2023	20,479	1145.17	55.92	159.15	103.23
February-2023	14,258	922.11	64.68	185.01	120.34
January-2023	17,961	1209.22	67.32	181.78	114.46
December-2022	15,183	1199.30	78.99	232.61	153.61
November-2022	12,035	883.04	73.37	239.85	166.48

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted cultivated extent Green gram and Cowpea is 11,080 ha and 10,828 ha respectively). Cowpea and black gram reported 28% and 14% progress from the targets at the beginning of the Yala 2023 season. It was recorded that the Hambanthota, Moneragala, Kurunegala, Ampara, Anuradhapura and Puttalam districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram cultivation while Ampara, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala and Moneragala Vavuniya are for Cowpea.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs. 1340.00 and Rs. 1480.00/kg with an average of Rs.1399.00 1399.30/kg in April. The average price has reduced by 2% compared to the previous month. However, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has increased by 66%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs. 1400.00/kg and 1600.00/kg

with an average of Rs. 1569.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has not drastically changed and has increased by 1%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of this month has increased by 37%.

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs. 646.00/kg and Rs.696.00/kg, respectively in April. The price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs. 550.00/kg and Rs.800.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 20% while, the price of red cowpea has decreased by 16%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 8% and 34%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs. 1569.00/kg and Rs. 1043.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of both white and red cowpea ranged between Rs. 900.00/kg and 1200.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 13% and price of red cowpea has decreased by 10%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 36% and 49%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	1340.00-1480.00	1399.30	1420.04	844.43	-20.74	-1.46	554.88	65.71
Cowpea (White)	550.00-800.00	646.22	803.47	593.25	-157.25	-19.57	52.97	8.93
Cowpea (Red)	600.00-825.00	695.55	830.06	518.30	-134.51	-16.20	177.25	34.20
Retail Price								
Green gram	1400.00-1600.00	1569.02	1547.65	1142.70	21.37	1.38	426.32	37.31
Cowpea (White)	900.00-1200.00	1042.74	1201.68	767.98	-158.94	-13.23	274.76	35.78
Cowpea (Red)	900.00-1200.00	1057.22	1168.43	709.09	-111.21	-9.52	348.13	49.10

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs. 310.00 and Rs. 335.00/kg with an average of Rs. 323.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs. 330.00 and Rs. 360.00/kg with an average of Rs. 353.00/kg. Moreover, both prices have not changed significantly during this month. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 29%.

During this month, a total of 17,563 MT of red dhal has been imported. Of the total red dhal imports, around 95 % has been imported from Australia, and the rest (5%) from Canada, India and Singapore. The total value of the red dhal imports was Rs. 3,938 million.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	310.00-335.00	322.64	323.55	457.05	-0.91	-0.28	-134.42	-29.41
Retail Price	330.00-360.00	353.39	360.22	503.74	-6.83	-1.90	-150.34	-29.85

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Cultivation season of Yala 2023 is commenced and cultivation progress of up-country and low-country vegetables are recorded as 14% (2,061ha) and 19% (3,8994ha) respectively. The targeted extent and production of up-country vegetables in this season are 14,442ha and 31,305mt respectively. For the low-country vegetables, 20,973ha of cultivation extent and 43,823mt production are expected. *Carrot, leeks, and kekiri reported above 20% progress from their targets. (Crop Forecast, Vol.01, 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 April 2023		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Up-Country Vegetables				
Bean	3,313	371	11	3,102
Beet	1,475	130	9	2,193
Cabbage	2,258	266	12	7,297
Capsicum	1,739	263	15	1,897
Carrot	797	247	31	5,493
Knol-khol	380	44	12	451
Leeks	801	206	26	3,539
Tomato	2,391	332	14	4,166
Radish	1,289	202	16	3,167
Total	14,442	2,061	14	31,305
Low – country Vegetables				
Pumpkin	3,120	596	19	8,371
Snake gourd	1,520	237	16	2,491
Cucumber	1,504	254	17	3,065
Bitter gourd	1,734	285	16	3,350
Okra	3,243	631	19	6,393
Brinjal	3,988	767	19	9,784
Ash plantain	136	23	17	319
Luffa	1,389	257	18	2,177
Long Bean	3,597	708	20	6,287
Winged bean	523	77	15	879
Kekiri	219	64	29	706
Total	20,973	3,899	19	43,823
Grand Total	35,415	5,960	17	75,128

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2023, volume 01, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of vegetables were limited as the harvesting of the *Maha* season has reached its end phase and prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased due to seasonal demand for Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival.

The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 1%-84% except bean and knolkhol. The highest price increase was reported for cabbage (84%). The highest price of Rs.153.00/kg was recorded for tomato while the lowest price of Rs.77.00/kg was observed for radish. However, bean and Knol khol prices are decreased from 26% and 14% respectively. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have slightly decreased by 6%-35% except brinjal, capsicum and snake gourd. The highest price of Rs. 404.00/kg was recorded for capsicum, while the lowest price of Rs. 46.00/kg was for pumpkin. However, the price of brinjal increased by 54%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased with 6%-70% the highest price increase of 219% being reported for ash plantain. However, bean, carrot and pumpkin prices are decreased and ranged 11%-42%.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – April 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-250.00	149.16	201.78	258.50	-52.62	-26.08	-109.34	-42.30
Carrot	80.00-160.00	112.07	95.41	126.25	16.66	17.46	-14.18	-11.23
Leeks	140.00-200.00	170.20	156.75	100.00	13.45	8.58	70.20	70.20
Beetroot	80.00-200.00	147.78	145.27	139.91	2.52	1.73	7.88	5.63
Knolkhol	70.00-120.00	96.09	113.00	103.25	-16.91	-14.96	-7.16	-6.93
Radish	60.00-100.00	76.70	53.43	77.75	23.27	43.56	-1.05	-1.34
Cabbage	50.00-150.00	99.48	54.00	64.58	45.48	84.22	34.89	54.03
Tomato	100.00-250.00	153.18	176.50	131.25	-23.32	-13.21	21.93	16.71
Ladies Fingers	80.00-120.00	102.20	157.75	74.25	-55.55	-35.21	27.95	37.65
Brinjal	120.00-400.00	233.02	151.50	200.00	81.52	53.81	33.02	16.51
Capsicum	300.00-600.00	404.11	322.91	295.50	81.20	25.15	108.61	36.76
Pumpkin	40.00-60.00	46.01	50.11	56.39	-4.10	-8.18	-10.38	-18.40
Cucumber	40.00-80.00	56.52	60.50	43.75	-3.98	-6.57	12.77	29.19
Bittergourd	150.00-250.00	180.55	267.50	170.25	-86.95	-32.51	10.30	6.05
Snakegourd	120.00-180.00	146.61	135.25	154.00	11.36	8.40	-7.39	-4.80
Drumstick	100.00-600.00	380.00	-	286.00	-	-	94.00	32.87
Luffa	120.00-180.00	158.11	185.25	130.05	-27.14	-14.65	28.07	21.58
Long Beans	70.00-150.00	102.75	117.32	111.75	-14.57	-12.42	-9.00	-8.05
Ash Plantain	120.00-220.00	165.80	200.00	52.00	-34.20	-17.10	113.80	218.84
Green Chillies	250.00-400.00	300.27	310.50	392.00	-10.23	-3.29	-91.73	-23.40
Lime	200.00-450.00	297.05	146.25	392.75	150.80	103.11	-95.70	-24.37

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the fluctuations of wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have slightly increased. Retail prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 1%-39%. Highest price increase was reported for cabbage (39%) and the highest price decrease was reported for beans as 91%. The highest price of Rs.639.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest

price of Rs.127.00/kg was observed for pumpkin. In addition, price of green chilli has increased by 6% and price of lime has increased by 56%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – April 2023

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	140.00-400.00	266.81	306.70	357.53	-39.88	-13.00	-90.71	-25.37
Carrot	100.00-320.00	226.05	209.88	232.51	16.17	7.70	-6.46	-2.78
Leeks	200.00-400.00	284.43	271.46	195.57	12.97	4.78	88.86	45.43
Beetroot	120.00-360.00	258.63	256.26	223.80	2.37	0.93	34.84	15.57
Knolkhol	120.00-320.00	225.07	247.35	207.35	-22.29	-9.01	17.71	8.54
Radish	90.00-240.00	169.60	161.81	167.17	7.79	4.81	2.43	1.45
Cabbage	100.00-320.00	212.11	151.83	165.44	60.28	39.70	46.67	28.21
Tomato	150.00-400.00	290.49	295.37	236.56	-4.88	-1.65	53.93	22.80
Ladies Fingers	120.00-320.00	223.33	266.19	177.92	-42.87	-16.10	45.40	25.52
Brinjal	160.00-600.00	346.85	269.62	304.13	77.23	28.64	42.72	14.04
Capsicum	350.00-1000.00	639.86	504.77	487.00	135.09	26.76	152.85	31.39
Pumpkin	50.00-200.00	127.84	146.75	141.83	-18.91	-12.89	-13.99	-9.87
Cucumber	80.00-240.00	148.43	158.30	125.33	-9.87	-6.24	23.10	18.43
Bittergourd	220.00-440.00	333.10	401.79	297.53	-68.69	-17.10	35.57	11.96
Snakegourd	160.00-360.00	272.85	268.13	245.19	4.72	1.76	27.66	11.28
Drumstick	200.00-1000.00	622.50	-	648.79	-	-	-26.29	-4.05
Luffa	180.00-400.00	289.24	317.41	248.47	-28.17	-8.87	40.77	16.41
Long Beans	100.00-320.00	223.10	242.07	219.28	-18.97	-7.84	3.83	1.74
Ash Plantain	150.00-360.00	270.85	289.73	137.67	-18.88	-6.51	133.18	96.74
Green Chilli	300.00-800.00	518.45	490.66	593.72	27.79	5.66	-75.27	-12.68
Lime	280.00-800.00	520.76	334.52	601.31	186.23	55.67	-80.55	-13.40

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In April, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *ambul* (29%), *kolikuttu* (23%), *anamalu* (13%), *ambun* (10%), and *seeni* (10%) banana have increased. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.380.00-580.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.160.00-260.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.140.00-180.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.30.00-43.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.28.00-37.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 19%-25% due to sufficient stocks received from Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.565.00/fruit (large), Rs.464.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.364.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. Considering the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* mango has decreased further by 17% due to arrival of ample stocks from major producing areas and the prices are expected to be decreased further due to on-going harvesting season till June.

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the highest price decrease was recorded for passion fruit (21%). Further, the prices of papaw and avocado have decreased by 20% and 8% respectively due to arrival of ample stocks. However, the prices of wood apple (42%), grapes (24%) and orange (16%) have increased due to availability of limited stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 151% reported for *ambul* banana (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	160.00-260.00	220.47	171.46	87.88	49.01	28.59	132.60	150.89
Kolikuttu (Kg)	380.00-580.00	486.88	396.15	224.46	90.73	22.90	262.42	116.91
Seeni (Kg)	140.00-180.00	156.68	142.45	84.17	14.23	9.99	72.52	86.16
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00-37.00	32.98	29.23	13.70	3.75	12.81	19.28	140.74
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-43.00	36.65	33.37	16.70	3.28	9.83	19.95	119.48
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	520.00-680.00	564.72	694.72	358.13	-130.00	-18.71	206.60	57.69
Medium (Fruit)	420.00-580.00	464.17	593.82	265.57	-129.65	-21.83	198.60	74.78
Small (Fruit)	320.00-480.00	364.45	484.03	186.67	-119.58	-24.71	177.78	95.24
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-70.00	59.92	58.29	34.08	1.64	2.81	25.84	75.81
Karthakolomban(fruit)	75.00-200.00	135.67	162.50	114.37	-26.83	-16.51	21.30	18.62
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-92.00	75.69	70.83	46.55	4.86	6.86	29.14	62.59
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	18.63	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	100.00-280.00	201.03	251.47	120.92	-50.45	-20.06	80.11	66.25
Passionfruit (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	44.45	56.40	39.45	-11.94	-21.18	5.00	12.68
Woodapple (Fruit)	50.00-90.00	75.12	52.93	38.87	22.20	41.94	36.26	93.29
Orange (Fruit)	52.00-80.00	64.31	55.34	33.62	8.98	16.22	30.69	91.31
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	113.87	123.78	110.38	-9.91	-8.00	3.49	3.17
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	27.38	25.53	27.23	1.84	7.21	0.14	0.52
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1400.00-2000.00	1743.75	1410.71	1166.15	333.04	23.61	577.60	49.53

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in April. Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the highest price increase of 23% was reported for *kolikuttu* banana, followed by *ambul* banana (21%). Prices of *ambun*, *anamalu* and *seeni* banana have increased in the range of 10%-14%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.450.00-700.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.200.00-380.00/kg for *ambul* banana and Rs.200.00-320.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have decreased in the range of 9%-15% due to decreased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.320.00-720.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Among the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* has decreased by 28% due to availability of ample stocks in the market.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of passion fruit (20%), papaw (12%) and avocado (10%) have decreased due to increased supply. However, the prices of wood apple (35%) and slime apple (10%) have increased due to increased wholesale prices. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 115% reported for *ambul* banana (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – April 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	200.00-380.00	286.23	236.93	133.18	49.30	20.81	153.05	114.91
Kolikuttu (Kg)	450.00-700.00	591.31	480.18	276.45	111.13	23.14	314.86	113.89
Seeni (Kg)	200.00-320.00	248.02	217.69	140.36	30.33	13.93	107.66	76.70
Anamalu (Fruit)	26.00-40.00	34.74	31.07	20.49	3.67	11.82	14.25	69.55
Ambun (Fruit)	32.00-50.00	42.87	38.79	25.54	4.08	10.50	17.33	67.83
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	550.00-720.00	649.42	712.86	391.72	-63.44	-8.90	257.70	65.79
Medium (Fruit)	450.00-660.00	551.52	623.70	313.64	-72.17	-11.57	237.89	75.85
Small (Fruit)	320.00-560.00	434.50	510.31	237.47	-75.81	-14.86	197.03	82.97
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	120.00-250.00	188.10	261.40	131.08	-73.30	-28.04	57.02	43.50
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00-160.00	124.17	97.00	57.35	27.17	28.01	66.81	116.49
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	220.00-400.00	320.15	363.14	197.58	-42.99	-11.84	122.58	62.04
Passionfruit (Fruit)	40.00-75.00	60.66	76.27	48.11	-15.61	-20.46	12.55	26.08
Woodapple (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	135.02	100.27	68.52	34.75	34.65	66.49	97.04
Orange (Fruit)	70.00-150.00	102.52	97.414	65.12	5.11	5.24	37.40	57.43
Avocado (Fruit)	80.00-180.00	137.37	151.95	151.43	-14.58	-9.60	-14.07	-9.29
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	85.64	78.108	66.04	7.53	9.65	19.60	29.68
Grapes Imported (Kg)	2000.00-3000.00	2583.85	2533.1	1665.81	50.74	2.00	918.05	55.11

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – April 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	68.00-174.00	124.06	109.50	55.64	14.56	13.30	68.42	122.97
Kolikuttu	262.00-402.00	309.13	275.50	151.58	33.63	12.21	157.55	103.94
Papaw	84.00-132.00	111.71	157.31	55.61	-45.60	-28.99	56.10	100.88

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 807 mt of fresh fruits in April, 2023 to the value of Rs.156 mn. Of the exported quantity, 93% were papaw and 4% were fresh pineapple. Compared to April 2022 (1,434 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 700 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.283 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 449 mt, followed by grapes (117 mt). Compared to the month of April, 2022 (1,172 mt), the imported quantity had significantly decreased during this year (Table 4.5).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – February to April 2023

Type of Fruit	April- 2023			March - 2023			February - 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	753.55	121.65	161.44	742.85	149.86	201.73	541.00	112.09	207.19
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	9.01	12.60	1398.70	24.47	33.81	1381.68	31.58	35.18	1114.03
Fresh Avocado	8.06	7.43	921.55	16.48	11.26	683.03	7.42	7.20	970.81
Pineapple, fresh	35.87	14.32	399.34	48.04	17.97	374.08	79.73	61.83	775.57

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – February to April 2023

Type of Fruit	April - 2023			March - 2023			February - 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	448.85	170.75	380.42	546.48	221.84	405.94	423.01	163.14	385.66
Grapes	133.94	89.71	669.78	304.88	187.96	616.51	259.97	177.00	680.87
Oranges	117.26	21.89	186.64	117.20	20.95	178.79	26.13	6.53	250.11

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the food inflation (Y-o-Y) had decreased further to 30.6% in April 2023 from 47.6% in March 2023, prices of most of the fish varieties, except for thora had increased at the wholesale level due to high demand during the Sinhala – Tamil new year season. Further, there was a falling supply from southern and western coastal belts as it enters the lean season for fishing. As mentioned earlier, due to the rise in the cost of living and loss of income, consumers have been compelled to reduce their consumption of high-value foods such as fish and meat, decreasing demand for these products. A shift in demand from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones continue to observe.

Among all the fresh fish varieties, the largest price hike was observed for balaya at 20%, followed by thalapath at 12%, and mora at 4%. Equally, prices for most of the remaining fish varieties, with the exception of thalapath had increased within the range of 1% to 3%.

As mentioned earlier, the economic crisis-induced demand shift from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones has been observed. For instance, the price of hurulla and salaya which had been increasing for several consecutive months, in the last year and this year, showed a further price increase in April due to high demand. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had increased, ranging from 17% to 53%, with the most notable increase seen in the price of salaya as 53%.

As a result of the wholesale price changes, the retail prices for most of the fish varieties have increased in comparison to the previous month. The largest price increase was reported for balaya

as 8%. Next, prices of both salaya and thalapath had increased by 6%. Meantime, prices of hurulla and shrimp (small) had increased by 5%. However, prices of kelawalla and thora had dropped by less than 4%. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for all fresh fish varieties have increased, with the most significant increase noted for shrimp (small) as 41%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	150.00-700.00	386.88	375.50	253.13	11.38	3.03	133.75	52.84
Hurulla	450.00-920.00	699.50	677.25	583.21	22.25	3.29	116.29	19.94
Balaya	600.00-1100.00	833.00	694.50	544.69	138.50	19.94	288.31	52.93
Kelawalla	920.00-1650.00	1180.00	1146.75	876.50	33.25	2.90	303.50	34.63
Thora	1300.00-2800.00	1820.75	1969.00	1551.47	-148.25	-7.53	269.28	17.36
Paraw	800.00-1400.00	1156.75	1118.00	837.85	38.75	3.47	318.90	38.06
Mora	800.00-1340.00	1037.33	1001.74	-	35.59	3.55	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1150.00-1750.00	1527.50	1511.25	1182.41	16.25	1.08	345.09	29.19
Thalapath	1250.00-2000.00	1575.00	1402.00	1253.44	173.00	12.34	321.56	25.65
Retail Prices								
Salaya	320.00-900.00	600.63	565.11	376.37	35.52	6.29	224.26	59.58
Hurulla	600.00-1200.00	971.84	928.80	751.17	43.05	4.63	220.67	29.38
Balaya	900.00-1800.00	1326.51	1227.05	1135.80	99.46	8.11	190.71	16.79
Kelawalla	1360.00-2800.00	1842.79	1889.88	1631.32	-47.09	-2.49	211.47	12.96
Thora	2000.00-3800.00	2716.06	2813.00	2088.59	-96.93	-3.45	627.47	30.04
Paraw	1280.00-2800.00	1921.08	1916.93	1557.27	4.15	0.22	363.81	23.36
Mora	1200.00-2000.00	1603.47	1604.00	-	-0.53	-0.03	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1400.00-2400.00	1819.71	1733.90	1293.39	85.80	4.95	526.32	40.69
Thalapath	1880.00-3000.00	2359.71	2229.81	1888.42	129.90	5.83	471.30	24.96

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In April 2023, prices of most dried fish varieties also experienced an increase in prices following the high prices of the common fresh fish varieties.

The highest price hike at the wholesale level was recorded for balaya at 10% due to high fresh fish prices. Further, prices of both sprats, anguluwa (imported) and maduwa had increased by less than 4%. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties, except for salaya, sprats (imported) and kattawa (imported) had increased in the range of by 2% - 3%. However, prices of salaya dried fish had shown a high price drop of 14% due to decreased fresh fish prices reported in March.

Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased, with the highest price increase noted for maduwa at 24%.

During the same period, the retail prices of all the dried fish varieties had slightly decreased, which could be attributed to the high demand for fresh fish, meat and eggs during the festival

season. The highest price drop was reported for salaya as 6%. Prices of other dried fish varieties, a slight price drop of less than 4%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased, with the highest price increase noted for mora as 20%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	980.00-1300.00	1169.75	1132.00	1296.53	37.75	3.33	-126.78	-9.78
Sprats (imported)	700.00-960.00	825.21	848.96	1111.47	-23.75	-2.80	-286.27	-25.76
Kattawa	-	-	-	1375.00	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1450.00-1650.00	1566.50	1605.50	1731.67	-39.00	-2.43	-165.17	-9.54
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1450.00-1820.00	1702.63	1663.50	1553.29	39.13	2.35	149.34	9.61
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	1610.00	-	-	-	-
Balaya	850.00-1120.00	982.00	891.25	836.94	90.75	10.18	145.06	17.33
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	1520.00	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1580.00-1850.00	1715.91	1664.83	1512.92	51.09	3.07	203.00	13.42
Maduwa	980.00-1320.00	1237.25	1206.75	995.92	30.50	2.53	241.33	24.23
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	540.00-700.00	609.81	708.00	496.70	-98.19	-13.87	113.11	22.77
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	950.00-1400.00	1203.95	1243.95	1344.87	-40.00	-3.22	-140.92	-10.48
Sprats	1200.00-2000.00	1698.65	1709.42	1588.58	-10.77	-0.63	110.06	6.93
Kattawa	2000.00-2800.00	2375.03	2436.48	2233.42	-61.45	-2.52	141.61	6.34
Thora	-	-	-	3250.00	-	-	-	-
Mora	1900.00-2800.00	2304.88	2363.79	1921.28	-58.91	-2.49	383.60	19.97
Balaya	1100.00-1800.00	1403.62	1408.65	1274.29	-5.03	-0.36	129.33	10.15
Anguluwa	1700.00-2600.00	2251.79	2255.56	1931.07	-3.77	-0.17	320.71	16.61
Maduwa	-	-	-	1426.79	-	-	-	-
Salaya	800.00-1300.00	1062.33	1132.78	930.94	-70.44	-6.22	131.39	14.11

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The Consumer Affairs Authority had issued a new Gazette notification on January 20th, 2023, renewing the maximum retail price (MRP) for eggs. According to the stipulated MRP, white eggs must be sold at Rs. 44, while brown eggs must be sold at Rs. 46.

In the wholesale market, prices of brown eggs had remained the same, while white eggs had increased by 10% during the festival season. The recorded average wholesale price of a white egg (Rs. 48.00) was higher than the stipulated maximum retail price of Rs.44.00 in April.

After the implementation of new pricing regulations, a shortage of brown eggs occurred in the retail market. The few retail outlets that had brown eggs available experienced a 7% price drop in April. However, the reported average price of Rs 53.00 for brown egg was higher than the MRP of Rs.46.00. Meanwhile, the average retail price of white egg has increased by 2% at the retail

level. Consequently, the retail prices for both brown and white eggs saw a significant increases, rising by 94% and 101% respectively. When comparing to the same period last year, the wholesale prices of both types of eggs had surged by over 70%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	46.00-46.00	46.00	46.00	26.94	0.00	0.00	19.06	70.73
White (each)	44.00-53.00	48.25	44.00	25.02	4.25	9.66	23.23	92.82
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	46.00-56.00	52.96	57.20	27.34	-4.24	-7.41	25.62	93.69
White (each)	44.00-58.00	52.31	51.28	26.04	1.03	2.01	26.27	100.88

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to March, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market in April. The highest price hike was noted for chicken (broiler) as 20%. Next, except for beef (without bones), prices of all the remaining meat varieties had increased slightly, by 2%. Compared to last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for pork as 82%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –April 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2200.00-2400.00	2,279.17	2,291.67	1599.29	-12.50	-0.55	679.88	42.51
Chicken (Broiler)	1300.00-1600.00	1,456.14	1,211.35	946.99	244.79	20.21	509.15	53.77
Chicken (curry)	1300.00-1600.00	1,431.67	1,398.61	833.14	33.06	2.36	598.53	71.84
Mutton	2800.00-3200.00	3,023.61	2,986.11	2203.82	37.50	1.26	819.79	37.20
Pork	1480.00-2000.00	1,700.48	1,669.33	934.17	31.14	1.87	766.31	82.03

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A Total quantity of 77,656mt of wheat grain, worth of 10,273mn had been imported during April. Compared to the quantity imported in previous month, the quantity imported in this month has decreased by around 32,763mt. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Canada (99%) at a CIF price of Rs.132.06/kg and rest of quantity imported from Australia, Oman and India. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has increased slightly by Rs.1.28/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Oman whilst the lowest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Canada.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported in this month was 9,001mt, worth 1,432mn. Compared to the previous month, this month quantity has increased by around 3,092mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour has imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.154.55/kg and that was 90% of the

total quantity of wheat flour imported in April. Remain quantity has imported from India (3%), UAE (5%), Ukraine (1%) and few quantities from Thailand and Italy. Average CIF price of wheat flour imported in this month was Rs.157.32/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.10.36/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.227.38-229.88/kg and the average price was Rs.228.32/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by 1% and compared to the same period of last year, price has increased by 4%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2023	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023		April 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	227.38-229.88	228.32	227.04	219.29	1.28	0.56	9.03	4.12
Sugar	221.89-241.54	233.53	219.38	232.28	14.15	6.45	1.25	0.54

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- November 2022 to April 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
February-2023	21,470.58	4020.70	187.27	242.92	55.66
January-2023	17,123.90	3299.92	192.71	249.52	56.81
December-2022	29,356.97	5787.48	197.14	263.58	66.44
November-2022	62,365.07	12183.59	195.36	280.84	85.48
Wheat Grain					
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
February-2023	77,600.76	11,218.83	144.57	242.92	98.35
January-2023	48.00	9.41	196.06	249.52	53.46
December-2022	30,514.41	4,824.02	158.09	263.58	105.49
November-2022	99,236.54	15,482.21	156.01	280.84	124.83

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported in this month was 10,507mt worth 2,086mn and it has decreased by around 10,905mt when compared to the quantity imported in March. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 84% of the total quantity. Rest of quantity has imported from Thailand (9%),Pakistan(4%), South Korea(2%) and UAE(1%). The average CIF price was Rs.198.48/kg and compared to the previous month it has slightly increased . The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from South Korea (Rs.237.02/kg) while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from Pakistan (Rs.178.34/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, price ranged from Rs.221.89-241.54/kg and the average retail price was Rs.233.53/kg. Compared to the last month, average retail price has increased by 6% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- November 2022 to April 2023

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
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
February-2023	10,652.80	2223.65	208.74	234.13	25.40
January-2023	9,190.42	2036.64	221.60	229.46	7.86
December-2022	10,099.85	2151.23	213.00	234.10	21.10
November-2022	8,157.59	1725.73	211.55	247.28	35.73

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

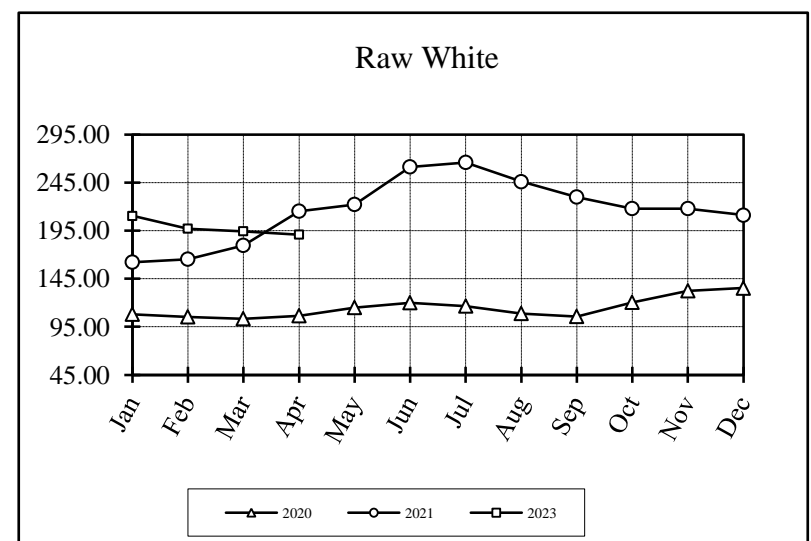
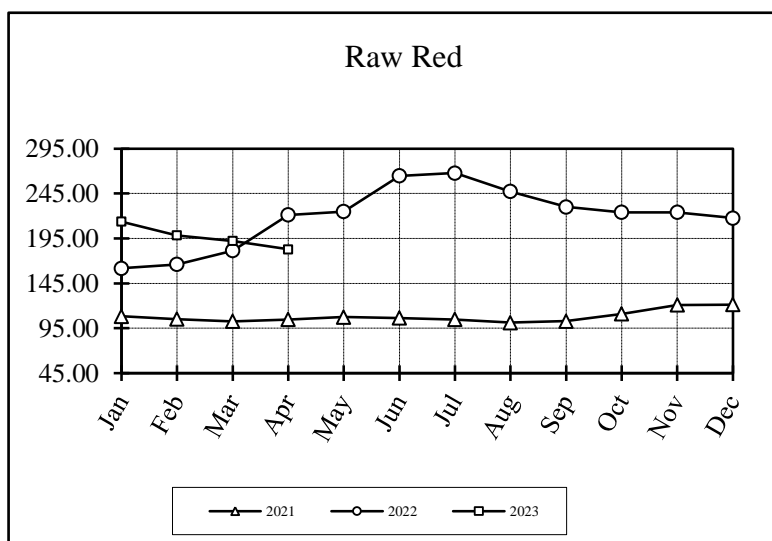
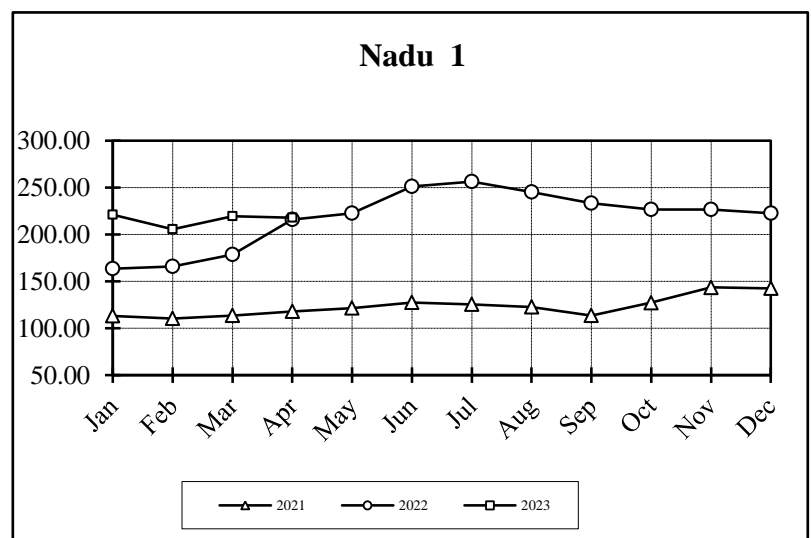
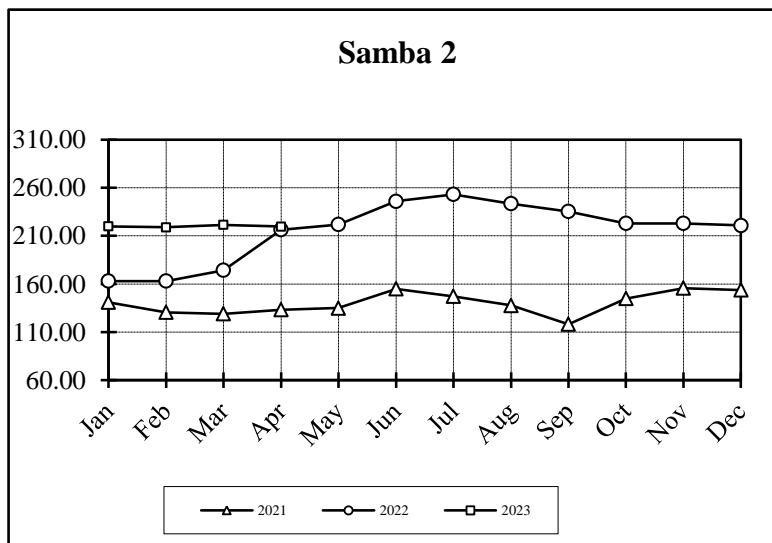
Table 7: Import of selected food items –April 2023

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	April 2023	March 2023		April 2023	March 2023		April 2023	March 2023	
Rice	1278.7	1726.3	(26)	286.5	369.1	(22)	224.1	213.8	5
Red Onion	1522.1	1340.9	14	164.2	146.6	12	107.9	109.3	(1)
Big Onion	23253.4	30172.3	(23)	1408.6	1863.0	(24)	60.6	61.7	(2)
Potato	9545.0	20479.0	(53)	562.9	1145.2	(51)	59.0	55.9	5
Maysoor Dhal	17563.6	15324.3	15	3938.3	3635.4	8	224.2	237.2	(5)
Garlic	1791.5	4824.1	(63)	469.0	1275.5	(63)	261.8	264.4	(1)
Wheat flour	9100.8	6008.6	51	1431.8	1007.6	42	157.3	167.7	(6)
Wheat grain	77656.1	110419.0	(30)	10273.2	13505.3	(24)	132.3	122.3	8
Sugar & sugar confectionery	10507.4	21412.2	(51)	2085.6	4238.0	(51)	198.5	197.9	0
Maize (Other)	102.0	52.0	96	26.1	16.4	60	256.2	314.5	(19)

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

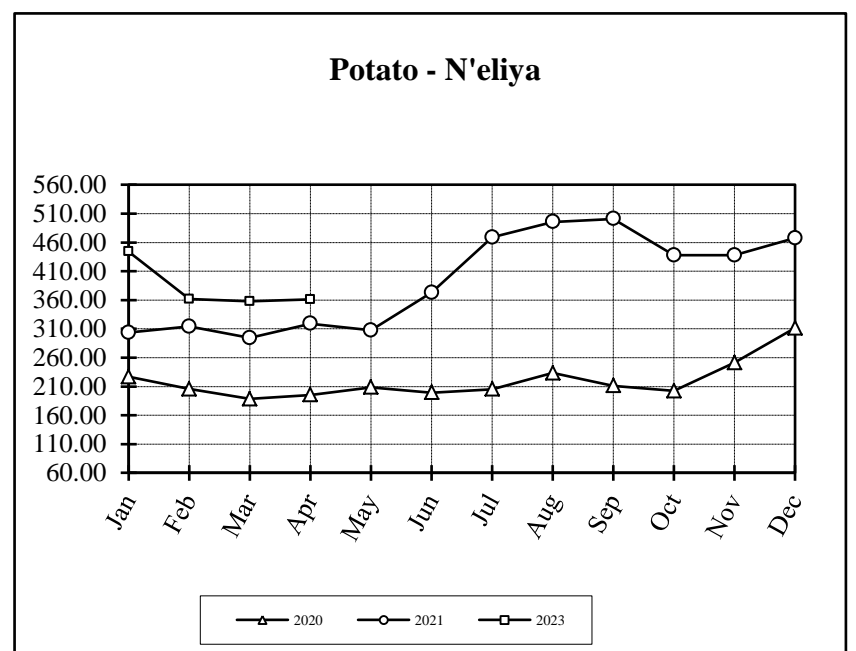
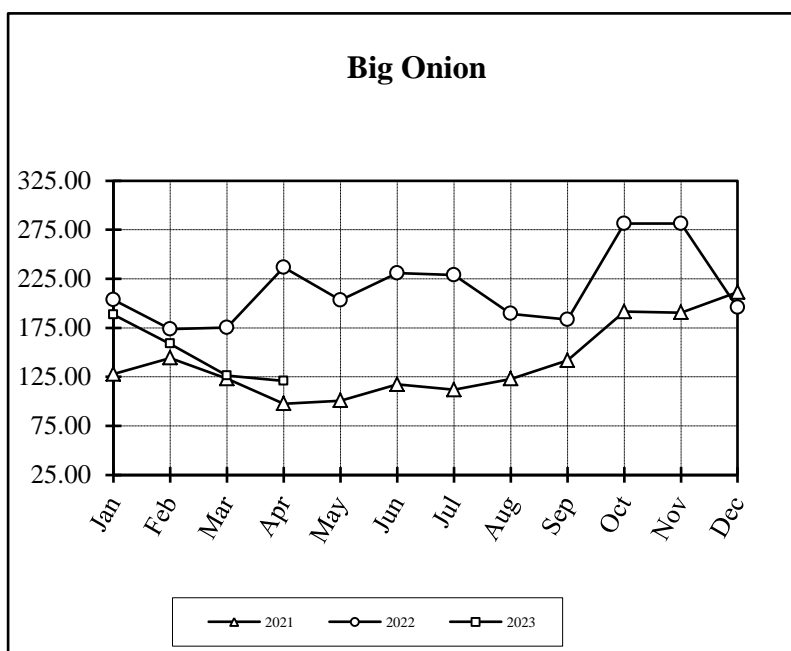
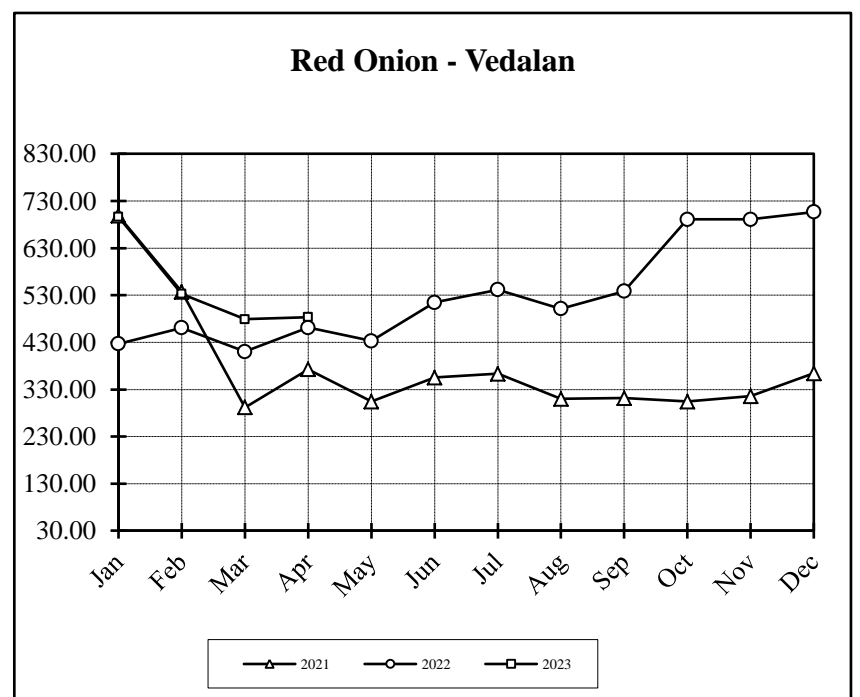
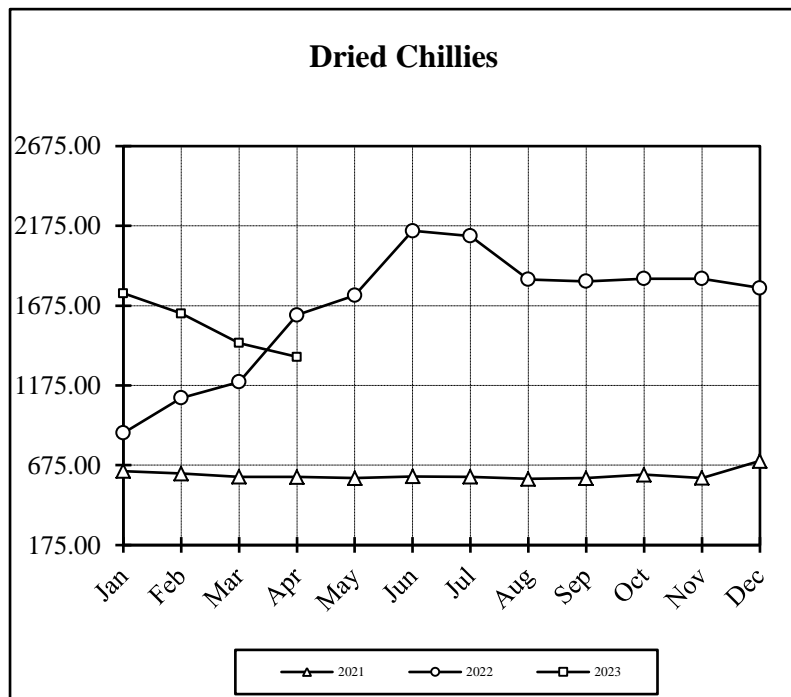
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		121.48	222.47		107.41	224.78		115.04	222.45	
Jun	155.00	246.00		127.50	251.20		106.45	264.53		120.00	261.37	
Jul	147.27	253.30		125.36	256.35		104.83	267.75		116.53	266.15	
Aug	137.66	243.37		122.81	245.23		101.28	247.19		108.81	246.15	
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 Prices 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		304.18	433.13		100.75	203.29		208.71	307.54	
Jun	605.00	2143.50		355.40	514.80		117.42	230.89		199.41	373.16	
Jul	602.48	2110.93		363.39	541.94		111.94	228.96		205.29	468.93	
Aug	589.40	1838.64		309.97	501.24		122.89	189.33		233.39	495.71	
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	



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

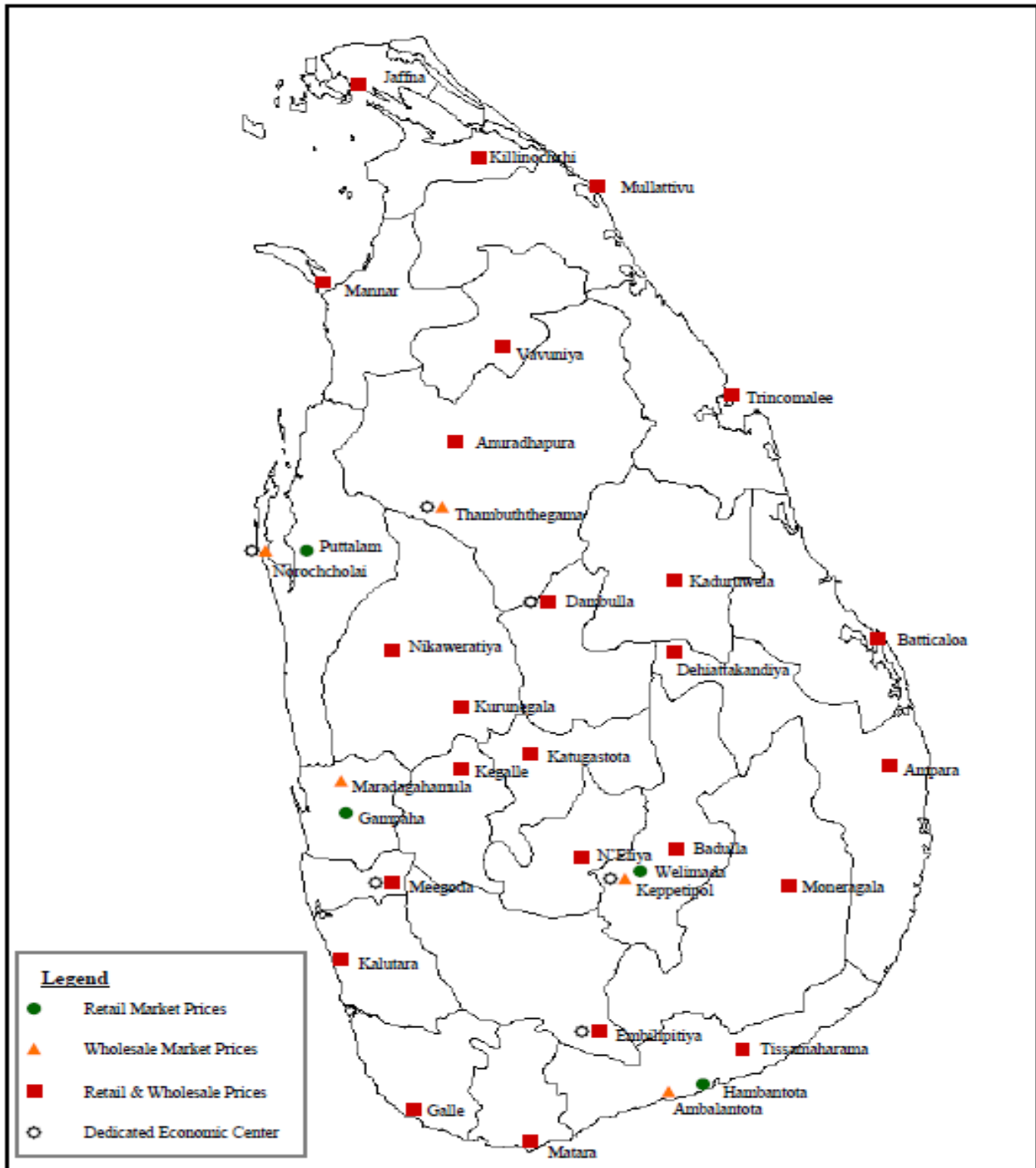
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	201.00	224.00	236.00	231.00	Welimada	159.00	153.00	156.00	137.00
A'pura	102.00	98.20	102.00	102.00	Badulla	180.00	204.00	217.00	217.00	N'Eliya	169.00	169.00	166.00	157.00
P'naruwa	109.70	109.70	109.70	109.90	Welimada	188.00	207.00	229.00	215.00					
Kalawewa	92.71	97.40	100.75	100.00	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	104.00	93.25	101.25	106.25	Green Gram					Hanguranketha	64.00	65.60	92.00	100.00
Dehiattakandiya	107.50	107.50	102.33	105.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	69.00	69.00	103.00	100.00
Ampara	100.00	100.00	97.50	100.00	Kalawewa					Dambulla	84.60	109.00	157.50	140.00
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	1390.00	1310.00	1310.00	1310.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	92.00	90.80	89.40	88.20	Kurunegala					Welimada	47.00	51.00	96.00	80.00
P'naruwa	93.80	90.10	93.40	92.60	A'pura	1220.00	1140.00	1240.00	1240.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa	88.25	88.60	89.50	89.00	Cowpea					Hanguranketha	58.60	55.60	61.00	76.00
Kurunegala	93.75	83.00	91.00	91.00	A'pura					N'Eliya	53.00	47.00	61.00	76.00
Dehiattakandiya	92.50	88.83	81.67	81.67	Galgamuwa					Welimada	43.00	31.00	56.00	73.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	500.00	500.00	500.00	550.00	Radish				
Ampara	93.00	90.00	92.50	90.33	Kalawewa		575.00	575.00		Hanguranketha	34.60	31.60	38.60	38.60
Matara					Embilipitiya	400.00	535.00	535.00	535.00	N'Eliya	39.00	42.00	41.00	44.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	19.20	18.60	18.60	22.20
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara	82.50	78.75	81.25	79.00	A'Pura	147.00	147.00	147.00	147.00	Hanguranketha	41.60	47.00	58.60	93.00
Hambantota	83.25	84.00	80.00	80.00	Kalawewa	150.00	145.00	145.00		N'Eliya	59.00	79.00	96.00	121.00
Ampara	89.33	85.00	82.67	81.00	Gingelly					Welimada	47.00	46.00	74.00	69.00
Embilipitiya	84.20	83.40	82.80	80.60	A'Pura	620.00	620.00	620.00		Hambantota				
Keeri Samba					Kalawewa					Badulla	34.00	43.00	85.00	83.00
A'pura	122.00	119.00	122.80	122.00	Black Gram					Tomato				
Polonnaruwa	125.80	129.40	129.40	134.80	Kalawewa		600.00	600.00	600.00	Hanguranketha	91.00			73.00
Kalawewa	117.50	118.25	118.75	119.00	A'Pura	520.00	520.00	532.00		Welimada	72.00	175.00	44.00	54.00
Kurunegala	127.50	119.00	120.00	127.50	Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	129.83	130.17	127.67	130.83	Beans					Dambulla	98.00	173.50	70.80	87.80
					Dambulla	88.40	183.50	75.40	128.00	Low Country				
Red Onion					Welimada	64.00	168.00	34.00	119.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Badulla	69.00	162.00	56.00	84.00	A'pura	74.00	84.00	68.00	124.00
Dambulla					Carrot					Dambulla	74.20	79.20	53.80	81.20
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	60.60	70.20	78.60	101.00	Hambantota	125.00	75.00	65.00	65.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	66.00	71.00	130.00	99.00	Embilipitiya	75.00	50.00	72.00	100.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	56.00	59.00	122.00	85.00	Matara	100.00	100.00	91.67	78.33

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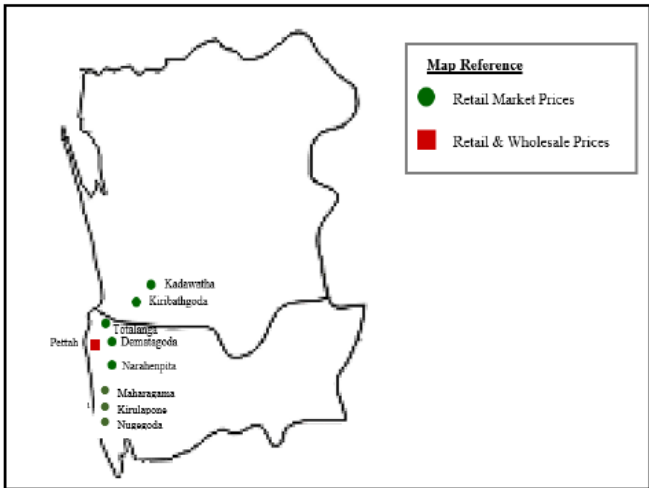
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Brinjals					Pumpkin					Lime				
A'pura	104.00	218.00	188.00	148.00	Dambulla	30.40	29.00	25.00	21.40	Hambantota				
Dambulla	126.00	236.00	156.00	120.00	Hambantota	38.75	32.50	41.25	38.75	Embilipitiya	149.00	194.00	194.00	250.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	73.33	35.00	34.00	38.00	Moneragala	188.00	212.00	276.00	258.00
Embilipitiya	105.00	196.00	179.00	84.00	Matara	40.00	35.00	28.33	28.33	Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Matara	107.50	207.50	203.33	166.67	A'pura	34.00	34.00	32.00	37.00	Banana				
Welimada	117.80	192.00	216.00	87.00	Moneragala					Ambul				
					Cucumber					Moneragala	88.00	108.00	88.00	68.00
Capsicum					A'pura	32.00	42.00	32.00	32.00	Embilipitiya	112.00	146.67	142.00	104.00
Welimada	270.00	396.00	442.00	226.00	Dambulla	28.40	57.60	23.60	34.20	Hambantota	138.00	164.00	174.00	156.00
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota	41.25	40.00	40.00	43.75	Kolikuttu				
A'pura	144.00	168.00	158.00	168.00	Matara	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	Moneragala	308.00	308.00	288.00	270.00
Dambulla	100.00	118.00	85.60	136.00	Long beans					Embilipitiya	300.00	402.00	335.00	262.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	72.40	72.60	55.20	70.60	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	313.00	248.00	248.00	204.00	Hambantota	72.00	92.00	96.00	92.00	Papaw				
					Embilipitiya	121.67	146.00	143.00	110.00	Moneragala	108.00	108.00	88.00	108.00
Snake Gourd					Matara	105.00	112.50	101.67	75.00	Embilipitiya	132.00	132.00	132.00	92.00
Dambulla	88.40	63.00	71.60	93.20	A'Pura	84.00	88.00	78.00	104.00	Hambantota	112.50	122.00	122.00	84.00
Hambantota	148.00	132.00	130.00	130.00	Ash Plantain					Pineapple				
Embilipitiya	113.00	106.00	88.00	106.00	Hambantota	94.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	136.25	148.75	118.33	128.33	Embilipitiya	123.00	112.00	112.00	100.00					
A'pura	104.00	94.00	88.00	104.00	Matara	116.25	120.00	115.00	121.67					
Luffa					Green Chillies									
Dambulla	136.00	133.00	84.00	139.00	Dambulla	215.00	216.00	286.00	189.50					
Hambantota	148.00	148.00	144.00	144.00	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	110.00	113.00	113.00	134.00	Embilipitiya	362.00	392.00	466.00	358.00					
Matara	142.50	142.50	118.33	118.33	Puttalam	200.00	476.00	286.00	206.00					
A'pura	128.00	134.00	98.00	128.00	A'Pura	268.00	320.00	332.00	232.00					

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