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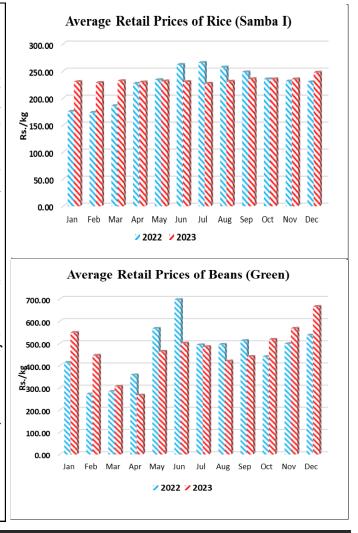
Highlights

Rice

The market supply of short grain and long grain paddy varieties has slightly improved due to the release of stored paddy at the farmer level. However, the average retail prices for Samba Grade 1 and Keeri Samba have exceeded the government-regulated maximum retail price (MRP).

Vegetables

Prices of most vegetables have increased due to decreased supply, as heavy rains have disrupted both crop cultivation and harvesting in many major producing areas. Retail prices of vegetables have risen by 1% to 97%, with the highest increase reported for beetroot. The highest price recorded was Rs. 797.00/kg for capsicum. It is anticipated that vegetable prices will continue to rise in the coming month.



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29. Ampara

26. Kilinochchi

30. Monaragala

1. Paddy/Rice

Producer Prices

The market supply of short-grain and long-grain paddy varieties has slightly improved due to the release of stored paddy by farmers. Additionally, demand for paddy has softened due to the higher price levels, resulting in a decrease in producer prices across most major producing areas compared to the previous month. Producer prices for short-grain paddy have slightly declined by less than 3% in Anuradhapura, Kalawewa, Nikaweratiya, and Ampara. However, in Dehiattakandiya, producer prices for short-grain paddy increased by 4% due to heightened demand.

For long-grain white paddy, producer prices ranged from Rs.105.00 to Rs.131.00/kg in major producing areas, with prices dropping by less than 5% in most areas compared to the previous month. The most significant decrease among all paddy varieties was seen in long-grain red, which declined by 4-9%, with producer prices ranging from Rs.90.00 to Rs.105.00/kg in Hambantota, Matara, and Embilipitiva.

Table 1.1: Producer prices of Paddy – December 2023

	Price Range	A	verage Pri	ce		Change	Compared t	0
	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov	2023	Dec 2	2022
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	116.00-128.00	122.15	123.75	98.15	-1.60	-1.29	24.00	24.45
Polonnaruwa	125.00-131.00	129.11	127.08	104.88	2.03	1.60	24.24	23.11
Kalawewa	118.00-128.00	123.35	124.30	98.70	-0.95	-0.76	24.65	24.97
Kurunegala	124.00-130.00	126.36	125.75	103.38	0.61	0.49	22.99	22.24
Dehiattakandiya	125.00-129.50	127.13	122.42	95.83	4.71	3.85	31.29	32.65
Nikaweratiya	115.00-130.00	122.91	124.64	101.79	-1.73	-1.39	21.12	20.75
Ampara	118.00-125.00	121.42	123.29		-1.88	-1.52		
Long Grain Whit	e							
Anuradhapura	110.00-115.00	112.55	115.50	97.20	-2.95	-2.55	15.35	15.79
Polonnaruwa	114.00-131.00	115.17	112.83	102.53	2.33	2.07	12.64	12.33
Kalawewa	110.00-115.00	112.30	115.10	96.65	-2.80	-2.43	15.65	16.19
Kurunegala	112.00-117.00	115.50	116.50	101.44	-1.00	-0.86	14.06	13.86
Dehiattakandiya	105.00-109.00	107.33	110.42	94.50	-3.08	-2.79	12.83	13.58
Embilipitiya								
Nikaweratiya	110.00-118.00	114.16	117.15	101.79	-2.99	-2.55	12.37	12.15
Ampara	105.00-115.00	110.94	116.38		-5.44	-4.67		
Long Grain Red							1	
A' pura								
Matara	90.00-105.00	96.44	105.13	114.17	-8.69	-8.26	-17.73	-15.53
Hambantota	93.00-105.00	98.38	105.88	110.65	-7.50	-7.08	-12.27	-11.09
Embilipitiya	98.00-102.00	100.41	104.00	112.90	-3.59	-3.45	-12.49	-11.06
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	140.00-156.00	148.63	146.75	112.76	1.88	1.28	35.87	31.81
Polonnaruwa	155.00-164.00	158.28	152.87	111.48	5.40	3.53	46.80	41.98
Kalawewa	135.00-155.00	144.23	147.05	112.20	-2.82	-1.92	32.03	28.55
Kurunegala	145.00-150.00	147.24	147.88	116.20	-0.64	-0.43	31.04	26.71
Dehiattakandiya	150.00-156.00	153.58	151.58	108.60	2.00	1.32	44.98	41.42

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for short grain, long grain white, and keeri samba have increased across all price collection areas, with keeri samba recording the highest price

increase of 27-42%. However, producer prices for long grain red have decreased in all producing areas, with a 11-16% decline.

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices for all rice varieties except slight decrease of raw white have increased by 1-3% compared to the previous month. The highest increase of 3% was recorded for Keeri Samba, due to a continued decline in supply. The price for Keeri Samba ranged between Rs. 305.00-325.00/kg, marking an all-time high. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I and II ranged between Rs. 220.00-240.00 and Rs. 220.00-230.00/kg, respectively, with average prices rising by lea than 2%.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties, except raw red, increased by 06-41%, with Keeri Samba showing the highest rise of Rs.92.00/kg. In contrast, the wholesale price of raw red decreased by 7% compared to the same period last year.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice –December 2023

	Price Range	Av	erage Price	e	C	hange C	ompared to)
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2	2023	Dec 2	2022
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices					•			
Samba 1	230.00-240.00	232.30	228.57	213.25	3.73	1.63	19.04	8.93
Samba 2	220.00-230.00	225.96	223.18	205.24	2.77	1.24	20.71	10.09
Keeri Samba	305.00-325.00	314.93	304.93	222.84	10.00	3.28	92.09	41.33
Nadu 1	210.00-215.00	212.12	208.75	199.76	3.37	1.61	12.36	6.19
Nadu 2	205.00-208.00	205.68	202.58	194.43	3.10	1.53	11.26	5.79
Raw red	175.00-190.00	183.03	182.20	196.83	0.83	0.46	-13.79	-7.01
Raw white	195.00-210.00	202.79	203.46	190.25	-0.67	-0.33	12.54	6.59
Imported Samba				200.71				
Imported Raw White				164.58				
Imported Nadu				173.45				
Retail Prices	<u> </u>	L		L L	L			
Samba 1	230.00-260.00	247.58	235.27	229.85	12.31	5.23	17.73	7.71
Samba 2	230.00-250.00	239.69	230.00	220.88	9.69	4.21	18.81	8.51
Keeri Samba			325.00	258.92				
Nadu 1	220.00-230.00	225.59	224.19	222.78	1.40	0.62	2.81	1.26
Nadu 2	220.00-220.00	220.00	219.96	213.62	0.04	0.02	6.38	2.99
Raw red	190.00-220.00	205.36	200.37	217.65	4.99	2.49	-12.29	-5.65
Raw white	210.00-220.00	215.19	211.66	211.26	3.52	1.66	3.93	1.86
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba				210.26				
Imported Raw White				181.28				
Imported Nadu				197.72				

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

In line with wholesale prices, retail prices for all local rice varieties increased by 1-5% compared to the previous month. Keeri Samba was hardly available at retail level. Furthermore, the average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, and Keeri Samba exceeded the government-regulated maximum retail price (MRP). Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for most rice varieties

increased by 1-9%, with Samba grade 1 showing the highest rise. In contrast, the retail price of raw red rice decreased by Rs. 12.00/kg compared to the same period last year.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

In the Maha 2023/24 season, the targeted extent for green chili cultivation was set at 10,013 hectares. By the end of December, 4,601 hectares had been cultivated, achieving 46% of the target. The Anuradhapura district recorded the highest cultivated extent, reaching 543 hectares by month's end. The total estimated production of green chili for this Maha season stands at 22,622 metric tons. An estimated 38% of this production is expected to come from the Anuradhapura (12%), Puttalam (9%), Monaragala (9%), and Badulla (8%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2023/24 Season

Areas	Targeted	Cultivation Prog December	Expected Production	
Areas	Extent (ha)	Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	(Mt)
Puttalam	1,303	269	21	1,942
Anuradhapura	1,283	543	42	2,633
Kurunegala	451	267	59	1,614
Jaffna	588	228	39	1,235
Batticaloa	590	297	50	1,371
Monaragala	614	448	73	1,956
Badulla	401	285	71	1,727
Kilinochchi	485	154	32	694
Interprovincial DDA areas	794	475	60	2,236
Mahaweli areas	515	229	44	959
Other areas	2,989	1,406	47	6,255
Total	10,013	4,601	46	22,622

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2023/24, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Due to a significant drop in supply from major producing areas, green chili prices surged this month. Wholesale and retail prices increased by approximately Rs.563.00/kg and Rs.666.00/kg, with average prices reaching Rs.977.50/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1,368.20/kg at retail. Compared to the same period last year, these prices reflect a dramatic increase of 416% in wholesale and 227% in retail prices.

In December 2023, Sri Lanka imported 3,445 metric tons of dried chili, an increase of 124 metric tons from the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.773.63/kg, marking a slight decrease of Rs.1.04/kg. Wholesale prices for imported dried chili remained stable, while retail prices fell by around Rs.29.00/kg. Wholesale prices for dried chili ranged between Rs.980.00-1,100.00/kg, and retail prices ranged from Rs.1,100.00 to Rs.1,500.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili have decreased by around 29% and 27%, respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies-December 2023

	Price Range	A	verage Pri	ce	(Change Co	ompared to	mpared to	
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2023		Dec 2022		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price									
Green Chilli	700.00-1400.00	977.50	414.00	189.50	563.50	136.11	788.00	415.83	
Dried Chilli	980.00-1100.00	1032.96	1032.45	1451.46	0.51	0.05	-418.50	-28.83	
Retail Price	Retail Price								
Green Chilli	900.00-2000.00	1368.20	702.00	418.51	666.20	94.90	949.69	226.92	
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1500.00	1298.39	1327.24	1785.38	-28.85	-2.17	-486.99	-27.28	

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

Location	1st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	698.00	718.00	926.00	960.00
Embilipitiya	927.50	980.00	1240.00	1296.00
Puttalam	750.00	758.33	853.33	890.00
A'Pura	796.00	1010.00	970.00	1170.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (July-Dec 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Dec-2023	3445.19	2665.32	773.63	1298.39	524.75
Nov-2023	3321.30	2572.92	774.67	1327.24	552.57
Oct-2023	4651.15	3640.91	782.80	1331.20	548.40
Sept-2023	2347.54	1748.34	744.75	1319.49	574.74
Aug-2023	3057.48	2379.93	778.40	1295.06	516.66
July-2023	4583.72	3677.25	802.24	1307.02	504.78

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

For the Maha 2023/24 season, the targeted land extent for red onion cultivation in Sri Lanka was 3,413 hectares, of which 599 hectares (18%) had been cultivated by the end of December 2023. In Jaffna, with a target of 1,920 hectares, 372 hectares (19%) were cultivated by the same period. Puttalam district showed a cultivation progress of 21% against its target.

The total estimated red onion production for this Maha season is 7,019 metric tons. Of this, Jaffna is expected to contribute 64% of the production, while Puttalam is projected to supply around 19%, jointly accounting for approximately 83% of the season's red onion output.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2023/24 Season

A wood	Targeted Extent	Cultivation Progress a 20	Expected Production	
Areas	(ha)	Cultivated Extent % of the target (ha)		(Mt)
Jaffna	1920	372	19	4,460
Puttalam	455	96	21	1,351
Trincomalee	307	5	2	41
Other area	731	126	17	1,167
Total	3,413	599	7,019	

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2023/24, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In December 2023, the supply of big onions in the market consisted entirely of imported stocks, with a total import volume of 15,956 metric tons—2,648 metric tons less than in the previous month. The average CIF price rose to Rs.181.49 per kilogram, an increase of Rs.45.80/kg compared to the previous month. This led to substantial increases in both wholesale and retail prices, rising by around Rs.138.00 and Rs.123.00/kg, respectively. The average wholesale price reached Rs.339.96/kg, while the retail price was Rs.421.39 per kilogram. Both prices have surged by approximately 116% and 115% compared to the same period last year.

The supply of local red onions from primary producing regions also saw a significant reduction this month, resulting in limited availability across most markets. In response, 1,849 metric tons of red onions were imported from India, marking an increase of 824 metric tons over the previous month. The average CIF price for imported red onions was Rs.253.32/kg, up by Rs.17.71 from the prior month. Despite this, the wholesale price of imported red onions decreased by about Rs.52.00/kg, while the retail price increased by around Rs.86.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, the wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have dropped by about 24% and 14%, respectively.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion- Dec 2023

	Price Range	A	verage Pric	e	(Change Compared to		
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2023		Dec 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)								
Red Onion (Vedalan)			395.13					
Red Onion (Imported)	380.00-500.00	413.62	465.20	544.81	-51.58	-11.09	-131.19	-24.08
Big Onion (imported)	170.00-470.00	339.96	201.47	157.60	138.49	68.74	182.36	115.71
Big Onion (Local)								
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)								
Red Onion (Vedalan)			588.73	706.59				
Red Onion (Imported)	480.00-680.00	582.53	496.36	676.47	86.17	17.36	-93.95	-13.89
Big Onion (imported)	270.00-600.00	421.39	298.16	195.56	123.24	41.33	225.83	115.48
Big Onion (Local)								

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, December 2023

Item	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Ma	rgin (Rs/kg)
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
	December,2023	181.49	339.96	421.39	158.47	81.44
Big onion	November,2023	135.69	201.47	298.16	65.78	96.69
	December,2022	88.27	157.60	195.56	69.33	37.96
	December,2023	253.32	413.62	582.53	160.30	168.91
Red onion	November,2023	235.61	465.20	496.36	229.58	31.17
	December,2022	144.14	544.81	676.47	400.67	131.67

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: 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)
Dec-2023	15,956.33	181.49	339.96	421.39	239.91
Nov-2023	18,603.76	135.69	201.47	298.16	162.46
Oct-2023	20,520.86	104.85	190.61	259.39	154.53
Sept-2023	21,310.34	88.92	135.98	222.62	133.70
Aug-2023	26,951.49	75.91	145.00	183.45	107.53
July-2023	30,815.34	67.66	111.62	146.26	78.60

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Itam	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)		
Item	Dec,2023	Nov,2023	Dec,2023	Nov,2023	Dec,2023	Nov,2023	
Red Onion	1848.71	1025.19	468.32	241.55	253.32	235.61	
Big Onion	15956.33	18603.76	2895.88	2524.41	181.49	135.69	

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The monthly cultivated extent for all other field crops (OFCs), including potatoes, was lower in December than the three-year average. The targeted extent for potato cultivation in the Maha 2023/24 season is 2,918 ha, exceeding the target for the Maha 2021/22 season. By the end of December, 589 ha had been cultivated, reaching 20% of the target. However, this cultivated extent is lower than the same period in the last Maha season. Based on the extent cultivated by the end of this month, the expected potato production for this Maha season is 8,703 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the target is 1,361 ha, with 108 ha cultivated by the end of December (a 7.93% progress rate). The Badulla district has a target of 1,451 ha, with 481 ha cultivated by the end of December, achieving 33.14% of the target. With the Yala harvest of potatoes ending in November, the supply of potatoes from Welimada and Nuwara Eliya was lower in December.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In December, 19,400 mt of potatoes were imported, marking an increase of 4,218 mt compared to the same period last year. The average CIF price was Rs.75.00/kg. For local potatoes, supply declined due to the end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas, with limited stocks of Welimada potatoes available on the market.

Average producer prices were Rs.288.00/kg for Nuwara Eliya potatoes and Rs.271.00/kg for Welimada potatoes. Wholesale prices for Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes rose by 37% and 28%, respectively, in December. Retail prices for Nuwara Eliya potatoes increased by 8%, while wholesale and retail prices for imported potatoes showed a slight increase of 4% and 1%, respectively. In December, wholesale prices ranged between Rs.300.00-360.00/kg for Nuwara Eliya potatoes and Rs.310.00-330.00/kg for Welimada potatoes.

Compared to the same period of last year the year-on-year retail price decreased by 60%, and 6% for Nuwaraeliya, and imported potatoes respectively.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –July to Dec 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Dec-2023	19,400	1445.47	74.51	226.75	152.24
Nov-2023	9,269	678.05	73.15	224.32	151.17
Oct-2023	8,280	513.21	61.98	222.31	160.33
Sept-2023	9,903	692.93	69.97	212.75	142.78
Aug-2023	15,890	1196.68	75.31	222.73	147.42
July-2023	18,162	1289.19	70.98	239.80	168.82

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HART

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

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov	2023	Dec 202			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Producer Prices (PP)										
Welimada	250.00-295.00	270.50	204.00	364.25	66.50	32.60	-93.75	-25.74		
Nuwara Eliya	265.00-310.00	287.75	227.00	389.50	60.75	26.76	-101.75	-26.12		
Imported – CIF										
Wholesale Prices (WP)										
Welimada	310.00-330.00	320.00	234.41		85.59	36.51				
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-360.00	332.03	258.75	427.50	73.28	28.32	-95.47	-22.33		
Imported	125.00-250.00	193.54	185.64	188.13	7.90	4.26	5.41	2.88		
Retail Prices (RP)										
Welimada			312.37							
Nuwara Eliya	360.00-460.00	407.86	378.31	467.45	29.55	7.81	-59.59	-12.75		
Imported	180.00-280.00	226.75	224.32	232.61	2.42	1.08	-5.86	-2.52		
Gross Margin (RP-PP)	1									
Welimada			108.37							
Nuwara Eliya		120.11	151.31	77.95	-31.20	-20.62	42.16	54.09		
Imported (RP-CIF)										
Gross Margin (RP -WI	P)									
Welimada			77.96		_					
Nuwara Eliya	ıwara Eliya			39.95	-43.73	-36.58	35.88	89.82		
Imported		33.21	38.69	44.48	-5.48	-14.15	-11.27	-25.34		

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted cultivated extent and production of green gram and cowpea are significantly higher compared to the last cultivation season. The target extent for green gram is 10,744 ha, while for cowpea, it is 9,208 ha. The major producing areas for green gram cultivation include Moneragala, Hambantota, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, and Puttalam districts, whereas Ampara, Anuradhapura, and Moneragala are key areas for cowpea.

Additionally, black gram has reported an increase in cultivated extent of over 138% for the Maha 2023/2024 season compared to the previous season. However, the cultivated progress for nearly all other OFCs remains lower.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of green gram ranged from Rs. 750.00 to Rs. 1,000.00/kg, while retail prices were between Rs. 900.00 and Rs. 1,300.00/kg. Compared to last year, both wholesale and retail prices for green gram decreased by 22% and 11%, respectively. Meanwhile, retail prices for both white and red cowpea ranged from Rs. 1,000.00 to Rs. 1,300.00/kg.

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

	Price Range	Av	verage Pric	e	Cha Compa	0	Change Compared to			
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov	2023	Dec 2022			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Prices										
Green gram	750.00-1000.00	849.06	742.55	1083.78	106.51	14.34	-234.72	-21.66		
Cowpea (White)	950.00-1150.00	1036.77	951.31	1204.38	85.46	8.98	-167.60	-13.92		
Cowpea (Red)	950.00-1200.00	1076.96	974.84	1248.75	102.12	10.48	-171.79	-13.76		
Retail Price										
Green gram	900.00-1300.00	1139.77	1104.23	1275.08	35.54	3.22	-135.31	-10.61		
Cowpea (White)	1000.00-1300.00	1220.53	1153.76	1273.50	66.77	5.79	-52.96	-4.16		
Cowpea (Red)	1000.00-1300.00	1226.30	1164.95 1327.64 61.35		61.35	5.27	-101.34	-7.63		

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs. 295.00 and Rs. 305.00/kg, with an average of Rs. 299.00/kg. The retail price ranged from Rs. 315.00 to Rs. 360.00/kg, averaging Rs. 339.00/kg. Both retail and wholesale prices remained unchanged compared to the previous month.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal (small) – December 2023

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Red Dhal	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2	2023	Dec 2022			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Price	295.00-305.00	299.04	294.72	353.77	4.32	1.47	-54.73	-15.47		
Retail Price	315.00-360.00	339.87	338.96	375.65	0.91	0.27	-35.77	-9.52		

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

The cultivation season for Maha 2023/2024 has commenced, with cultivation progress for upcountry and low-country vegetables recorded at 42% (7,670 ha) and 48% (13,615 ha), respectively. The targeted extent and production for up-country vegetables this season are 18,428 ha and 69,403 mt. For low-country vegetables, the targets are set at 22,400 ha for cultivation and 106,120 mt for production. However, approximately 299 ha of up-country vegetables and 118 ha of low-country vegetables have been affected by heavy rains. Notably, crops such as okra, brinjal, long bean, kekiri, and winged bean have reported progress exceeding 50% of their respective targets (Crop Forecast, Vol. 01, Maha 2023/2024, Socio Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices for most vegetables have risen due to decreased supply and the festive season. Wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 15% to 135%, with the highest price increase reported for beetroot at 135%. The highest price recorded for beans was Rs. 478.00/kg, while radish was the lowest at Rs. 172.00/kg. For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices have increased by 1% to 63%, with pumpkin showing the highest increase. However, prices for ladies' fingers, capsicum, bitter gourd, snake gourd, and long beans have decreased by 6% to 32%. Capsicum reached the highest price of Rs. 480.00/kg, while cucumber had the lowest at Rs. 117.00/kg. Conversely, due to excess supply from producing areas, the average price of lime has decreased significantly to Rs. 529.00/kg, marking a drop of 66%.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most vegetables have increased by 12% to 201%. Notably, green chilli prices have surged by an astounding 416% compared to last year's prices.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – December 2023

	Price Range		Average		C	Change Co	ompared to	
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 20	023	Dec 2	022
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	300.00-650.00	476.64	395.00	374.00	81.64	20.67	102.64	27.44
Carrot	250.00-500.00	337.50	222.00	271.50	115.50	52.03	66.00	24.31
Leeks	150.00-300.00	230.25	119.00	333.00	111.25	93.49	-102.75	-30.86
Beetroot	300.00-430.00	390.45	165.85	342.24	224.61	135.43	48.21	14.09
Knolkhol	200.00-300.00	256.00	184.00	229.50	72.00	39.13	26.50	11.55
Radish	130.00-220.00	172.00	148.50	97.00	23.50	15.82	75.00	77.32
Cabbage	280.00-400.00	336.33	191.94	143.25	144.39	75.23	193.08	134.79
Tomato	300.00-650.00	494.75	220.00	164.00	274.75	124.89	330.75	201.68
Ladies Fingers	100.00-200.00	153.59	188.50	124.00	-34.91	-18.52	29.59	23.86
Brinjal	300.00-600.00	407.50	301.50	196.25	106.00	35.16	211.25	107.64
Capsicum	350.00-600.00	480.25	542.36	668.75	-62.11	-11.45	-188.50	-28.19
Pumpkin	90.00-160.00	135.25	82.50	96.25	52.75	63.94	39.00	40.52
Cucumber	80.00-160.00	116.75	105.00	50.25	11.75	11.19	66.50	132.34
Bittergourd	300.00-600.00	408.50	439.19	317.00	-30.69	-6.99	91.50	28.86
Snakegourd	150.00-220.00	195.50	288.50	227.25	-93.00	-32.24	-31.75	-13.97
Drumstick			352.02					
Luffa	250.00-380.00	288.75	284.00	205.50	4.75	1.67	83.25	40.51
Long Beans	120.00-300.00	206.00	283.79	242.25	-77.79	-27.41	-36.25	-14.96
Ash Plantain	220.00-300.00	263.25	218.50	203.75	44.75	20.48	59.50	29.20
Green Chillies	700.00-1400.00	977.50	414.00	189.50	563.50	136.11	788.00	415.83
Lime	200.00-1200.00	528.75	1547.50	138.50	-1018.75	-65.83	390.25	281.77

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with wholesale prices, retail prices for all vegetable varieties have increased by 1% to 97%. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price increase was recorded for beetroot at 97%. For low-country vegetables, pumpkin saw the highest increase at 43%. The highest retail price reported was Rs. 797.00/kg for capsicum, while the lowest was Rs. 249.00/kg for pumpkin. Additionally, the price of green chilli has risen by 95%, whereas lime prices have decreased by 48%.

Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have varied, showing decreases of 4% to 142%.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of Vegetables – December 2023

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Items	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2	023	Dec 2	2022		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Beans (green)	450.00-800.00	666.65	568.20	537.45	98.45	17.33	129.20	24.04		
Carrot	280.00-800.00	506.31	381.28	398.66	125.03	32.79	107.65	27.00		
Leeks	250.00-480.00	383.44	263.96	449.42	119.48	45.27	-65.98	-14.68		
Beetroot	380.00-840.00	608.63	309.53	483.28	299.10	96.63	125.35	25.94		
Knolkhol	260.00-640.00	441.61	335.16	410.37	106.45	31.76	31.24	7.61		
Radish	160.000-500.00	346.93	270.85	222.70	76.08	28.09	124.24	55.79		
Cabbage	350.00-660.00	508.80	340.48	294.57	168.32	49.44	214.24	72.73		
Tomato	340.00-800.00	672.02	346.77	276.79	325.25	93.80	395.23	142.79		
Ladies Fingers	220.00-420.00	349.77	323.12	243.12	26.64	8.25	106.65	43.87		
Brinjal	350.00-880.00	581.27	477.55	338.15	103.72	21.72	243.12	71.90		
Capsicum	500.00-1100.00	797.31	765.02	895.50	32.29	4.22	-98.18	-10.96		
Pumpkin	130.00-340.00	248.74	174.21	197.37	74.53	42.78	51.37	26.03		
Cucumber	120.00-340.00	250.56	210.95	157.66	39.60	18.77	92.89	58.92		
Bittergourd	320.00-800.00	634.28	629.56	482.59	4.72	0.75	151.69	31.43		
Snakegourd	240.00-600.00	404.55	427.81	388.63	-23.25	-5.44	15.93	4.10		
Drumstick			529.24							
Luffa	320.00-660.00	495.27	452.33	358.12	42.94	9.49	137.15	38.30		
Long Beans	220.00-600.00	415.43	426.88	378.62	-11.45	-2.68	36.81	9.72		
Ash Plantain	260.00-480.00	395.88	367.38	298.61	28.51	7.76	97.28	32.58		
Green Chilli	900.00-2000.00	1368.20	702.00	418.51	666.20	94.90	949.69	226.92		
Lime	300.00-2200.00	1078.62	2065.98	351.90	-987.36	-47.79	726.72	206.51		

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In December, wholesale prices for bananas, pineapples, and mango varieties decreased, while prices for most other fruit varieties increased. Among the banana varieties, prices for all types except ambun dropped, with the highest decrease of 24% reported for kolikuttu, followed by a 22% decrease for ambul. The wholesale prices during the month ranged from Rs. 300.00 to 460.00/kg for kolikuttu, Rs. 80.00 to 170.00/kg for ambul, Rs. 100.00 to 160.00/kg for seeni, Rs. 26.00 to 38.00/fruit for ambun, and Rs. 20.00 to 32.00/fruit for anamalu.

Prices for all sizes of pineapples also decreased by 4% to 7% due to the lean harvesting season in the Gampaha district. The monthly average wholesale prices were Rs. 484.00/fruit for large pineapples, Rs. 393.00/fruit for medium, and Rs. 301.00/fruit for small sizes. With new stocks of mangoes arriving this month, wholesale prices for karthakolomban and vilad mangoes decreased by 44% and 17%, respectively.

In contrast, prices for other fruit varieties increased, with avocado prices surging by 112% due to the off-season. Additionally, prices for oranges rose by 44%, imported grapes by 25%, and wood apples by 24%, all attributed to low stock levels.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price rise of 110% reported for oranges.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – December 2023

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2	2023	Dec 2	022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-170.00	123.29	157.44	149.17	-34.15	-21.69	-25.88	-17.35	
Kolikuttu (Kg)	300.00-460.00	347.92	457.76	352.90	-109.84	-24.00	-4.98	-1.41	
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	127.69	138.11	123.33	-10.41	-7.54	4.36	3.53	
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00-32.00	26.51	26.60	18.44	-0.10	-0.37	8.07	43.76	
Ambun (Fruit)	26.00-38.00	31.41	30.58	22.02	0.83	2.70	9.39	42.63	
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	430.00-560.00	484.35	523.55	599.70	-39.20	-7.49	-115.36	-19.24	
Medium (Fruit)	340.00-460.00	392.85	424.13	508.03	-31.28	-7.38	-115.18	-22.67	
Small (Fruit)	260.00-360.00	301.49	315.17	409.58	-13.68	-4.34	-108.09	-26.39	
Mango									
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	24.00	25.81	11.54	-1.81	-7.02	12.46	107.94	
Karthakolomban(fruit)	20.00-50.00	33.52	60.36	89.65	-26.83	-44.46	-56.13	-62.61	
Vilad (Fruit)	18.00-35.00	25.77	31.21	49.92	-5.44	-17.44	-24.15	-48.38	
Kohu (Fruit)									
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-180.00	108.09	94.25	205.10	13.85	14.69	-97.01	-47.30	
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	35.42	31.03	35.23	4.39	14.14	0.18	0.51	
Woodapple (Fruit)	22.00-36.00	27.39	22.03	23.14	5.36	24.33	4.25	18.35	
Orange (Fruit)	130.00-200.00	155.67	108.00	74.02	47.67	44.14	81.65	110.31	
Avocado (Fruit)	100.00-320.00	223.62	105.64	142.52	117.98	111.68	81.11	56.91	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00-90.00	75.58	79.03	38.39	-3.44	-4.36	37.20	96.90	
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1050.00-1450.00	1344.58	1077.23	1480.83	267.35	24.82	-136.25	-9.20	

In December, retail prices for bananas, pineapples, and mango varieties decreased, while most other fruit varieties saw price increases. All banana types except anamalu experienced price declines ranging from 1% to 12%, with kolikuttu banana reporting the highest decrease. Prices during the month ranged from Rs. 350.00 to 650.00/kg for kolikuttu bananas, Rs. 100.00 to 280.00/kg for ambul bananas, and Rs. 150.00 to 280.00/kg for seeni bananas in Colombo and suburban markets.

Among pineapple varieties, the price of large-sized pineapples decreased by 3%, while prices for other types remained relatively stable, ranging from Rs. 280.00 to 700.00/fruit in the Colombo suburbs. Additionally, the prices of karthakolomban and vilad mangoes decreased by 31% and 23%, respectively.

In contrast, retail prices for other fruit varieties increased, with oranges rising by 35%, avocados by 33%, and wood apples by 15%, reflecting the rise in wholesale prices. However, prices for slime apples decreased by 21%, and passion fruit saw an 11% decline. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for all fruit varieties increased, with the most significant rise of 55% reported for oranges.

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – December 2023

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2	023	Dec 2	022		
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%		
Plantain										
Ambul (Kg)	100.00-280.00	217.23	229.63	204.47	-12.39	-5.40	12.76	6.24		
Kolikuttu (Kg)	350.00-650.00	513.11	581.37	442.83	-68.26	-11.74	70.28	15.87		
Seeni (Kg)	150.00-280.00	209.53	212.35	187.24	-2.83	-1.33	22.28	11.90		
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00-45.00	36.65	36.58	26.74	0.07	0.20	9.91	37.08		
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	48.88	49.33	32.79	-0.45	-0.92	16.09	49.07		
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	450.00-700.00	581.56	600.20	627.17	-18.64	-3.11	-45.61	-7.27		
Medium (Fruit)	380.00-650.00	502.50	499.49	544.32	3.01	0.60	-41.82	-7.68		
Small (Fruit)	280.00-600.00	427.70	425.11	462.27	2.59	0.61	-34.57	-7.48		
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)										
Karthakolomban(fruit)	50.00-160.00	97.21	140.69	148.46	-43.48	-30.91	-51.25	-34.52		
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-60.00	55.00	71.88	74.33	-16.88	-23.49	-19.33	-26.01		
Kohu (Fruit)										
Papaw (Kg)	120.00-300.00	204.29	204.17	373.37	0.12	0.06	-169.08	-45.29		
Passionfruit (Fruit)	30.00-95.00	57.47	64.43	57.21	-6.96	-10.80	0.26	0.46		
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	60.26	52.314	53.82	7.95	15.19	6.44	11.96		
Orange (Fruit)	140.00-300.00	206.00	151.67	133.18	54.33	35.82	72.81	54.67		
Avocado (Fruit)	100.00-200.00	151.60	113.96	178.42	37.64	33.03	-26.82	-15.03		
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00-130.00	99.44	126.28	90.84	-26.83	-21.25	8.61	9.48		
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1400.00-2500.00	2053.66	1965.7	2082.73	87.92	4.47	-29.07	-1.40		

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, the country exported 1,455 metric tons (mt) of fresh fruits in December 2023, valued at Rs. 199 million. Of this exported quantity, 95% consisted of papaw, while 3% included fresh mangoes, avocados, and mangosteen, and 2% was fresh pineapple. This represents a slight increase in exported quantity compared to December 2022, when 1,175 mt were exported (Table 4.3).

In terms of imports, Sri Lanka imported 804 mt of fresh fruits during the same month, amounting to Rs. 336 million. The most imported fruit type was apples, totaling 526 mt, followed by grapes at 251 mt. This marked an increase in imported quantity compared to December 2022, when 488 mt were imported (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – October to December 2023

	De	ecember- 20)23		Novembe	r- 2023	October- 2023				
Type of Fruit	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB		
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)		
Fresh Papaw	1387.8	139.2	100.3	1728.8	203.2	117.6	4376.7	486.3	111.1		
Fresh											
Mango,Guava,	41.9	50.3	1200.4	44.5	43.7	980.2	88.4	99.4	6		
Mangosteen											
Fresh Avocado	0.9	0.8	887.9	1.7	1.9	1106.4	7.5	6.5	858.3		
Pineapple, fresh	23.9	9.4	392.9	19.7	5.3	267.2	11.7	3.9	331.9		

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

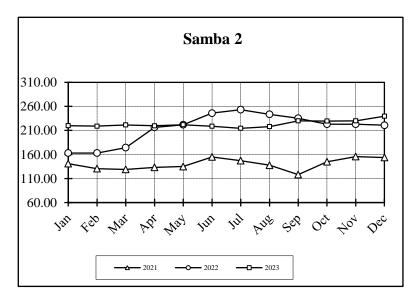
Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – October to December 2023

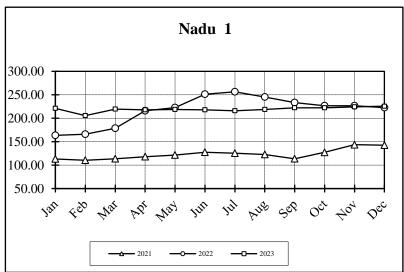
Type of		Dec- 2023			Nov- 2	023	Oct- 2023			
Fruit	Qty Value (Rs.mn)	-	CIF	Qty	Value	CIF	Qty	Value	CIF	
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	
Apple	525.93	184.27	350.37	612.20	228.84	373.80	483.68	181.31	374.85	
Grapes	251.54	142.70	567.32	213.78	120.19	562.23	265.45	121.01	455.86	
Oranges	25.91	9.43	364.00	98.63	34.62	351.03	199.63	65.29	327.06	

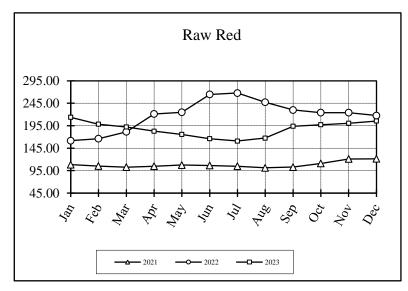
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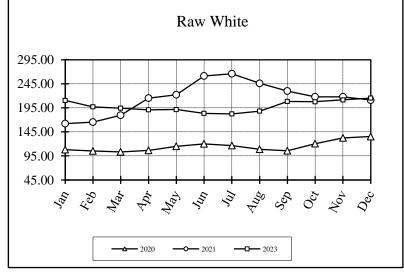
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month		Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red		Raw White			
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023	
Jan	141.10	163.05	219.81	113.10	163.43	220.92	108.31	161.74	213.83	108.03	162.13	210.47	
Feb	130.44	162.91	218.90	110.43	165.94	205.48	105.14	166.21	198.52	105.33	165.39	197.12	
Mar	128.86	174.23	221.53	113.55	178.69	219.37	102.71	181.30	192.21	103.35	179.60	194.29	
Apr	133.36	216.46	219.71	118.02	216.03	217.91	104.80	221.05	182.80	106.46	215.19	191.02	
May	135.00	221.87	221.71	121.48	222.47	218.80	107.41	224.78	175.69	115.04	222.45	191.48	
Jun	155.00	246.00	218.83	127.50	251.20	217.79	106.45	264.53	166.19	120.00	261.37	183.70	
Jul	147.27	253.30	214.56	125.36	256.35	215.78	104.83	267.75	160.92	116.53	266.15	182.31	
Aug	137.66	243.37	218.05	122.81	245.23	218.62	101.28	247.19	167.50	108.81	246.15	188.16	
Sep	118.18	235.46	229.85	113.72	233.33	222.08	102.87	230.02	193.71	105.80	229.95	208.29	
Oct	144.76	223.04	229.65	127.27	226.45	222.17	110.86	224.05	197.08	120.38	218.10	207.77	
Nov	155.53	223.04	230.00	143.51	226.45	224.19	121.01	224.05	200.36	132.33	218.10	211.66	
Dec	153.68	220.88	239.69	142.58	222.77	225.59	121.40	217.65	205.36	135.35	211.26	215.19	



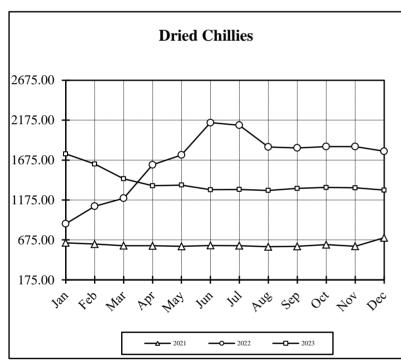


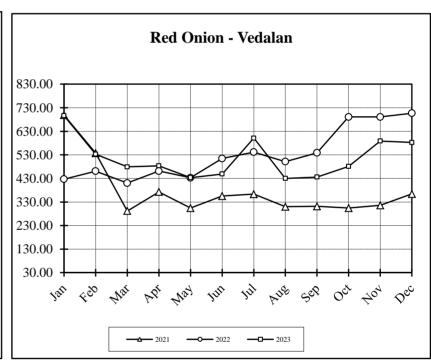


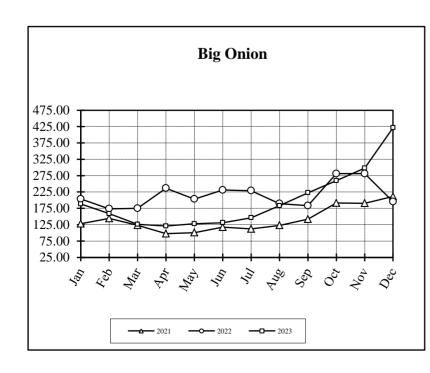


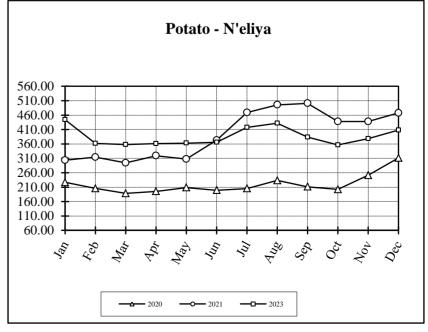
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	D	ried Chillie	es		Red Onion			Big Onion		Po	tato - N'Eli	ya
	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	3 61.86
Mar	602.72	1197.17	1439.94	291.66	410.30	479.02	123.19	175.30	126.33	188.53	294.04	357.69
Apr	601.31	1615.64	1352.77	372.89	461.12	483.63	97.65	236.52	120.91	195.46	319.03	361.12
May	594.37	1739.46	1361.98	304.18	433.13	433.52	100.75	203.29	127.64	208.71	307.54	362 .70
Jun	605.00	2143.50	1303.59	355 .40	514.80	448.76	117.42	23 0.89	131.09	199.41	373.16	365.72
Jul	602.48	2110.93	1307.02	363.39	5 41.94	601.36	111.94	228.96	146.26	205.29	468.93	417.37
Aug	589.40	1838.64	1295.06	309.97	5 01.24	430.04	122.89	189.33	183.45	233.39	495.71	431.92
Sep	593.55	1827.19	1319.49	311.79	53 8. 53	435.98	141.61	183.42	222.62	211.28	500.91	383.36
Oct	615.62	1843.52	1331.19	304.48	690.99	480.95	191.39	281.28	259.39	202.40	437.60	35 6.19
Nov	594.81	1843.52	1327.24	315.79	690.99	588.73	190.57	281.28	298.16	251.49	437.60	378.31
Dec	700.81	1785.38	1298.39	364.32	706.59	582.53	211.24	195.56	421.39	311.55	467.45	407.86









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

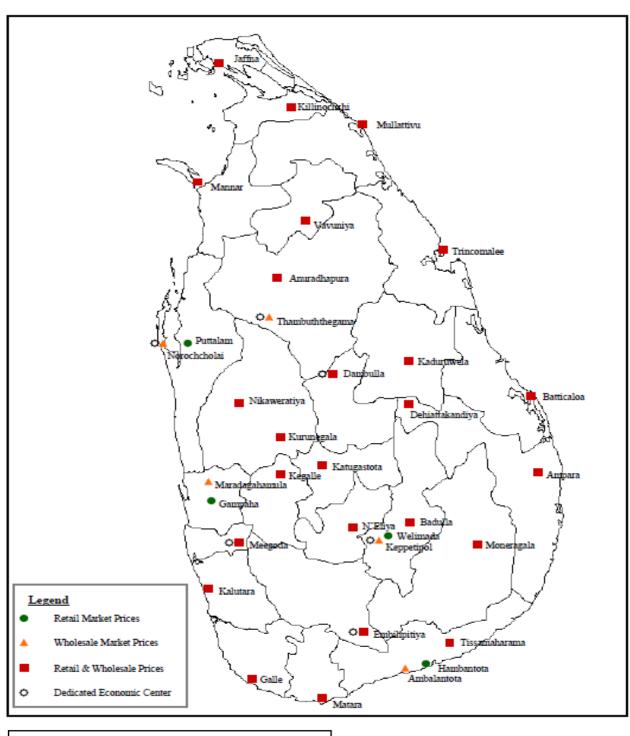
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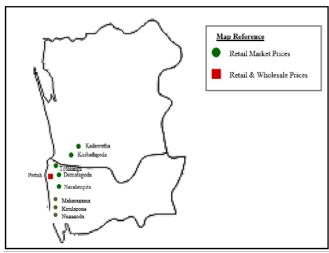
Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy					Potato		İ			Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	295.00	284.00	302.00	270.00	Welimada	181.00	185.00	184.00	
A'pura	118.80	120.80	124.00	125.00	Badulla	289.00	292.00	260.00		N'Eliya	194.00	205.00	188.00	246.00
P'naruwa	126.67	130.33		130.33	Welimada	269.00	268.00	289.00	256.00					
Kalawewa	121.00	123.40	123.60	125.40	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala	125.00	128.20	126.25	126.00	Green Gram					Hanguranketha	236.00	305.00	313.00	313.60
Dehiattakandiya	127.17	127.17	127.17	127.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	285.00	324.00	385.00	370.00
Ampara	120.00	121.67	119.33	124.67	Kalawewa					Dambulla	350.00	363.33	350.00	400.00
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	550.00	550.00	725.00	725.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	111.20	112.00	113.80	113.20	Kurunegala					Welimada	279.00	282.00	275.00	382.00
P'naruwa	115.17	115.17		115.17	A'pura	600.00	625.00	725.00	750.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa	111.40	113.00	112.80	112.00	Cowpea					Hanguranketha	251.60	264.60	240.00	212.00
Kurunegala	116.50	114.00	115.75	115.75	A'pura					N'Eliya	279.00	286.00	260.00	270.00
Dehiattakandiya	107.33	107.33	107.33	107.33	Galgamuwa					Welimada	281.00	237.00	232.00	262.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	716.67	818.75	850.00	881.25	Radish				
Ampara	110.00	111.25	112.50	110.00	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	103.33	104.00	95.60	95.60
Matara					Embilipitiya	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	N'Eliya	121.00	121.00	112.00	116.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	112.00	121.00	81.00	96.00
Long grain (Red)					Maize					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	102.00	92.50	97.50	93.75	A'Pura	132.50	132.50	135.00	137.50	Hanguranketha	250.00	260.00	302.00	300.00
Hambantota	103.00	95.75	97.50	97.25	Kalawewa		135.00			N'Eliya	313.00	342.00	328.00	378.00
Ampara	101.75	103.25	103.25	105.33	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	260.00	282.00	261.00	314.00
Embilipitiya	100.75	100.75	100.75	99.40	A'Pura	625.00	875.00	775.00	775.00	Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	260.00	304.00	288.00	296.00
A'pura	145.00	147.50	152.00	150.00	Black Gram					<u>Tomato</u>				
Polonnaruwa	155.83	158.00		161.00	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha		399.00	411.00	400.00
Kalawewa	140.00	141.67	146.25	149.00	A'Pura	875.00	925.00	875.00	925.00	Welimada	404.00	379.00	375.00	288.00
Kurunegala	145.00	148.20	148.25	147.50	Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	153.67	153.67	153.67	153.33	Beans					Dambulla	492.00	394.00	408.00	406.00
					Dambulla	462.00	226.00	258.00	478.00	Low Country				
Red Onion					Welimada	514.00	374.00	466.00	558.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Badulla	532.00	438.00	438.00	496.00	A'pura	124.00	128.00	138.00	188.00
Dambulla					Carrot					Dambulla	111.00	77.40	124.00	114.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	250.00	239.00	305.75		Hambantota	226.00	200.00	200.00	204.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	299.00	314.00	367.00	504.00	Embilipitiya	175.00	169.00	181.00	188.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	254.00	246.00	305.00	442.00	Matara	157.50	140.00	138.75	136.25

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
•	Week	Week	Week	Week	·	Week	Week	Week	Week	•	Week	Week	Week	Week
Brinjals					Pumpkin					Lime				
A'pura	282.00	308.00	332.00	376.00	Dambulla	99.00	127.00	134.00	126.00	Hambantota				
Dambulla	260.00	300.00	298.00	406.00	Hambantota	82.50	87.50	110.00	120.00	Embilipitiya	562.50	430.00	430.00	220.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	135.00	108.00	138.00	146.00	Moneragala	640.00	270.00	320.00	220.00
Embilipitiya	316.00	316.00	316.00	380.00	Matara	56.25	85.00	90.00	105.00	Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Matara	232.50	232.50	240.00		A'pura	79.00	118.00	138.00	138.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	179.00	211.00	240.00	352.00	Moneragala	74.00	114.00	134.00	134.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					Cucumber					Moneragala	108.00	108.00	84.00	74.00
Capsicum					A'pura	108.00	98.00	88.00	88.00	Embilipitiya	97.50	84.00	84.00	100.00
Welimada	572.00	534.00	377.00	482.00	Dambulla	102.00	80.00	70.20	101.00	Hambantota	125.00	125.00	95.00	95.00
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota			100.00	86.67	Kolikuttu				
A'pura	416.00	420.00	370.00	388.00	Matara			85.00	85.00	Moneragala	308.00	308.00	262.00	238.00
Dambulla	414.00	357.50	295.00	296.00	Long beans					Embilipitiya	300.00	282.00	234.00	295.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	204.00	107.20	136.00	178.50	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	484.00	536.00	532.00	532.00	Hambantota				135.00	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	222.00	206.00	204.00	204.00	Moneragala	94.00	64.00	78.00	88.00
Snake Gourd					Matara	245.00	217.50	218.75	160.00	Embilipitiya	82.00	85.00	98.00	112.00
Dambulla	214.00	160.50	133.00	158.00	A'Pura	288.00	268.00	188.00	216.00	Hambantota	90.00	115.00	115.00	120.00
Hambantota	212.00	204.00	204.00	254.00	Ash Plantain					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	206.00	206.00	210.00	194.00	Hambantota					Divulapitiya				
Matara	242.50	160.00	187.50	202.50	Embilipitiya	182.00	208.00	204.00	212.00					
A'pura	228.00	228.00	188.00	208.00	Matara		175.00	178.33	172.50					
<u>Luffa</u>					Green Chillies									
Dambulla	305.00	224.00	267.50	292.00	Dambulla	698.00	718.00	926.00	960.00					
Hambantota	245.00	245.00		302.50	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	302.50	306.00	306.00	368.00	Embilipitiya	927.50	980.00	1240.00	1296.00					
Matara	242.50	215.00	235.00	237.50	Puttalam	750.00	758.33	853.33	890.00					
A'pura	288.00	288.00	262.00	298.00	A'Pura	796.00	1010.00	970.00	1170.00					

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