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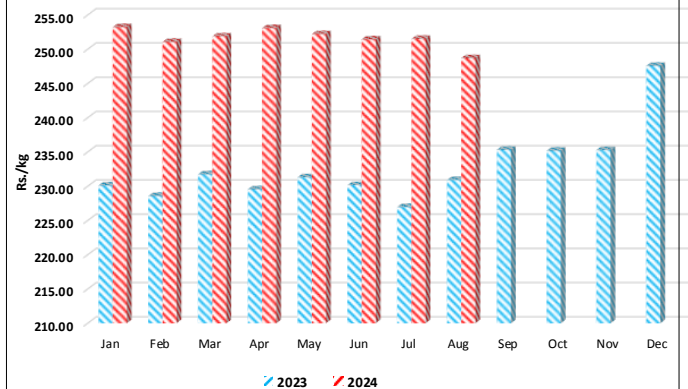
Paddy/Rice

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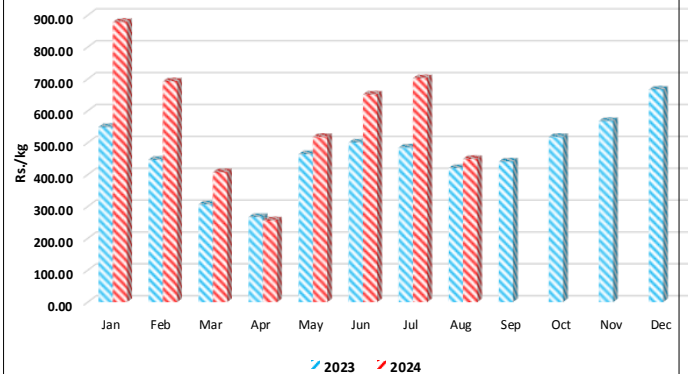
Vegetables

- Prices of all the vegetables have decreased due to increased supply from the main producing areas.
- Retail prices of up-country vegetables have decreased by 9%-41% and prices of low-country vegetables have decreased by 10%-60%.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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

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

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| 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 (Yala 2024, Vol. 4), the paddy cultivation target for the 2024 Yala season is 545,113 hectares. By the end of August 2024, the reported sown extent was 488,957 hectares, achieving 90% of the target. Based on the sown extent reported as of the end of August 2024, the forecasted paddy production, accounting for crop losses, is estimated at 2.01 million metric tons.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - August 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	August 2024		August 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	108.00	- 118.00	112.05	118.52	108.45	-6.47	-5.46	3.60	3.32
Polonnaruwa	98.00	- 118.00	112.07		99.78			12.29	12.32
Kalawewa	108.00	- 120.00	113.04	113.75	109.45	-0.71	-0.63	3.59	3.28
Dehiattakandiya	110.00	- 123.00	113.38	119.80	108.17	-6.43	-5.36	5.20	4.81
Nikaweratiya	100.00	- 125.00	114.61	121.34	96.39	-6.73	-5.55	18.22	18.90
Ampara	115.00	- 116.00	115.61	115.50	101.92	0.11	0.10	13.69	13.44
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	112.00	- 122.00	116.55	116.32	96.35	0.23	0.20	20.20	20.97
Polonnaruwa	106.00	- 118.00	118.05		87.25			30.80	35.30
Kalawewa	110.00	- 125.00	116.86	114.60	97.26	2.26	1.97	19.60	20.16
Dehiattakandiya	116.00	- 123.00	119.42	117.60	97.65	1.82	1.54	21.77	22.30
Nikaweratiya	100.00	- 127.00	114.01	108.13	96.39	5.88	5.44	17.62	18.27
Ampara	110.00	- 116.00	114.75	110.18		4.57	4.15		
Long Grain Red									
Matara	105.00	- 120.00	113.69	115.25	90.31	-1.56	-1.36	23.38	25.88
Hambantota	100.00	- 120.00	110.83	112.50	92.75	-1.67	-1.48	18.08	19.50
Embilipitiya	109.00	- 122.00	114.50	111.35	91.45	3.15	2.83	23.05	25.21
Keeri_Samba									
A'pura	112.00	- 123.00	116.30	130.00		-13.70	-10.54		
Polonnaruwa	102.00	- 122.00	113.95		144.14	-	-	-30.19	-20.94
Dehiattakandiya	112.00	- 125.00	115.75	123.08	138.50	-7.33	-5.96	-22.75	-16.43

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Harvesting of paddy was underway in all major producing districts during the month. Consequently, the producer prices of most paddy varieties have decreased. The producer price of short-grain paddy ranged from Rs. 98.00 to Rs. 125.00/kg, with a decline of 1–6% observed in Anuradhapura, Dehiattakandiya, and Kalawewa while the largest decrease was recorded in Nikaweratiya.

The producer price of Keeri Samba ranged from Rs. 102.00 to Rs. 125.00/kg, showing decreases of 11% and 6% in Anuradhapura and Dehiattakandiya, respectively. However, the producer price of long-grain white paddy increased across all producing areas, with the highest increase recorded in Nikaweratiya.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties have risen across all price collection areas, with long-grain white experiencing the most significant price increase, ranging from 20–35%. However, the producer price of Keeri Samba dropped by 21% and 16% in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya, respectively.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice - August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	August 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Samba 1	230.00 - 240.00	232.08	236.34	210.50	-4.26	-1.80	21.58	10.25	
Samba 2	220.00 - 230.00	223.98	229.34	202.00	-5.35	-2.33	21.98	10.88	
Keeri Samba	240.00 - 315.00	274.69	291.25	261.75	-16.56	-5.69	12.94	4.94	
Nadu 1	210.00 - 220.00	212.52	211.99	183.75	0.53	0.25	28.77	15.66	
Nadu 2	205.00 - 210.00	206.63	206.01	175.25	0.62	0.30	31.38	17.90	
Raw red	185.00 - 205.00	193.62	194.55	150.75	-0.93	-0.48	42.87	28.44	
Raw white	195.00 - 210.00	202.75	203.26	176.90	-0.51	-0.25	25.85	14.61	
Imported Samba	270.00 - 280.00	276.54	283.38	225.00	-6.83	-2.41	51.54	22.91	
Retail Price									
Samba 1	230.00 - 270.00	248.69	251.51	230.90	-2.82	-1.12	17.79	7.71	
Keeri Samba	260.00 - 370.00	326.13	354.27	272.85	-28.14	-7.94	53.28	19.53	
Nadu 1	210.00 - 230.00	223.92	224.66	218.62	-0.74	-0.33	5.30	2.42	
Raw red	190.00 - 220.00	207.65	206.14	167.50	1.51	0.73	40.15	23.97	
Raw white	200.00 - 220.00	215.02	216.31	188.16	-1.30	-0.60	26.86	14.28	
Imported Ponne Samba	280.00 - 320.00	297.80	294.05	244.71	3.75	1.28	53.09	21.70	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice - Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices for all rice varieties, except Nadu, decreased by 1–6% compared to the previous month. The largest price drop, 6%, was recorded for Keeri Samba due to increased supply, with prices ranging from Rs. 240.00 to Rs. 315.00/kg. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I ranged from Rs. 230.00 to Rs. 240.00/kg, reflecting a 2% decrease compared to the previous month.

The average wholesale prices of Samba Grade I and Keeri Samba exceeded the maximum retail price, even at the wholesale level. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties increased by 5–28%, with raw red showing the highest rise of Rs. 43.00/kg.

Retail Prices

Retail prices for all rice varieties, except Keeri Samba, showed little change compared to the previous month. The supply of Keeri Samba increased following the Yala harvest, leading to an 8% price drop. The average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Keeri Samba, Nadu Grade 1, and raw white exceeded the government-regulated maximum retail price (MRP).

Imported Ponne Samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs. 280.00 to Rs. 320.00/kg. Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all rice varieties rose by 2–24%, with Keeri Samba experiencing the highest increase of Rs. 53.00/kg.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent for green chilli cultivation during the Yala season of 2024 was 7,374 ha. By the end of August 2024, 5,509 ha had been cultivated, achieving 75% of the target. Crops are currently at various growth stages across the main producing areas. In the Anuradhapura district, 586 ha had been cultivated by the end of August, representing 95% of the district's targeted extent. Based on the cultivated extent by the end of August, the expected production of green chilli for the Yala season is estimated at 35,196 Mt. Key production contributions are projected from Puttalam (11%), Anuradhapura (13%), Mahaweli areas (10%), Jaffna (8%), Matale (7%), and Batticaloa (7%).

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation progress of green chili for Yala 2024

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of August, 2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Puttalam	686	397	58	3,724
Anuradhapura	617	586	95	4,616
Kurunegala	195	234	120	1,220
Jaffna	351	213	61	2,682
Batticaloa	500	453	91	2,627
Vavuniya	160	361	226	1,391
Matale	333	192	58	2,420
Monaragala	307	237	77	1,067
Badulla	297	286	96	1,193
Kandy	242	190	78	1,015
Interprovincial DDA areas	480	403	84	2,194
Mahaweli areas	1,350	565	42	3,423
Other areas	1,856	1,392	75	7,624
Total	7,374	5,509	75	35,196

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli from major producing areas increased this month, leading to significant price reductions. Wholesale prices of green chilli dropped by approximately Rs.133.00/kg, while retail prices decreased by about Rs.89.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged from Rs.100.00–450.00/kg, and retail prices were between Rs.220.00–800.00/kg. The highest producer prices for green chilli

were reported from Embilipitiya, with prices ranging from Rs.210.00–532.00/kg during August. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have declined by 40% and 12%, respectively.

In August 2024, 3,637 Mt of dried chillies were imported, a reduction of 431 Mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.542.83/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs.54.87/kg from the prior month. Despite this, the wholesale price of imported dried chillies decreased by about Rs.13.00/kg, while the retail price increased by Rs.4.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged from Rs.650.00–800.00/kg, and retail prices varied between Rs.800.00–1,200.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies decreased by approximately 28% and 22%, respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – August, 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
		Aug, 2024	Aug,2024	July, 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	100.00-450.00	257.00	390.40	429.44	-133.40	-34.17	-172.44	-40.16
Dried chillies	650.00-800.00	746.5625	759.56	1040.19	-12.99	-1.71	-293.63	-28.23
Retail Price								
Green chillies	220.00-800.00	564.82	654.13	642.09	-89.31	-13.65	-77.27	-12.03
Dried chillies	800.00-1200.00	1005.85	1002.13	1295.06	3.72	0.37	-289.21	-22.33

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – August 2024

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Dambulla	440.00	308.00	156.50	154.50
Embilipitiya	532.00	288.00	210.00	210.00
A'pura	420.00	362.00	276.00	236.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (March,2024 – August, 2024)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug-24	3637.00	1974	542.83	1005.85	463.02
Jul-24	4068.00	2431	597.7	1002.13	404.43
Jun-24	4079.00	2404	589.39	1036.27	446.88
May-24	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1047.46	458.07
April-2024	1068.00	598.00	560.29	1051.26	490.97
Mar-2024	5835.00	3706.00	635.09	1117.92	482.83

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation

The targeted extent for big onion cultivation during the 2024 Yala season was approximately 3,943 ha. By the end of August 2024, only 1,428 ha had been cultivated, representing 36% of the target. In the Matale district, the targeted extent was 1,647 ha, with 421 ha cultivated by the end of August, achieving 26% of the target.

Compared to the previous Yala season, both the cultivated extent and production have increased significantly by 225% and 191%, respectively. In the Matale district, the cultivated extent of big onion has increased by 316 ha compared to the last Yala season.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of August,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	1647	421	26	6,538
Anuradhapura	475	241	51	3,742
Mahaweli – H	300	143	48	2,222
Mahaweli – H1	200	182	91	2,828
Other areas	1,321	441	33	6,540
Total	3,943	1,428	36	21,870

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent for red onion cultivation during the 2024 Yala season was 3,489 ha. By the end of August 2024, 2,664 ha had been cultivated, achieving 76% of the target. The Jaffna district recorded the highest targeted extent (2,086 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (1,880 ha), representing 90% of its target. The estimated production for this Yala season is 29,919 Mt, with 84% of the supply originating from the Jaffna (70%) and Puttalam (14%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of August,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,086	1,880	90	20,868
Puttalam	450	310	69	4,318
Vavuniya	170	84	49	1,000
Mullathivu	100	138	138	1,541
Other area	683	252	37	2,192
Total	3,489	2,664	76	29,919

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions in August 2024 continued to rely entirely on imports. A total of 20,499 Mt of big onions were imported, 474 Mt less than the previous month. The average CIF price stood at Rs.144.36/kg, showing minimal change from the prior month. However, the wholesale price of imported big onions increased by Rs.17.00/kg, while the retail price decreased by Rs.4.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs.130.00–260.00/kg, and retail prices ranged from Rs.180.00–320.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions increased by approximately 41% and 44%, respectively.

2.2.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) August 2024

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	August 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	160.00-220.00	192.08	213.75	195.15				
Red Onion (Vedalan)	230.00-420.00	299.73	363.71	280.75	-63.98	-17.59	18.98	6.76
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-260.00	255.00	299.19		-44.19	-14.77		
Big Onion (imported)	130.00-260.00	204.57	187.65	145.00	16.92	9.02	59.57	41.08
Big Onion (Local)								
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	320.00-420.00	384.71						
Red Onion (Vedalan)	340.00-560.00	459.43	537.38	430.00	-77.95	-14.51	29.43	6.84
Red Onion (Imported)	350.00-450.00	409.64	437.13		-27.49	-6.29		
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-320.00	264.29	268.42	183.45	-4.13	-1.54	80.84	44.07
Big Onion (Local)								

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2.4: Monthly Average CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Imported Big Onions

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Aug-24	144.36	204.57	264.29	60.21	59.72
	Jul-24	143.93	187.65	268.42	43.72	80.77
	Jun-24	166.71	201.69	249.64	34.98	47.95
Red onion	Aug-24	157.10	255.00	409.64	97.90	154.64
	Jul-24	177.45	299.19	437.13	121.74	137.94
	Jun-24	160.42	308.19	483.24	147.77	175.05

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

The supply of Sinnan and Vedalan red onions from main producing areas increased this month, leading to price reductions. Wholesale and retail prices of Vedalan red onion decreased by Rs.64.00/kg and Rs.78.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs.230.00–420.00/kg, while retail prices ranged from Rs.340.00–560.00/kg. Sinnan red onion stocks were available at wholesale prices of Rs.160.00–220.00/kg and retail prices of Rs.320.00–420.00/kg. For imported red onions, both wholesale and retail prices dropped by Rs.44.00/kg and Rs.27.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, the retail price of Vedalan red onion increased by about 7%.

2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions- August 2024

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	Aug,2024	July,2024	Aug,2024	July,2024	Aug,2024	July,2024
Red Onion	71.00	189.00	11.00	33.00	157.10	177.45
Big Onion	20499.00	20973.00	2959.00	3019.00	144.36	143.93

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices of Imported Big onions (March 2024– August 2024)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
Aug-24	20,499.00	144.36	204.57	264.29	119.93
Jul-24	20,973.00	143.93	187.65	268.42	124.49
Jun-24	23,067.00	166.71	201.69	249.64	82.93
May-24	23,681.00	192.33	191.40	266.88	74.55
Apr-24	11,210.00	218.39	404.11	640.30	421.91
Mar-24	13,610.00	246.67	458.39	545.50	298.83

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato – Mar 2024 - Aug 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Aug-2024	22427	2176	97.04	248.55	151.51
Jul-2024	16033	1606	100.14	284.09	183.95
Jun-2024	12,780	1105.00	86.50	174.17	87.67
May-2024	10,626	846.00	79.58	204.13	124.55
Apr-2024	14,560	1041.00	71.47	205.18	133.71
Mar-2024	18,188	1382.00	76.00	209.55	133.55

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	August 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	230.00-370.00	317.25	301.40	255.50	15.85	5.26	61.75	24.17
Nuwara Eliya	320.00-370.00	350.00	322.20	295.75	27.80	8.63	54.25	18.34
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	260.00-360.00	325.00		263.65			61.35	23.27
Nuwara Eliya	320.00-420.00	374.58	359.63	320.50	14.95	4.16	54.08	16.87
Imported	130.00-300.00	174.71	229.84	194.87	-55.13	-23.99	-20.16	-10.35
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	350.00-450.00	408.12						

Nuwara Eliya	410.00-580.00	504.84	464.08	431.92	40.76	8.78	72.91	16.88
Imported	200.00-300.00	248.55	284.09	222.73	-35.54	-12.51	25.82	11.59
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		154.84	141.88	136.17	12.96	9.13	18.66	13.71
Imported(RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		130.25	104.45	111.42	25.81	24.71	18.83	16.90
Imported		73.84	54.25	27.85	19.59	36.11	45.98	165.09

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail price of Green gram and Cowpea- August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	August 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	750.00-850.00	800.60	804.74	930.25	-4.14	-0.51	-129.65	-13.94
Cowpea (White)	750.00-850.00	790.06	793.46	883.86	-3.40	-0.43	-93.80	-10.61
Cowpea (Red)	675.00-800.00	723.42	745.29	936.25	-21.86	-2.93	-212.83	-22.73
Retail Prices								
Green gram	840.00-1400.00	1139.93	1262.76	1163.14	-122.84	-9.73	-23.21	-2.00
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1200.00	1037.43	1013.92	1121.11	23.51	2.32	-83.68	-7.46
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	1008.79	1011.88	1133.09	-3.09	-0.31	-124.30	-10.97

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal (small) -August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	August 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		August 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	260.00-275.00	267.90	283.86	279.13	-15.96	-5.62	-11.23	-4.02
Retail Prices	280.00-360.00	321.09	329.38	325.71	-8.29	-2.52	-4.62	-1.42

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

The cultivation progress for vegetables during the 2024 Yala season has reached 82% (14,302 ha) for up-country vegetables and 96% (21,904 ha) for low-country vegetables. Notably, Ash Plantain (184%), Kekiri (186%), Brinjal (106%), and Winged Bean (108%) have exceeded their respective

cultivation targets. This Yala season targets a total cultivation extent of 40,364 ha, comprising 17,517 ha for up-country vegetables and 22,847 ha for low-country vegetables. The total expected vegetable production for the season is estimated at 456,070 MT, according to *Crop Forecast, Vol. 04, Yala-2024* (Socio-Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture).

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	250.00 - 450.00	323.75	545.16	299.75	-221.41	-40.61	24.00	8.01
Carrot	150.00 - 250.00	187.75	325.80	332.00	-138.05	-42.37	-144.25	-43.45
Leeks	180.00 - 300.00	238.50	372.60	104.75	-134.10	-35.99	133.75	127.68
Beetroot	80.00 - 250.00	149.50	357.06	129.41	-207.56	-58.13	20.09	15.52
Knolkhol	60.00 - 150.00	90.50	182.40	71.75	-91.90	-50.38	18.75	26.13
Radish	50.00 - 80.00	62.50	89.60	48.75	-27.10	-30.25	13.75	28.21
Cabbage	130.00 - 280.00	191.36	201.04	133.00	-9.67	-4.81	58.36	43.88
Tomato	130.00 - 200.00	167.75	294.80	129.25	-127.05	-43.10	38.50	29.79
Ladies Fingers	50.00 - 100.00	78.25	135.40	79.50	-57.15	-42.21	-1.25	-1.57
Brinjal	170.00 - 300.00	216.75	208.00	216.00	8.75	4.21	0.75	0.35
Capsicum	350.00 - 800.00	578.75	671.00	231.00	-92.25	-13.75	347.75	150.54
Pumpkin	70.00 - 150.00	121.00	153.60	92.00	-32.60	-21.22	29.00	31.52
Cucumber	20.00 - 80.00	44.56	75.60	72.00	-31.04	-41.06	-27.44	-38.11
Bitter Gourd	100.00 - 200.00	151.25	322.40	186.25	-171.15	-53.09	-35.00	-18.79
Snake Gourd	150.00 - 220.00	179.75	188.35	132.75	-8.60	-4.56	47.00	35.40
Drumstick	40.00 - 180.00	91.36	222.56	194.17	-131.20	-58.95	-102.81	-52.95
Luffa	100.00 - 200.00	167.00	205.40	109.75	-38.40	-18.70	57.25	52.16
Long Beans	70.00 - 200.00	145.00	254.23	133.25	-109.23	-42.97	11.75	8.82
Ash Plantain	160.00 - 250.00	206.50	203.40	160.25	3.10	1.52	46.25	28.86
Green Chillies	100.00 - 450.00	257.00	390.40	429.44	-133.40	-34.17	-172.44	-40.16
Lime	300.00 - 450.00	361.75	577.00	644.25	-215.25	-37.31	-282.50	-43.85

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Vegetable prices have decreased significantly this month due to increased supply from major producing areas.

Wholesale Prices

Up-country Vegetables: Prices fell by 5%–58%, with the steepest drop recorded for beans (Rs.221.00/kg). Tomato prices declined by 43% (Rs.127.00/kg).

Low-country Vegetables: Wholesale prices dropped by 5%–59%, except for brinjal and ash plantain, which rose by 4% and 2%, respectively. Bitter gourd experienced the highest price reduction (Rs.171.00/kg). Green chilli and lime prices also fell by 34% and 37%, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of most vegetable varieties increased by 1%–151%, with the highest increase for capsicum. However, carrot, ladies' fingers, cucumber, bitter gourd, and drumstick prices decreased by 2%–53%.

Retail Prices

Up-country Vegetables: Prices decreased by 9%–41%, with beetroot showing the largest reduction (41%, Rs.218.00/kg). Tomato prices dropped by 35%.

Low-country Vegetables: Retail prices fell by 10%–60%, except for brinjal, which increased by 1%. Capsicum recorded the highest average price (Rs.820.00/kg), while cucumber had the lowest (Rs.172.00/kg). Green chilli and lime prices declined by 14% and 38%, respectively.

Compared to last year, retail prices of most vegetables increased by 3%–90%, led by capsicum. However, carrot, bitter gourd, and drumstick prices dropped by 5%–21%.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - August 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2024		Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	300.00	- 660.00	449.22	702.36	420.30	-253.13	-36.04	28.93	6.88
Carrot	220.00	- 480.00	353.52	498.21	448.36	-144.69	-29.04	-94.84	-21.15
Leeks	200.00	- 600.00	407.07	538.91	241.90	-131.83	-24.46	165.17	68.28
Beetroot	150.00	- 480.00	314.38	532.13	246.52	-217.75	-40.92	67.86	27.53
Knolkhol	110.00	- 420.00	249.08	391.65	213.12	-142.58	-36.40	35.96	16.87
Radish	80.00	- 320.00	209.47	248.23	181.67	-38.76	-15.61	27.80	15.30
Cabbage	180.00	- 600.00	346.07	380.38	263.95	-34.31	-9.02	82.13	31.11
Tomato	170.00	- 480.00	315.76	486.44	271.22	-170.69	-35.09	44.54	16.42
Ladies Fingers	120.00	- 360.00	253.00	301.59	226.77	-48.59	-16.11	26.24	11.57
Brinjal	210.00	- 480.00	362.38	360.27	352.45	2.12	0.59	9.93	2.82
Capsicum	400.00	- 1400.00	819.51	934.94	432.32	-115.43	-12.35	387.19	89.56
Pumpkin	120.00	- 360.00	237.17	283.23	188.33	-46.06	-16.26	48.84	25.93
Cucumber	70.00	- 260.00	172.14	210.99	165.83	-38.86	-18.42	6.31	3.80
Bitter Gourd	200.00	- 480.00	331.82	556.72	350.58	-224.90	-40.40	-18.75	-5.35
Snake Gourd	180.00	- 480.00	319.38	376.40	270.11	-57.02	-15.15	49.27	18.24
Drumstick	100.00	- 480.00	292.49	738.12	359.18	-445.64	-60.37	-66.70	-18.57
Luffa	120.00	- 420.00	300.60	415.31	270.79	-114.70	-27.62	29.81	11.01
Long Beans	180.00	- 480.00	302.81	442.65	270.24	-139.84	-31.59	32.57	12.05
Ash Plantain	180.00	- 400.00	316.88	352.78	283.89	-35.90	-10.18	33.00	11.62
Green Chillies	220.00	- 800.00	564.82	654.13	642.09	-89.31	-13.65	-77.27	-12.03
Lime	400.00	- 1000.00	671.22	1076.08	920.10	-404.86	-37.62	-248.88	-27.05

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In August, the prices of most major fruit types increased due to a reduced supply from key producing areas. Prices of anamlu, ambun, and seni banana varieties rose by 3%–6% due to lower supply. However, the price of kolikuttu bananas decreased by 15%. Prices for large and medium-sized pineapples increased slightly, by about 3%. All mango varieties experienced price increases,

with karthakolomban showing the highest rise at 120%, followed by vilad mango at 41%, primarily due to the tail end of the harvesting season.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – August 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Aug 2024		Aug-24	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24		Aug-23		
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	150.00	- 200.00	173.50	173.58	189.21	-0.08	-0.05	-15.71	-8.31	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	300.00	- 480.00	369.50	432.99	474.38	-63.49	-14.66	-104.88	-22.11	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	120.00	- 170.00	142.83	139.24	138.33	3.58	2.57	4.49	3.25	
Anamalu (Fruit)	30.00	- 37.00	34.13	32.23	28.52	1.90	5.88	5.61	19.67	
Ambun (Fruit)	35.00	- 45.00	39.15	37.61	34.02	1.54	4.10	5.13	15.08	
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	450.00	- 600.00	532.50	516.44	968.13	16.06	3.11	-435.63	-45.00	
Medium (Fruit)	340.00	- 500.00	431.25	418.44	791.42	12.81	3.06	-360.17	-45.51	
Small (Fruit)	250.00	- 370.00	306.35	308.17	613.54	-1.81	-0.59	-307.19	-50.07	
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	-			34.89		-34.89				
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	200.00	- 370.00	303.54	137.76	285.03	165.78	120.34	18.51	6.49	
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00	- 120.00	105.83	75.14	110.97	30.69	40.85	-5.13	-4.63	
Kohu (Fruit)	-			19.00						
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00	- 180.00	136.04	149.23	196.38	-13.19	-8.84	-60.34	-30.72	
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	30.00	- 65.00	48.40	49.32	43.92	-0.92	-1.86	4.48	10.21	
Wood Apple (Fruit)	14.00	- 25.00	20.00	66.17	39.03	-46.17	-69.78	-19.03	-48.75	
Orange (Fruit)	80.00	- 130.00	94.37	104.75	49.40	-10.37	-9.90	44.98	91.05	
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00	- 120.00	90.04	98.00	78.74	-7.96	-8.13	11.29	14.34	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00	- 100.00	76.73	42.28	38.35	34.45	81.47	38.38	100.08	
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1150.00	- 1260.00	1197.81	1248.97	1238.75	-51.16	-4.10	-40.94	-3.30	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the prices of all the types except slime apple have decreased with the highest price decrease recorded for wood apple (70%), followed by orange (10%), papaw (9%) and avocado (8%) due to availability of sufficient stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 100% reported for slime apple (Table 4.1).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – August 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Aug 2024		Aug-24	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24		Aug-23		
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	180.00	- 300.00	235.52	233.31	247.85	2.21	0.95	-12.32	-4.97	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	400.00	- 650.00	506.93	519.36	556.88	-12.43	-2.39	-49.94	-8.97	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	170.00	- 280.00	224.57	216.95	216.38	7.63	3.52	8.20	3.79	
Anamalu (Fruit)	38.00	- 54.00	46.51	43.96	35.17	2.55	5.79	11.34	32.23	
Ambun (Fruit)	50.00	- 76.00	66.28	61.52	46.21	4.76	7.74	20.07	43.43	
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	600.00	- 900.00	706.06	659.08	1211.54	46.99	7.13	-505.48	-41.72	
Medium (Fruit)	500.00	- 700.00	558.15	510.03	941.42	48.12	9.44	-383.26	-40.71	
Small (Fruit)	300.00	- 520.00	414.48	391.48	719.00	23.00	5.87	-304.52	-42.35	
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	-									
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	400.00	- 530.00	479.52	214.46	322.83	265.07	123.60	156.70	48.54	
Vilad (Fruit)	120.00	- 300.00	174.00	107.67	126.57	66.33	61.61	47.43	37.47	
Kohu (Fruit)	-									
Papaw (Rs/kg)	150.00	- 320.00	237.52	246.49	260.98	-8.97	-3.64	-23.46	-8.99	
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	55.00	- 100.00	75.88	82.80	66.91	-6.93	-8.36	8.96	13.40	
Wood Apple (Fruit)	25.00	- 100.00	59.58	126.22	78.15	-66.64	-52.80	-18.57	-23.76	
Orange (Fruit)	100.00	- 160.00	147.55	166.08	91.37	-18.53	-11.16	56.18	61.48	
Avocado (Fruit)	90.00	- 200.00	152.87	158.37	94.80	-5.50	-3.47	58.08	61.26	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	100.00	- 170.00	139.41	104.81	87.30	34.59	33.01	52.11	59.69	
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1500.00	- 2500.00	2111.09	2222.92	2210.19	-111.83	-5.03	-99.10	-4.48	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the major fruit types have increased while the prices of other fruit types have decreased in August. Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the highest price increase of 8% was reported for *ambun* banana, followed by *anamalu* (6%). During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.400.00-650.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.180.00-300.00/kg for *ambul* banana and Rs.170.00-280.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have increased further in the range of 6%-9% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.500.00-700.00/fruit for medium size fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Among the mango varieties, the prices of *karthakolomban* and *vilad* have increased by 124% and 62% respectively due to low stock position.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of wood apple (53%), orange (11%) and passion fruit (8%) have decreased in line with the decreased wholesale prices for those type of fruits. However, the price of slime apple (33%) has increased. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 61% reported for orange and avocado (Table 4.2).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,313 mt of fresh fruits in August, 2023 to the value of Rs.180 mn. Of the total exported quantity of fresh fruits, 93% were papaw, followed by pineapple (4%). Compared to August 2023 (1,587 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 833 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.388 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 343 mt, followed by grapes (314 mt). Compared to the same period of last year, the imported quantity had increased during this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – June, 2024 to August, 2024

Type of Fruit	Aug-24			Jul-24			Jun-24		
	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)
Papaw (fresh)	1224.0	106.0	86.0	1309.9	137.30	104.8	1605.6	154.3	96.1
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	33.0	42.0	1255.0	54.2	66.41	1225.4	18.5	29.3	1617.8
Avocados (fresh)	9.0	7.0	782.0	2.7	2.30	867.5	2.3	1.9	835.0
Pineapples (fresh)	47.0	25.0	532.0	26.6	12.60	474.2	15.1	8.1	533.5

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – June, 2024 to August, 2024

Type of Fruit	Aug-24			Jul-24			Jun-24		
	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	343.00	132.00	383.75	514.00	198.00	386.12	3459.00	1375.00	397.59
Grapes	314.00	205.00	651.89	297.00	199.00	668.65	377.00	281.00	747.26
Oranges	176.00	51.00	291.93	277.00	74.00	211.96	103.00	22.00	211.96

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - August 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2024		Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	120.00	- 450.00	293.18	297.17	443.00	-3.98	-1.34	-149.82	-33.82
Hurulla	400.00	- 900.00	671.28	729.68	710.75	-58.40	-8.00	-39.47	-5.55
Balaya	550.00	- 1100.00	764.89	695.67	829.86	69.22	9.95	-64.98	-7.83
Kelawalla	800.00	- 1350.00	1167.08	1296.00	1380.50	-128.92	-9.95	-213.42	-15.46
Thora	1600.00	- 2800.00	2156.65	2560.96	2396.25	-404.31	-15.79	-239.60	-10.00
Paraw	900.00	- 1450.00	1246.25	1387.67	1364.25	-141.42	-10.19	-118.00	-8.65
Mora	800.00	- 1350.00	1081.35	1138.00	1054.00	-56.65	-4.98	27.35	2.60
Shrimps (small)	1550.00	- 2100.00	1758.65	1785.17	1763.50	-26.52	-1.49	-4.85	-0.28

Thalapath	1200.00 - 2400.00	1879.17	1961.67	2007.50	-82.50	-4.21	-128.33	-6.39	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	200.00 - 700.00	502.88	537.80	699.37	-34.91	-6.49	-196.49	-28.09	
Hurulla	580.00 - 1100.00	868.20	933.72	924.43	-65.52	-7.02	-56.23	-6.08	
Balaya	650.00 - 1400.00	1031.92	990.07	1268.80	41.85	4.23	-236.89	-18.67	
Kelawalla	1000.00 - 3000.00	2037.92	2153.18	2363.95	-115.26	-5.35	-326.03	-13.79	
Thora	2150.00 - 4600.00	3121.85	3281.48	3501.58	-159.62	-4.86	-379.72	-10.84	
Paraw	1100.00 - 2800.00	1936.73	2087.60	2361.48	-150.87	-7.23	-424.75	-17.99	
Mora	1050.00 - 1800.00	1355.45	1469.19	1666.31	-113.75	-7.74	-310.86	-18.66	
Shrimps (small)	1800.00 - 2400.00	2001.15	2034.48	1999.28	-33.32	-1.64	1.87	0.09	
Thalapath	1500.00 - 3200.00	2758.23	2942.53	3017.46	-184.31	-6.26	-259.23	-8.59	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100) decelerated sharply to 0.5% in August 2024 from 2.4% in July 2024. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) decelerated to 0.8% in August 2024 from 1.5% in July 2024.

In line with the deceleration of food prices, prices of most of the fish varieties observed a price drop in August. High supplies received to the market during the middle phase of the main season in Southern and Western coasts.

The highest price drop was reported for thora at 16% followed by paraw and kelawalla at 18%. Prices of remaining varieties had decreased by less than 8%, except for balaya. However, prices of balaya had increased by 10%, following a high price drop in July. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had dropped, ranging from 5% to 34%, with the highest drop reported for salaya.

In line with price variation in the wholesale market, prices of most of the fish varieties, had dropped in the retail market. The highest price drop was reported for mora at 8%. Prices of hurulla and paraw had decreased by 7%.

Prices of remaining varieties had dropped in the range of 2% - 6%, except for balaya. Meanwhile, prices of balaya had increased by 4% in the retail market. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased, with the most significant decrease noted for salaya at 29%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish - August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Aug 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Dried Fish -Wholesale									
Sprats	1200.00 - 1750.00	1389.38	1664.50	2132.25	-275.13	-16.53	-742.88	-34.84	
Sprats (imported)	800.00 - 1000.00	867.92	872.83	965.91	-4.92	-0.56	-97.99	-10.15	
Kattawa	-								
Kattawa (imported)	1250.00 - 1400.00	1300.83	1331.50	1563.50	-30.67	-2.30	-262.67	-16.80	
Thora	-								

Thora (imported)	-								
Mora	1650.00 - 1850.00	1761.25	1857.55	1779.00	-96.30	-5.18	-17.75	-1.00	
Mora (imported)	-								
Balaya	950.00 - 1200.00	1059.17	1101.50	1297.75	-42.33	-3.84	-238.58	-18.38	
Balaya (imported)	-								
Anguluwa	-								
Anguluwa (imported)	1350.00 - 1500.00	1455.59	1439.83	1485.68	15.76	1.09	-30.09	-2.03	
Maduwa	1200.00 - 1450.00	1323.09	1365.39	1524.50	-42.31	-3.10	-201.41	-13.21	
Maduwa (imported)	-								
Salaya	300.00 - 500.00	432.58	388.67	648.50	43.91	11.30	-215.92	-33.30	
Salaya (imported)	-								
Dried Fish -Retail									
Sprats (imported)	1000.00 - 1300.00	1181.93	1211.55	1216.29	-29.62	-2.44	-34.36	-2.82	
Sprats	2000.00 - 2400.00	2137.29	2177.26	2310.65	-39.97	-1.84	-173.36	-7.50	
Kattawa	1800.00 - 2400.00	2068.49	2078.98	2414.64	-10.49	-0.50	-346.15	-14.34	
Thora	-								
Mora	2000.00 - 2600.00	2367.48	2371.02	2370.56	-3.54	-0.15	-3.08	-0.13	
Balaya	1200.00 - 1800.00	1594.14	1627.25	1972.46	-33.11	-2.03	-378.32	-19.18	
Anguluwa	1600.00 - 2400.00	2133.65	2155.17	2253.90	-21.51	-1.00	-120.24	-5.33	
Maduwa	1400.00 - 1900.00	1574.43	1466.67	1527.08	107.77	7.35	47.35	3.10	
Salaya	600.00 - 1000.00	886.94	929.29	1075.18	-42.35	-4.56	-188.24	-17.51	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish- Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In line with the price variation in fresh fish prices, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties experienced a decrease in August 2024, mainly due to high supply of raw materials (fresh fish). The highest price drop at the wholesale level was recorded for sprats as 17%. Additionally, prices of mora and balaya had decreased at 5% and 4%. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties had dropped by less than 3%, except for anguluwa (imported) and salaya. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for sprats at 35%.

In line with the wholesale price variation, prices of most of the dried fish varieties had dropped at the retail market. The highest price drop at the retail level was recorded for salaya at 5%. Prices of all the remaining fish varieties had dropped by less than 3%, except for maduwa. However, prices of maduwa had increased by 7% at the retail level. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for balaya at 19%.

Eggs - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs - August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Aug 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	39.000 - 47.00	42.91	51.14	43.96	-8.23	-16.10	-1.05	-2.39	
Eggs - White(each)	37.000 - 44.00	40.22	48.43	44.63	-8.21	-16.95	-4.41	-9.87	
Retail Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	42.000 - 48.00	44.74	53.14	47.80	-8.39	-15.80	-3.05	-6.39	
Eggs - White (each)	39.000 - 45.00	42.64	50.83	45.84	-8.18	-16.10	-3.19	-6.96	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Because of the combined effect of high supply and low demand (due to high supply of alternative protein sources - fresh fish), prices of eggs dropped considerably in August, compared to last month. At the wholesale level, prices of brown eggs had dropped by 16% per egg and prices of white eggs has dropped by 17% per egg. When it comes to the retail level, price of an egg had decreased by 16% for both brown egg and white egg. Average retail price was Rs. 45.00 per brown egg and Rs. 43.00 per white egg. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 6% and 7% respectively at the retail level.

Meat - Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Aug 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	2500 - 2600.00	2,523.61	2,564.44	2337.86	-40.83	-1.59	185.75	7.95	
Chicken (Broiler)	1100 - 1300.00	1,220.14	1,162.75	1418.16	57.39	4.94	-198.02	-13.96	
Chicken (curry)	1000 - 1450.00	1,236.55	1,243.54	1437.54	-6.98	-0.56	-200.98	-13.98	
Mutton	3300 - 3600.00	3,429.70	3,414.36	3227.21	15.33	0.45	202.48	6.27	
Pork	1200 - 1500.00	1,388.45	1,360.95	1576.43	27.50	2.02	-187.98	-11.92	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to July, prices of 50% of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market. The highest price increases were noted for chicken (broiler) at 5%. Meantime, prices of pork had increased by 2%. However, prices of chicken (curry) had dropped by 2%. Compared to last year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for chicken (broiler) and chicken (curry) at 14%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - August 2024

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	Aug 2023	July 2024		Aug 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	192.55-202.41	195.71	208.25	211.74	-12.54	-6.02	-16.03	-7.57
Sugar	256.91-268.56	262.39	279.16	256.11	-16.78	-6.01	6.27	2.45

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain- Mar 2024- Aug 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
August - 2024	19,508.00	2257.00	115.60	195.71	80.11
July - 2024	31,827.00	3675.00	115.47	208.25	92.78
June - 2024	5,567.00	664.00	119.28	205.93	86.65
May - 2024	4,594.00	545.00	118.64	206.14	87.50
April - 2024	9,048.00	1050.00	116.07	208.30	92.23
March - 2024	12,268.00	1400.00	114.15	209.67	95.52
Wheat Grain					
August - 2024	92128	8213	89.15	195.71	106.56
July - 2024	78271	7634	97.54	208.25	110.71
June - 2024	31,817.00	3,074.00	96.60	205.93	109.33
May - 2024	173,536.00	14,258.00	82.16	285.02	202.86
April - 2024	143,130.00	12,893.00	90.08	208.30	118.22
March - 2024	28,589.00	2,765.00	96.70	209.67	112.97

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery -Mar 2024- Aug 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
August - 2024	59,591.00	11,258.00	188.92	262.39	73.47
July - 2024	66,798.00	13,158.00	196.99	279.16	82.17
June - 2024	44,557.00	9013.00	202.27	286.23	83.96
May - 2024	22,901.00	4709.00	205.62	285.02	79.40
April - 2024	17,304.00	3639.00	210.27	281.53	71.26
March - 2024	32,527.00	7015.00	215.68	285.09	22.80

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

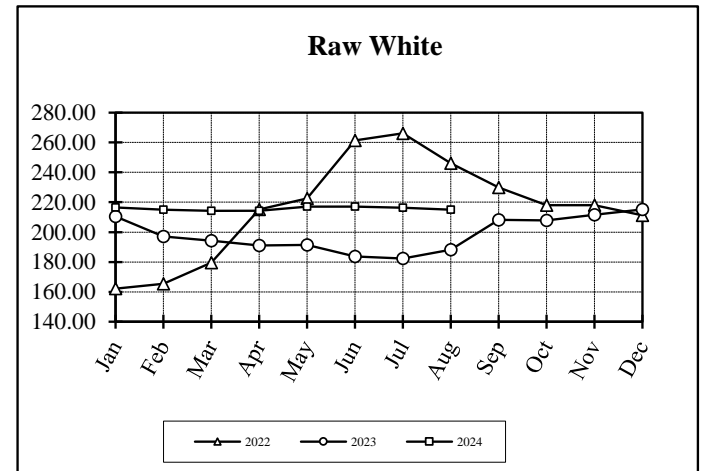
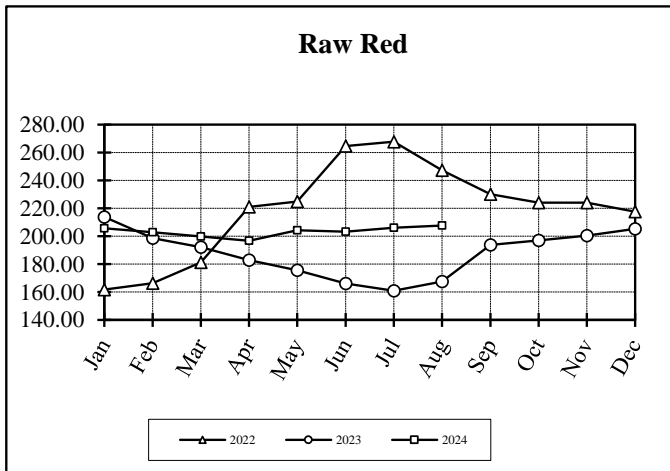
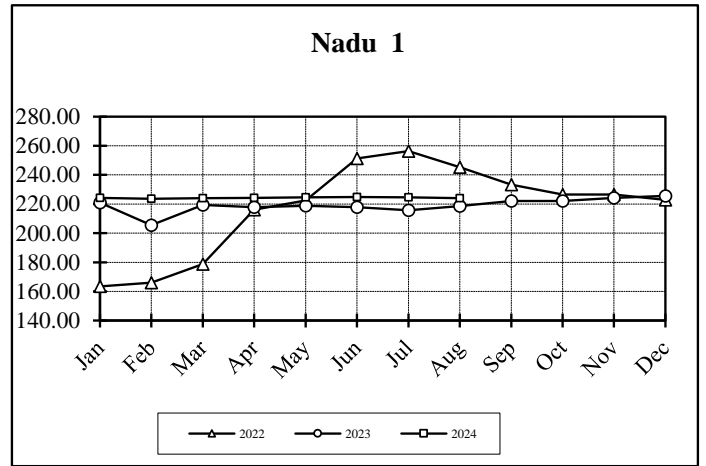
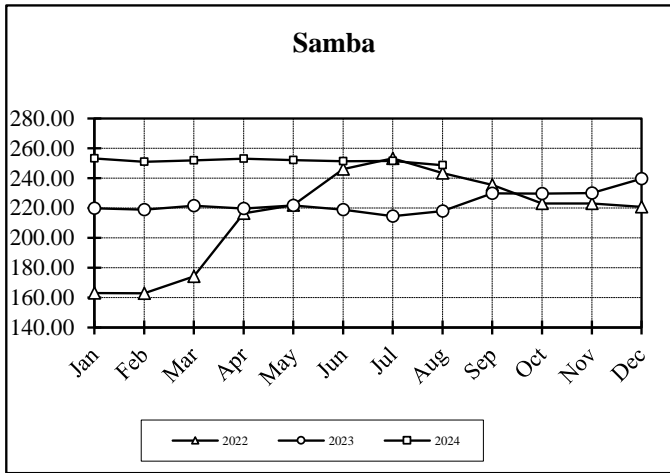
Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - August 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	Aug	July		Aug	July		Aug	July	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	2122.00	2715.00	-21.84	594.00	817.00	-27.29	279.96	300.82	-6.93
Red Onion	71.00	189.00	-62.43	11.00	33.00	-66.67	157.10	177.45	-11.47
Big Onion	20499.00	20973.00	-2.26	2959.00	3019.00	-1.99	144.36	143.93	0.30
Potato	22427.00	16033.00	39.88	2176.00	1606.00	35.49	97.04	100.14	-3.10
Masoor Dhal	12881.00	15250.00	-15.53	2906.00	3407.00	-14.71	225.57	223.41	0.97
Garlic	3161.00	4141.00	-23.67	1260.00	1568.00	-19.64	398.77	378.78	5.28
Wheat flour	19508.00	31827.00	-38.71	2257.00	3675.00	-38.59	115.69	115.47	0.19
Wheat grain	92128.00	78271.00	17.70	8213.00	7634.00	7.58	89.15	97.54	-8.60
Sugar & sugar confectionery	59591.00	66798.00	-10.79	11258.00	13158.00	-14.44	188.92	196.99	-4.10
Maize (Other)	33076.00	3296.00	903.52	2642.00	307.00	760.59	79.87	93.20	-14.30

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

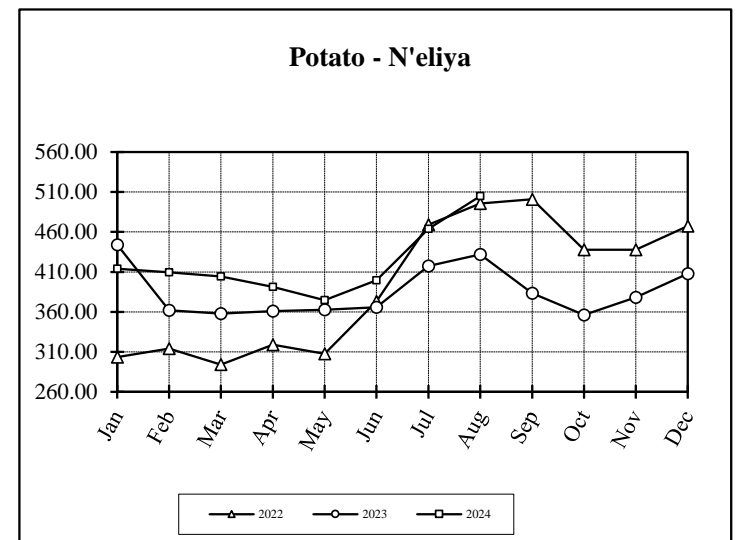
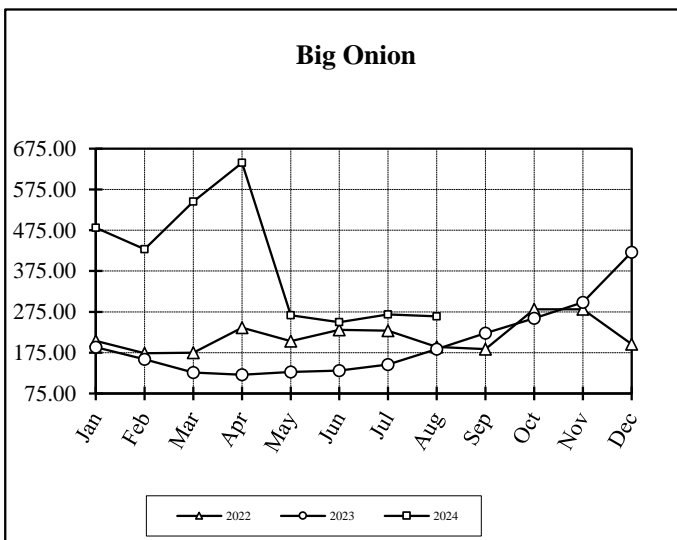
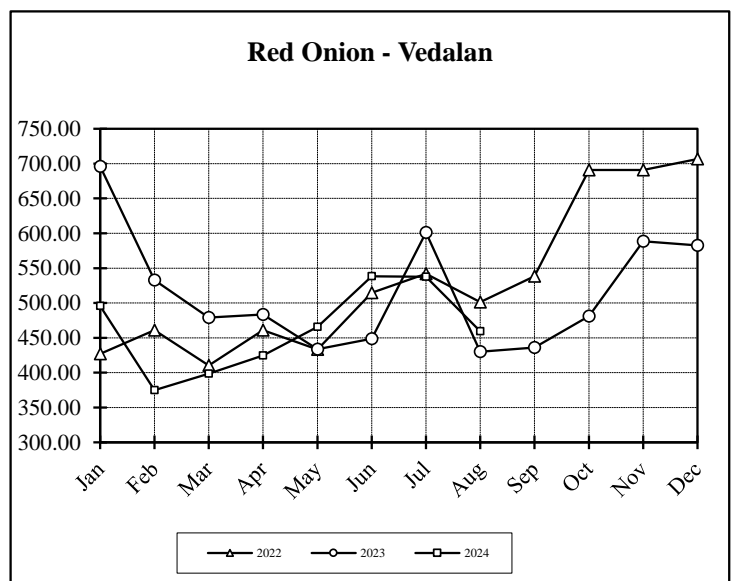
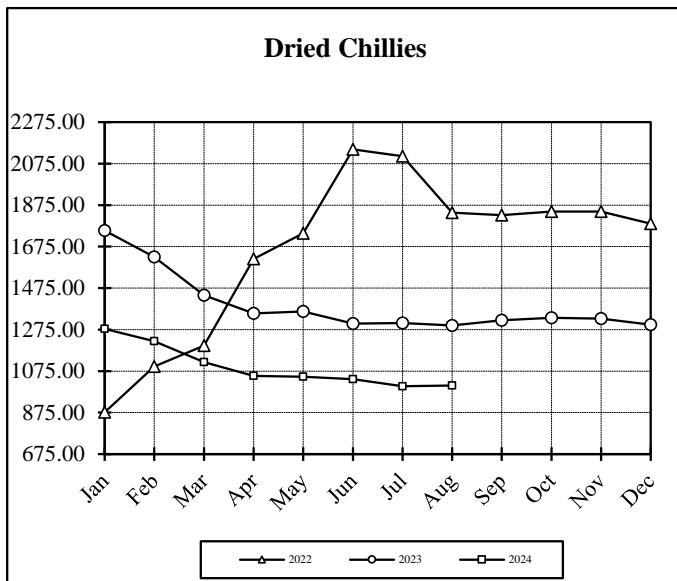
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	163.05	219.81	253.23	163.43	220.92	224.25	161.74	213.83	205.60	162.13	210.47	216.55
Feb	162.91	218.90	251.06	165.94	205.48	223.59	166.21	198.52	202.86	165.39	197.12	214.99
Mar	174.23	221.53	251.88	178.69	219.37	224.07	181.30	192.21	199.83	179.60	194.29	214.31
Apr	216.46	219.71	253.08	216.03	217.91	224.20	221.05	182.80	196.71	215.19	191.02	214.28
May	221.87	221.71	252.21	222.47	218.80	224.62	224.78	175.69	204.19	222.45	191.48	217.06
Jun	246.00	218.83	251.44	251.20	217.79	224.81	264.53	166.19	203.30	261.37	183.70	217.02
Jul	253.30	214.56	251.51	256.35	215.78	224.66	267.75	160.92	206.14	266.15	182.31	216.31
Aug	243.37	218.05	248.69	245.23	218.62	223.92	247.19	167.50	207.65	246.15	188.16	215.02
Sep	235.46	229.85		233.33	222.08		230.02	193.71		229.95	208.29	
Oct	223.04	229.65		226.45	222.17		224.05	197.08		218.10	207.77	
Nov	223.04	230.00		226.45	224.19		224.05	200.36		218.10	211.66	
Dec	220.88	239.69		222.77	225.59		217.65	205.36		211.26	215.19	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	876.68	1752.35	1278.28	426.78	696.10	495.78	203.69	188.50	481.26	303.42	443.97	414.09
Feb	1096.90	1625.09	1218.47	461.00	532.96	374.83	173.63	158.70	428.49	314.05	361.86	409.60
Mar	1197.17	1439.94	1117.92	410.30	479.02	398.69	175.30	126.33	545.50	294.04	357.69	404.35
Apr	1615.64	1352.77	1051.26	461.12	483.63	424.48	236.52	120.91	640.30	319.03	361.12	391.11
May	1739.46	1361.98	1047.46	433.13	433.52	465.70	203.29	127.64	266.88	307.54	362.70	374.63
Jun	2143.50	1303.59	1036.27	514.80	448.76	538.28	230.89	131.09	249.64	373.16	365.72	399.66
Jul	2110.93	1307.02	1002.13	541.94	601.36	537.38	228.96	146.26	268.42	468.93	417.37	464.08
Aug	1838.64	1295.06	1005.85	501.24	430.04	459.43	189.33	183.45	264.29	495.71	431.92	504.84
Sep	1827.19	1319.49		538.53	435.98		183.42	222.62		500.91	383.36	
Oct	1843.52	1331.19		690.99	480.95		281.28	259.39		437.60	356.19	
Nov	1843.52	1327.24		690.99	588.73		281.28	298.16		437.60	378.31	
Dec	1785.38	1298.39		706.59	582.53		195.56	421.39		467.45	407.86	



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

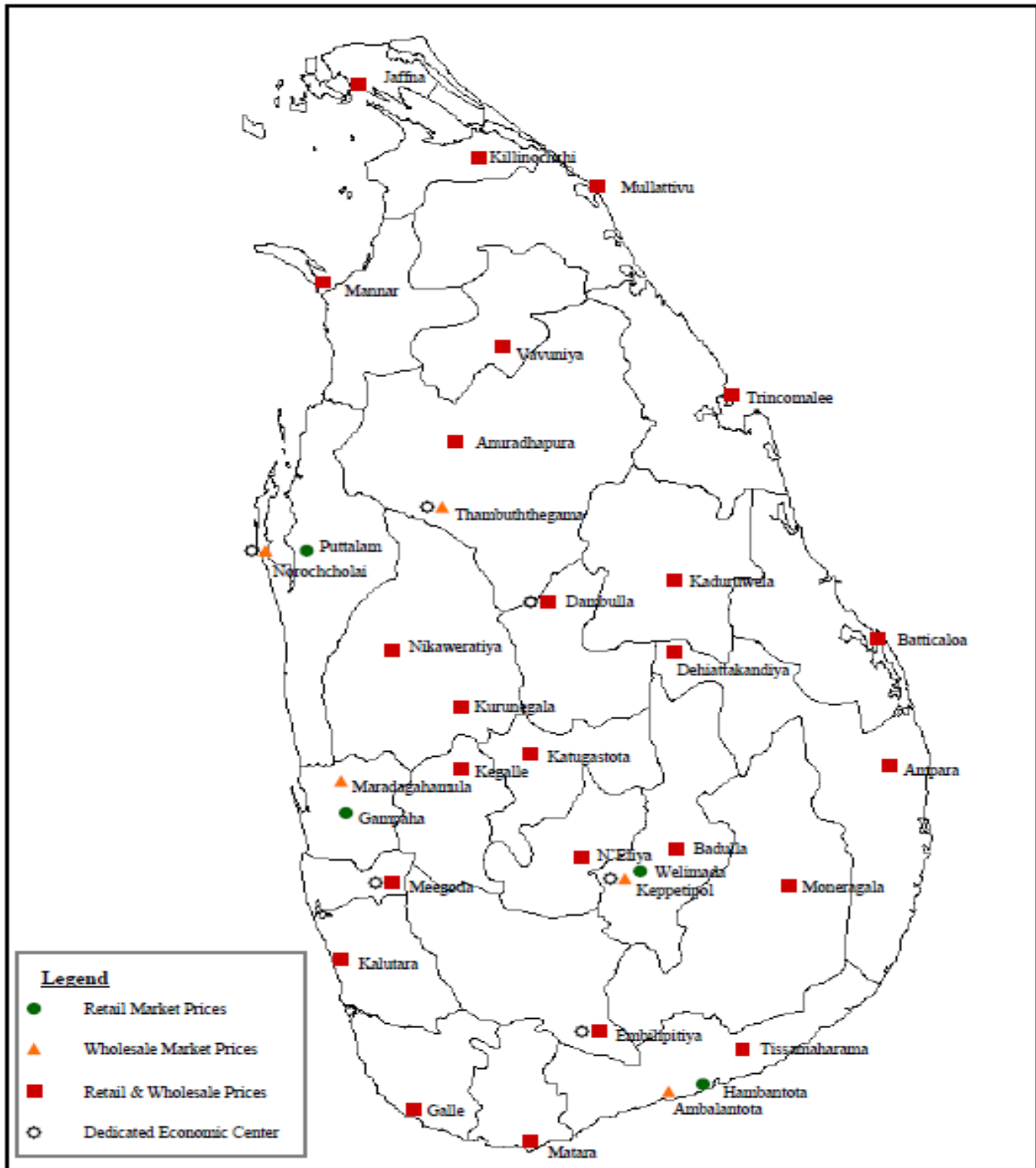
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	352.00	365.00	359.00	324.00	Welimada	226.00	231.00	214.00	159.00
A'pura	109.60	111.20	111.20	116.20	Badulla					N'Eliya	240.00	241.00	221.00	182.00
P'naruwa	115.50	115.50	108.29	109.00	Welimada	342.00	350.00	341.00	236.00					
Kalawewa	110.40	114.25	110.00	117.50	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala					<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	111.67	111.83	113.33	116.67	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	172.00	134.00	121.00	79.00
Ampara		115.50	115.67	115.67	Kalawewa	586.67	605.00	562.50	570.00	Dambulla	160.00	100.00	83.60	79.00
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	610.00	610.00	683.33	683.33	Kurunegala				
A'pura	114.00	116.20	117.00	119.00	Kurunegala					Welimada	128.00	108.00	86.00	61.00
P'naruwa	120.33	120.33	114.18	117.33	A'pura	625.00	525.00	620.00	620.00	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	114.80	114.50	117.75	120.40	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala					A'pura					N'Eliya	82.00	59.00	41.00	40.00
Dehiattakandiya	118.33	119.00	119.67	120.67	Galgamuwa					Welimada	47.00	41.00	40.00	33.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	550.00	566.67	566.67	783.33	<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara	112.67	116.00	115.00	115.33	Kalawewa	695.00	612.50	580.00	600.00	Hanguranketha				
Matara					Embilipitiya	710.00	710.00	710.00	710.00	N'Eliya	30.00	23.00	23.00	31.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	31.00	18.40	16.40	14.80
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	115.00	106.00	114.50	119.25	A'Pura					Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	108.33	108.33	108.33	118.33	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	240.00	188.00	144.00	102.00
Ampara	115.33	113.20	117.00	115.67	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	170.00	136.00	108.00	69.00
Embilipitiya	109.50	111.25	116.50	120.75	A'Pura	490.00	490.00	512.00	508.00	Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	150.00	150.00	90.00	
A'pura	120.00	115.00	113.20	117.00	<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
Polonnaruwa	116.17	116.17	109.30	114.17	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa					A'Pura					Welimada	131.00	124.00	96.00	148.00
Kurunegala					<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota	230.00	155.00	175.00	130.00
Dehiattakandiya	112.67	113.67	115.67	121.00	<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	151.50	124.00	125.00	122.00
<u>Red Onion</u>					Dambulla	350.00	357.50	357.50	254.00	<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Welimada	272.00	356.00	279.00	282.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
Dambulla			208.00	215.00	Badulla	206.67	237.50	237.50	222.50	A'pura	68.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
Kalawewa					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	51.40	49.00	41.60	42.60
A'Pura					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	45.00	75.00	45.00	60.00
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	176.00	241.00	181.00	159.00	Embilipitiya	72.50	55.00	59.00	93.75
					Welimada	130.00	176.00	132.00	101.00	Matara	88.75	112.50	81.25	66.25

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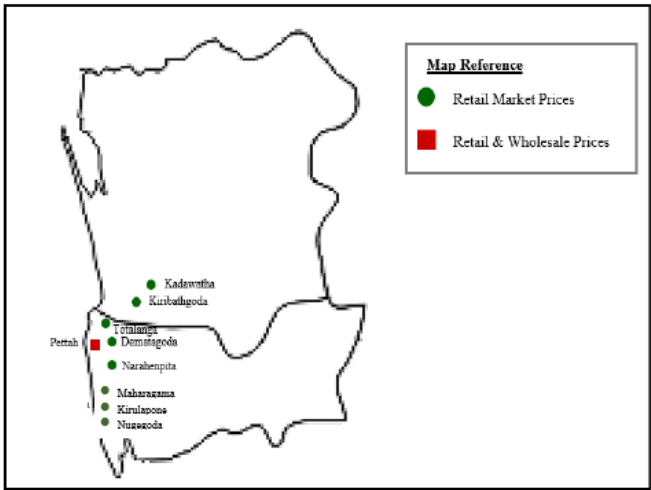
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<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	216.00	216.00	148.00	168.00	Dambulla	102.00	107.00	70.40	60.80	Hambantota				
Dambulla	151.50	171.00	132.00	131.00	Hambantota		130.00			Embilipitiya	322.50	322.50	322.50	306.00
Hambantota	200.00	170.00	145.00	135.00	Embilipitiya	112.50	96.00	107.50	95.00	Moneragala	320.00	362.00	270.00	208.00
Embilipitiya	215.00	172.00	166.00	172.50	Matara	100.00		88.75	67.50	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	212.50	130.00	121.25	177.50	A'pura	112.00	112.00	88.00	88.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	129.00	176.00	125.00	131.00	Moneragala	94.00	88.00			<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	84.00	74.00	74.00	84.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	34.00	34.00	34.00	44.00	Embilipitiya	100.00	107.50	102.50	108.00
Welimada	767.50	662.50	510.00	460.00	Dambulla	25.20	25.00	22.40	26.60	Hambantota	116.67			115.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota		45.00	27.50	22.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	188.00	188.00	148.00	148.00	Matara	30.00	28.25	27.00	27.00	Moneragala	220.00	220.00	220.00	246.00
Dambulla	142.50	127.00	90.20	95.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	237.50	237.50	242.50	265.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	164.58	134.17	108.00	97.20	Hambantota	255.00			290.00
Embilipitiya	257.50	240.00	200.00	216.00	Hambantota		165.00			<u>Papaw</u>				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Embilipitiya	207.50	207.50	112.50	142.50	Moneragala	108.00	104.00	104.00	94.00
Dambulla	109.00	118.00	86.20	87.40	Matara	137.50	135.00	122.50	128.75	Embilipitiya	153.75	153.75	140.00	112.00
Hambantota	170.00	150.00	145.00	135.00	A'Pura	188.00	188.00	148.00	148.00	Hambantota			140.00	145.00
Embilipitiya	185.00	165.00	153.75	160.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Matara	132.50	135.00	116.25	137.50	Hambantota					Divulapitiya				
A'pura	148.00	148.00	108.00	108.00	Embilipitiya	160.00	160.00	146.25	146.25					
<u>Luffa</u>					Matara	113.75	152.50	117.50	122.50					
Dambulla	132.50	126.00	108.00	103.00	<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Hambantota	180.00	180.00	125.00	125.00	Dambulla	440.00	308.00	156.50	154.50					
Embilipitiya	172.50	164.00	158.00	165.00	Hambantota	450.00	355.00	225.00	133.33					
Matara	150.00	147.50	122.50	140.00	Embilipitiya	532.00	288.00	210.00	210.00					
A'pura	168.00	148.00	108.00	108.00	Puttalam									
					A'Pura	420.00	362.00	276.00	236.00					

Price Collecting Areas



Legend

- Retail Market Prices
- ▲ Wholesale Market Prices
- Retail & Wholesale Prices
- Dedicated Economic Center





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