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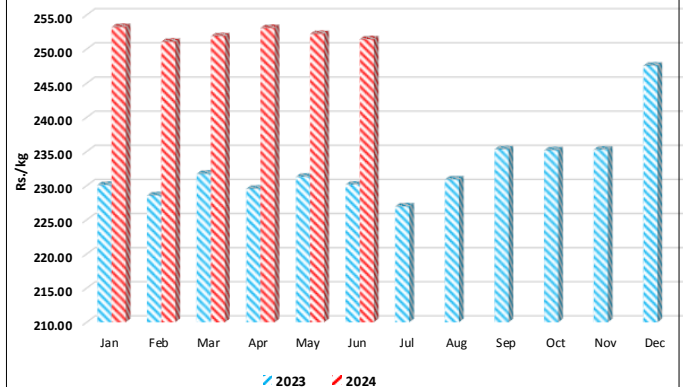
Rice

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- Average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Nadu Grade 1, and raw white surpassed the government-regulated MRP.

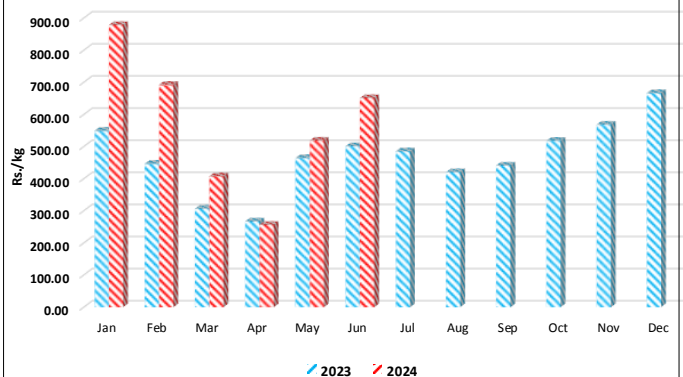
Vegetables

- Retail prices of all the vegetables had increased.
- The highest price increase was reported for bitter melon at Rs.311.00/kg.
- The highest average price of Rs.988.00/kg was reported for drumsticks.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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

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

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| 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, Paddy area target for the 2024 Yala season is 540, 627 ha. Sown extent reported as at the end June 2024 is 477,299 ha, 88% achievement from the target. Sown area of paddy (477,299 ha) in June 2024 is 1% lower year on-year basis.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - June 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	June2024		June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	122.00	- 125.00	123.35	126.20	101.90	-2.85	-2.26	21.45	21.05
Polonnaruwa				130.33	109.70	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa				126.40	102.65	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	122.00	- 128.00	125.56	126.44	101.88	-0.88	-0.69	23.69	23.25
Dehiattakandiya	120.00	- 122.00	121.33	126.67	107.29	-5.33	-4.21	14.04	13.09
Nikaweratiya				126.96	85.92	-	-	-	-
Ampara	120.00	- 125.00	121.67	125.67	100.75	-4.00	-3.18	20.92	20.76
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	115.00	- 119.00	116.40	116.50	82.25	-0.10	-0.09	34.15	41.52
Polonnaruwa				119.22	86.70	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa				116.20	81.95	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	115.00	- 119.00	117.06	116.63	83.94	0.44	0.38	33.13	39.46
Dehiattakandiya	113.00	- 116.00	113.83	115.25	84.08	-1.42	-1.23	29.75	35.38
Nikaweratiya	116.00	- 118.00	116.67	113.38		3.29	2.90	116.67	-
Ampara	110.00	- 116.00	113.38	111.67		1.71	1.53	113.38	-
Long Grain Red									
Matara	105.00	- 118.00	113.81	106.63	72.92	7.19	6.74	40.90	56.09
Hambantota	105.00	- 120.00	113.58	107.44	72.58	6.15	5.72	41.00	56.49
Embilipitiya	106.00	- 115.00	112.28	105.19	72.25	7.09	6.74	40.03	55.40
Keeri Samba									
A'pura	140.00	- 150.00	143.25	148.60	136.67	-5.35	-3.60	6.58	4.81
Polonnaruwa				151.17	143.10	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa				149.00	135.00	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	145.00	- 150.00	145.31	147.81	132.50	-2.50	-1.69	12.81	9.67
Dehiattakandiya	130.00	- 138.00	133.83	148.42	139.63	-14.58	-9.83	-5.80	-4.15

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Market supply of all the paddy varieties were limited due to the off season. However, the producer prices for most of the paddy varieties tend to decrease due to the price restrictions in retail level. Hence, the producer price for short grain paddy decreased slightly by less than 5% in most of the major producing areas. Producer price of short grain paddy ranged from Rs.120.00-128.00/kg. Producer price of keeri samba ranged from Rs.130.00 to Rs.150.00/kg, showing a 10% decrease in Dhiattakandiya. Meanwhile, the producer price of long grain red paddy increased by 6-7% due to increased demand.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased across all most all the price collection areas, with long grain red experiencing the highest price rise, ranging from 55-56%.

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices for all the rice varieties have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. The price of Keeri Samba ranged between Rs.290.00 and Rs.320.00/kg. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I ranged from Rs.235.00 to Rs.240.00/kg. Average wholesale prices of Samba grade 1 and keeri samba had surpassed the maximum retail price even at wholesale level. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties have increased by 15-35%, with raw red experiencing the highest rise of Rs.49.00/kg.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Samba 1	235.00 - 240.00	236.80	236.85	205.35	-0.05	-0.02	31.46	15.32	
Samba 2	228.00 - 230.00	229.50	229.42	196.63	0.08	0.04	32.88	16.72	
Keeri Samba	290.00 - 320.00	307.85	312.07	258.18	-4.22	-1.35	49.67	19.24	
Nadu 1	210.00 - 215.00	211.90	209.78	180.03	2.12	1.01	31.88	17.71	
Nadu 2	205.00 - 207.00	205.51	201.89	174.00	3.62	1.79	31.51	18.11	
Raw red	180.00 - 200.00	189.41	184.88	140.38	4.54	2.46	49.04	34.93	
Raw white	200.00 - 210.00	206.54	205.38	160.20	1.17	0.57	46.34	28.93	
Imported Samba	265.00 - 285.00	271.95	264.69	208.54	7.26	2.74	63.41	30.41	
Retail Price									
Samba 1	230.00 - 270.00	251.44	252.21	230.16	-0.77	-0.31	21.28	9.25	
Keeri Samba	340.00 - 390.00	359.60	365.01	268.36	-5.41	-1.48	91.23	34.00	
Nadu 1	220.00 - 230.00	224.81	224.62	217.79	0.19	0.08	7.02	3.22	
Raw red	190.00 - 220.00	203.30	201.19	166.19	2.11	1.05	37.10	22.33	
Raw white	210.00 - 225.00	217.02	217.06	183.70	-0.04	-0.02	33.32	18.14	
Imported Ponne Samba	270.00 - 300.00	286.07	279.37	224.98	6.70	2.40	61.09	27.15	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the rice varieties have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Keeri Samba was scarcely available at the retail level, with prices ranging between Rs.340.00 and Rs.390.00, significantly exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP). Additionally, the average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Nadu Grade 1, and raw white surpassed the government-regulated

MRP. Imported ponne samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs.270.00 to Rs.300.00/kg.

Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all rice varieties increased by 3-34%, with Keeri Samba showing the highest rise by Rs. 91.00/kg.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted cultivation extent for green chilli in the Yala season of 2024 was 7,203 hectares. By the end of June 2024, 4,042 hectares had been cultivated, achieving 56% of the target. The crop is at various growth stages across the main producing regions. In the Anuradhapura district, 517 hectares had been cultivated by the end of June, representing 84% of the district's target.

Based on the cultivated extent as of the end of June, the expected green chilli production for this Yala season is 25,321 metric tons. The supply distribution is projected as follows: Puttalam (8%), Anuradhapura (16%), Mahaweli areas (13%), Interprovincial DDA areas (7%), and Batticaloa (8%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of June,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Puttalam	686	230	34	2,152
Anuradhapura	617	517	84	4,076
Kurunegala	195	159	81	829
Jaffna	351	114	32	1,435
Batticaloa	500	360	72	2,085
Vavuniya	160	269	168	1,037
Matale	327	143	44	1,797
Monaragala	182	201	110	903
Badulla	297	176	59	732
Kandy	242	102	42	541
InterprovincialDDA areas	481	339	70	1,769
Mahaweli areas	1350	565	42	3,423
Other areas	1815	867	48	4,542
Total	7203	4042	56	25,321

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli from major producing areas decreased during the month, leading to a rise in both wholesale and retail prices. Wholesale prices increased by approximately Rs. 82.00/kg, while retail prices rose by about Rs. 102.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged from Rs. 120.00 to Rs. 300.00/kg, whereas retail prices varied between Rs. 200.00 and Rs. 800.00/kg. Higher producer prices were recorded in the Embilipitiya area, with a range of Rs. 188.00–328.00/kg in June. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of green chilli have decreased by 59%, and retail prices have declined by 33%.

In June 2024, 2,039 metric tons of dried chillies were imported, slightly less than the 2,040 metric tons imported in the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 619.40/kg, reflecting an

increase of Rs. 30.01/kg compared to the previous month. The wholesale price of imported dried chillies rose by about Rs. 8.00/kg, while the retail price decreased by Rs. 11.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs. 700.00 and Rs. 800.00/kg, and retail prices ranged from Rs. 800.00 to Rs. 1,200.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have declined by approximately 20%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	June, 2024	June, 2024	May, 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green chillies	120.00-300.00	215.25	133.75	519.50	81.50	60.93	-304.25	-58.57
Dried chillies	700.00-800.00	759.68	752.16	947.88	7.52	1.00	-188.20	-19.85
Retail Price								
Green chillies	200.00-800.00	477.20	375.41	709.32	101.79	27.11	-232.12	-32.72
Dried chillies	800.00-1200.00	1036.27	1047.46	1303.59	-11.19	-1.07	-267.32	-20.51

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Dambulla	92.40	180.50	110.00	112.00
Embilipitiya	328.00	258.00	196.00	188.00
A'pura	188.00	288.00	288.00	288.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June-2024	2039.00	1263.00	619.40	1036.27	416.87
May-2024	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1047.46	458.07
Apr-2024	1068.00	598.00	560.29	1051.26	490.97
Mar-2024	5835.00	3706.00	635.09	1117.92	482.83
Feb-2024	3486.08	2367.30	679.07	1218.47	539.40
Jan-2024	3747.22	2730.12	728.57	1278.28	549.71

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 hectares. By the end of June 2024, around 700 hectares had been cultivated, representing only 18% of the target. Cultivation is expected to continue until the end of July 2024. In the Matale district, the targeted extent was 1,647 hectares, but only 173 hectares had been cultivated by the end of June, accounting for just 10% of the district's target. Cultivation progress in the Mahaweli H and H1 areas was more satisfactory compared to other regions. Based on the cultivated extent as of the end of June, the expected big onion production for this Yala season is 10,679 metric tons. The supply distribution is projected as follows: Matale (25%), Anuradhapura (12%), Mahaweli H (21%), and Mahaweli H1 (26%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of June,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	1,647	173	10	2,690
Anuradhapura	475	84	18	1,304
Anuradhapura IP	519	58	11	900
Mahaweli – H	300	143	48	2,222
Mahaweli – H1	200	182	91	2,828
Other areas	802	60	7	735
Total	3,943	700	18	10,679

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent for red onion cultivation during the 2024 Yala season was 3,421 hectares. By the end of June 2024, approximately 1,379 hectares had been cultivated, achieving 40% of the target. The Jaffna district recorded both the highest targeted extent (2,086 hectares) and the highest cultivated extent (998 hectares), representing 48% of the district's target. The estimated production for this Yala season is 15,479 metric tons, with 84% of the supply expected from the Jaffna (72%) and Puttalam (12%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of June,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,086	998	48	11,078
Puttalam	450	137	30	1,911
Vavuniya	170	56	33	661
Other area	715	188	26	1,829
Total	3,421	1,379	40	15,479

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions in June 2024 was entirely reliant on imports, a trend expected to continue until the Yala harvest begins in August. Nursery preparations for big onions have started in the Matale district, with large-scale Yala cultivation planned for July. In June 2024, 23,067 metric tons of big onions were imported, a decrease of 614 metric tons compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 166.71/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs. 25.62/kg from the previous month. The wholesale price of imported big onions increased by Rs. 10.00/kg, while the retail price decreased by approximately Rs. 17.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged from Rs. 160.00 to Rs. 230.00/kg, and retail prices ranged from Rs. 200.00 to Rs. 300.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have surged by about 116% and 90%, respectively.

The supply of *Vedalan* red onions from major producing areas declined during the month, resulting in wholesale and retail price increases of Rs. 42.00/kg and Rs. 73.00/kg, respectively. Meanwhile, *Sinnan* red onion varieties were unavailable in most wholesale and retail markets.

A total of 1,580 metric tons of red onions were imported from India in June 2024, an increase of 28 metric tons compared to the previous month. The average CIF price rose by Rs. 5.23/kg to Rs. 160.42/kg. While the wholesale price of imported red onions remained unchanged, the retail price increased by about Rs. 80.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, the wholesale price of imported red onions has decreased by approximately 12%, while the retail price has increased by about 8%.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)			221.25					
Red Onion (Vedalan)	380.00-450.00	404.88	362.99	438.33	41.89	11.54	-33.45	-7.63
Red Onion (Imported)	350.00-400.00	308.19	308.19	349.78	0.00	0.00	-41.59	-11.89
Big Onion (imported)	160.00-230.00	201.69	191.40	93.43	10.29	5.38	108.26	115.87
Big Onion (Local)								
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)								
Red Onion (Vedalan)	460.00-640.00	538.28	465.70		72.58	15.59		
Red Onion (Imported)	400.00-560.00	483.24	403.39	448.76	79.85	19.79	34.48	7.68
Big Onion (imported)	200.00-300.00	249.64	266.88	131.09	-17.24	-6.46	118.55	90.43
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 (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	June,2024	166.71	201.69	249.64	34.98	47.95
	May,2024	192.33	191.40	266.88	-0.93	75.48
	Apr,2024	218.39	404.11	640.30	185.72	236.18
Red onion	June,2024	160.42	308.19	483.24	147.77	175.05
	May,2024	155.19	308.19	403.39	153.00	95.20
	Apr,2024	144.94	288.50	387.57	143.56	99.06

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	June,2024	May,2024	June,2024	May,2024	June,2024	May,2024
Red Onion	1580.00	1552.00	254.00	241.00	160.42	155.19
Big Onion	23067.00	23681.00	3845.00	4554.00	166.71	192.33

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
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
Feb-24	10,600.61	246.28	338.26	428.49	182.21
Jan-24	20,910.77	192.19	356.39	481.26	289.07

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent for potato cultivation during the 2024 Yala season was 2,679 hectares, with approximately 334 hectares cultivated by the end of June, achieving 12% of the target. Based on the cultivated extent as of June, the expected potato production for this Yala season is 4,286 metric tons. In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent for Yala 2024 was 1,694 hectares, while the Badulla district reported a target of 2,591 hectares. By the end of June, 144 hectares (8.5% of the target) were cultivated in Nuwara Eliya, and 190 hectares (7% of the target) were cultivated in Badulla. Compared to the same period last year, the potato cultivation extent was lower than the three-year average for the same month, as reported by the Department of Agriculture (DOA, 2024).

Table 2.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potatoes – June 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	200.00-320.00	239.13	207.00	263.00	32.13	15.52	-23.87	-9.08
Nuwara Eliya	175.00-290.00	258.25	229.00	269.73	29.25	12.77	-11.48	-4.26
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada			173.75					
Nuwara Eliya	240.00-350.00	280.89	235.63	285.00	45.26	19.21	-4.11	-1.44
Imported	155.00-190.00	174.17	152.19	174.45	21.98	14.44	-0.28	-0.16
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya	350.00-480.00	399.66	374.63	365.72	25.03	6.68	33.94	9.28
Imported	170.00-260.00	223.41	204.13	200.57	19.28	9.44	22.84	11.39
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Nuwara Eliya		141.41	145.63	95.99	-4.22	-2.90	45.42	47.32
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Nuwara Eliya		118.77	139.00	80.72	-20.23	-14.55	38.05	47.14
Imported		49.24	51.94	26.12	-2.70	-5.20	23.12	88.51

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both local and imported potato stocks were available in the market in June 2024. The supply of *Welimada* potatoes was limited due to the end of the peak harvesting period. The average producer prices for *Welimada* and *Nuwara Eliya* potatoes were Rs. 239.00/kg and Rs. 258.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices for *Nuwara Eliya* potatoes increased by 19%, while those for imported potatoes rose by 14% compared to the previous month. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs. 240.00 and Rs. 350.00/kg for *Nuwara Eliya* potatoes and Rs. 155.00 and Rs. 190.00/kg for imported varieties. At the retail level, *Nuwara Eliya* potatoes were priced between Rs. 350.00 and Rs. 480.00/kg, while imported potatoes ranged from Rs. 170.00 to Rs. 260.00/kg in Colombo and suburban markets.

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram and Cowpea cultivation extent indicates a higher area than the three-year average of monthly cultivated extent of June. Black gram indicates below normal cultivation during the month of June as well (DoA, 2024).

Prices, Supply and Demand Situation

In June 2024, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs. 850.00/kg and Rs. 1,110.00/kg, with an average price of Rs. 952.00/kg. This represents a 12% decrease compared to May 2024. However, compared to the same period last year, the wholesale price increased slightly by 5%. The average retail price of green gram in June 2024 was Rs. 1,339.00/kg, with prices ranging from Rs. 950.00/kg to Rs. 1,600.00/kg. The retail price has decreased by around 6% compared to the same period last year.

Table 2.4: Wholesale and Retail price of Green gram and Cowpea- June 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	850.00-1100.00	952.54	1091.04	1004.00	-138.50	-12.69	-51.46	-5.13	
Cowpea (White)	750.00-850.00	810.89	775.83	655.63	35.06	4.52	155.27	23.68	
Cowpea (Red)	700.00-800.00	769.64	735.60	743.00	34.04	4.63	26.64	3.59	
Retail Price									
Green gram	950.00-1600.00	1,339.33	1403.78	1439.09	-64.45	-4.59	-99.77	-6.93	
Cowpea (White)	850.00-1200.00	1037.82	1042.92	922.58	-5.10	-0.49	115.23	12.49	
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	1048.83	1037.15	913.98	11.68	1.13	134.85	14.75	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In June 2024, the average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded at Rs. 811.00/kg and Rs. 770.00/kg, respectively. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs. 850.00/kg and Rs. 1,200.00/kg. Compared to June 2023, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 12%, while the price of red cowpea has risen by 14%.

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In June 2024, the wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs. 275.00/kg and Rs. 290.00/kg, with an average price of Rs. 279.00/kg. The retail price showed only a marginal change compared to the previous month. However, compared to the same period last year, there was an 8% reduction in the wholesale price. Consumers in Sri Lanka paid Rs. 330.00/kg for red dhal in June 2024. The retail price has decreased by about 6% compared to the same period last year.

Table 2.5: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal (small) - June 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2024	June2024	May 2024	June2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	275.00-290.00	279.70	277.91	260.00	1.79	0.64	19.70	7.58
Retail Prices	290.00-360.00	330.12	328.72	310.07	1.40	0.43	20.05	6.47

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – June 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2024	June2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	350 - 700	506.50	389.00	404.25	117.50	30.21	102.25	25.29
Carrot	120 - 450	279.00	119.00	317.25	160.00	134.45	-38.25	-12.06
Leeks	350 - 550	457.75	208.50	241.00	249.25	119.54	216.75	89.94
Beetroot	250 - 650	419.92	250.98	342.06	168.94	67.31	77.85	22.76
Knolkhol	200 - 300	263.73	127.75	196.25	135.98	106.44	67.48	34.38
Radish	100 - 220	168.25	103.50	137.50	64.75	62.56	30.75	22.36
Cabbage	50 - 200	124.67	71.50	200.75	53.17	74.36	-76.08	-37.90
Tomato	130 - 650	377.75	100.25	208.75	277.50	276.81	169.00	80.96
Ladies Fingers	70 - 160	123.00	110.00	148.25	13.00	11.82	-25.25	-17.03
Brinjal	200 - 450	354.50	195.75	202.00	158.75	81.10	152.50	75.50
Capsicum	300 - 650	471.75	179.00	328.75	292.75	163.55	143.00	43.50
Pumpkin	70 - 180	116.25	61.00	84.00	55.25	90.57	32.25	38.39
Cucumber	60 - 120	96.75	115.75	95.50	-19.00	-16.41	1.25	1.31
Bitter Gourd	400 - 650	569.00	258.50	427.25	310.50	120.12	141.75	33.18
Snake Gourd	200 - 320	280.00	238.00	255.50	42.00	17.65	24.50	9.59
Drumstick	300 - 1000	660.61	440.86	580.45	219.74	49.84	80.16	13.81
Luffa	180 - 300	249.00	247.00	180.75	2.00	0.81	68.25	37.76
Long Beans	150 - 300	239.50	167.50	285.50	72.00	42.99	-46.00	-16.11
Ash Plantain	120 - 200	169.00	99.25	152.00	69.75	70.28	17.00	11.18
Green Chillies	120 - 300	215.25	133.75	519.50	81.50	60.93	-304.25	-58.57
Lime	800 - 1200	1042.50	1135.00	297.84	-92.50	-8.15	744.66	250.02

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Crop Situation

As of the latest data, the cultivation progress for up-country and low-country vegetables during the 2024 Yala season is recorded at 58% (9,180 hectares) and 72% (16,103 hectares), respectively. Notably, Ash Plantain (126%) and Kekiri (153%) have exceeded their cultivation targets. The overall Yala season target for vegetable cultivation is 38,028 hectares, with up-country vegetables accounting for 15,737 hectares and low-country vegetables comprising 22,290 hectares. The total expected vegetable production for the season is 317,584 metric tons, according to the Crop Forecast, Vol. 02, Yala-2024, by the Socio-Economics & Planning Center of the Department of Agriculture.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - June 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2024		June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	380	- 800.00	651.11	518.34	500.96	132.78	25.62	150.16	29.97
Carrot	160	- 640.00	428.36	255.28	435.65	173.08	67.80	-7.29	-1.67
Leeks	380	- 800.00	626.84	363.54	399.63	263.30	72.43	227.22	56.86
Beetroot	360	- 900.00	662.08	432.38	501.33	229.70	53.13	160.75	32.07
Knolkhol	220	- 600.00	445.26	313.61	381.31	131.64	41.98	63.95	16.77
Radish	200	- 400.00	325.24	254.10	257.42	71.14	28.00	67.82	26.35
Cabbage	130	- 460.00	302.18	233.46	363.88	68.73	29.44	-61.70	-16.96
Tomato	180	- 1000.00	544.80	214.35	360.20	330.46	154.17	184.60	51.25
Ladies Fingers	160	- 550.00	305.05	260.24	306.51	44.81	17.22	-1.46	-0.48
Brinjal	320	- 720.00	493.53	319.02	392.24	174.50	54.70	101.29	25.82
Capsicum	360	- 1000.00	662.71	349.51	551.48	313.21	89.61	111.23	20.17
Pumpkin	120	- 320.00	229.83	181.51	174.85	48.32	26.62	54.98	31.44
Cucumber	140	- 320.00	226.39	250.46	188.10	-24.08	-9.61	38.28	20.35
Bitter Gourd	500	- 900.00	715.57	432.74	577.43	282.83	65.36	138.13	23.92
Snake Gourd	300	- 600.00	456.33	352.91	402.80	103.42	29.30	53.53	13.29
Drumstick	500	- 1500.00	987.62	807.32	890.48	180.30	22.33	97.14	10.91
Luffa	280	- 600.00	439.46	405.77	360.86	33.68	8.30	78.59	21.78
Long Beans	260	- 600.00	408.09	323.59	413.12	84.50	26.11	-5.03	-1.22
Ash Plantain	160	- 480.00	338.04	269.65	285.19	68.39	25.36	52.85	18.53
Green Chillies	200	- 800.00	477.20	375.41	709.32	101.79	27.11	-232.12	-32.72
Lime	1000	- 2200.00	1667.97	1781.69	550.18	-113.72	-6.38	1117.80	203.17

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Due to a decreased supply from major producing areas, the prices of all vegetables have increased. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have risen by 30% to 135%. The highest price increase was observed in carrots, with prices rising by Rs. 135.00/kg, ranging from Rs. 120.00 to Rs. 450.00/kg. Tomato prices surged by 277%, reaching Rs. 278.00/kg. For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices increased by 1% to 164%, except for cucumbers, which saw a 16% price reduction. The highest price increase of Rs. 311.00/kg was recorded for bitter gourd. Green chili prices rose by 61%, while lime prices decreased by 8%. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of most vegetable varieties have increased by 1% to 90%, with the highest price increase

seen in leeks. However, prices for carrots, cabbage, ladies' fingers, and long beans have decreased by 12% to 38%.

In line with the increase in wholesale prices, retail prices of all vegetable varieties have risen, except for cucumbers. Retail prices of up-country vegetables increased by 26% to 72%, with the highest price increase of 154% recorded for tomatoes, reaching Rs. 331.00/kg. Retail prices of low-country vegetables increased by 8% to 90%, again with the exception of cucumbers, which saw a 10% price decrease. The highest average retail price of Rs. 988.00/kg was reported for drumsticks, while the lowest price of Rs. 226.00/kg was observed for cucumbers. Green chili prices rose by 27%, while lime prices decreased by 6%. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of most vegetable varieties have increased by 11% to 57%, with the highest price increase observed in leeks.

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In June 2024, the wholesale prices of major fruit types, including bananas, mangoes, and papaw, increased, while the price of pineapple decreased. Among the banana varieties, the highest price increase was recorded for *ambul* bananas (26%), followed by *kolikuttu* (25%) and *seeni* (19%), due to a reduced supply from major producing areas. For pineapples, prices for all sizes decreased by 49% to 53%. In the case of mangoes, the highest price increase was observed for *vilad* mangoes (22%) due to low stock levels. Among other fruit varieties, most prices rose due to a lean harvesting period. The highest price increase was recorded for papaw (91%), followed by orange (46%) and passion fruit (10%), all due to low stock. Conversely, avocado prices decreased by 9%, while imported grapes saw a 5% price drop, attributed to increased supply from the ongoing avocado harvest and adequate imported grape stocks. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price increase seen for passion fruit (138%).

In June 2024, the retail prices of major fruit varieties, with the exception of pineapple, increased. Among the banana varieties, the highest price increase of 14% was recorded for *anamalu*, followed by *ambun* bananas with a 12% increase. For pineapples, the prices of all sizes decreased by 42% to 44%, reflecting the drop in wholesale prices. Retail prices ranged from Rs. 350.00 to Rs. 600.00/fruit for medium-sized pineapples in the Colombo suburbs markets. Among the mango varieties, the price of *vilad* mangoes increased by 10% due to limited stocks in the market. Regarding other fruit varieties, the retail prices of orange (35%), papaw (23%), and slime apple (10%) increased, while avocado prices decreased by 31%. Compared to the same period last year, the current retail prices for most fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price increase seen for passion fruit (83%).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka exported 1,642 metric tons (mt) of fresh fruits in June 2024, valued at Rs. 193 million. Of this quantity, 98% was papaw. This represents an increase in exports compared to June 2023, when 1,285 mt of fresh fruits were exported (Table 4.3).

Regarding imports, Sri Lanka imported 3,939 mt of fresh fruits in June 2024, with a total value of Rs. 1,678 million. The most imported fruit was apple, accounting for 3,459 mt, followed by grapes with 377 mt. This represents a significant increase in imported quantities compared to June 2023, when only 700 mt of fresh fruits were imported (Table 4.4).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – June 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	June 2024		Jun-24	May-24	Jun-23	May-24		Jun-23		
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	80.00	- 180.00	126.47	100.68	114.09	25.79	25.62	12.39	10.86	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	250.00	- 400.00	327.83	263.17	325.09	64.65	24.57	2.73	0.84	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00	- 150.00	120.55	100.91	105.48	19.64	19.47	15.08	14.29	
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00	- 30.00	25.68	21.99	20.77	3.68	16.73	4.91	23.62	
Ambun (Fruit)	27.00	- 36.00	31.19	27.98	26.37	3.20	11.45	4.82	18.28	
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	350.00	- 650.00	464.60	915.18	632.04	-450.58	-49.23	-167.44	-26.49	
Medium (Fruit)	270.00	- 450.00	346.79	681.47	526.69	-334.69	-49.11	-179.91	-34.16	
Small (Fruit)	150.00	- 350.00	257.37	543.75	400.13	-286.38	-52.67	-142.76	-35.68	
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	20.00	- 27.00	22.26	23.66	23.65	-1.40	-5.92	-1.40	-5.91	
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00	- 100.00	66.97	66.91	67.56	0.06	0.09	-0.59	-0.87	
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00	- 60.00	49.44	40.56	45.52	8.89	21.92	3.93	8.63	
Kohu (Fruit)	16.00	- 22.00	19.55	18.42	16.33	1.13	6.16	3.22	19.70	
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00	- 230.00	149.71	78.29	104.77	71.42	91.23	44.94	42.90	
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	60.00	- 80.00	68.00	62.03	28.61	5.97	9.63	39.39	137.67	
Wood Apple (Fruit)	130.00	- 170.00	149.50	141.67	95.10	7.83	5.53	54.40	57.20	
Orange (Fruit)	80.00	- 150.00	122.53	83.66	89.25	38.86	46.45	33.28	37.29	
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00	- 100.00	67.25	74.27	68.04	-7.02	-9.46	-0.79	-1.15	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	15.00	- 27.00	20.93	19.93	21.18	1.00	5.03	-0.25	-1.17	
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1290.00	- 2000.00	1639.78	1725.81	1670.00	-86.04	-4.99	-30.22	-1.81	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – June 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2024		Jun-24	May-24	Jun-23	May-24		Jun-23	
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	150.00	- 260.00	204.89	197.61	185.10	7.27	3.68	19.79	10.69
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	300.00	- 550.00	426.01	403.69	420.89	22.31	5.53	5.12	1.22
Seeni (Rs/kg)	120.00	- 250.00	205.07	200.45	192.81	4.62	2.31	12.26	6.36
Anamalu (Fruit)	25.00	- 46.00	37.31	32.78	29.59	4.53	13.82	7.72	26.09
Ambun (Fruit)	32.00	- 60.00	47.54	42.32	39.29	5.22	12.35	8.25	21.00
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	470.00	- 900.00	613.26	1050.35	710.89	-437.09	-41.61	-97.63	-13.73
Medium (Fruit)	350.00	- 600.00	459.67	798.64	584.28	-338.97	-42.44	-124.61	-21.33
Small (Fruit)	200.00	- 500.00	333.62	599.89	454.06	-266.28	-44.39	-120.44	-26.53
Mango									
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00	- 160.00	103.51	108.95	127.16	-5.45	-5.00	-23.66	-18.60
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00	- 100.00	71.73	65.25	82.07	6.48	9.94	-10.33	-12.59
Papaw (Rs/kg)	100.00	- 360.00	235.57	190.83	213.72	44.74	23.45	21.85	10.22
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	65.00	- 120.00	90.90	87.37	49.80	3.52	4.03	41.09	82.51
Wood Apple (Fruit)	150.00	- 260.00	183.22	177.66	153.05	5.56	3.13	30.17	19.71
Orange (Fruit)	90.00	- 220.00	163.52	120.90	127.83	42.62	35.25	35.69	27.92
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00	- 150.00	104.17	150.00	110.76	-45.84	-30.56	-6.60	-5.95
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00	- 180.00	78.57	72.07	66.53	6.50	9.02	12.05	18.11
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1800.00	- 3000.00	2358.68	2331.45	2620.90	27.23	1.17	-262.22	-10.01

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Type of Fruit	Jun-24			May-24			Apr-24		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Papaw (fresh)	1605.6	154.3	96.1	1243.0	119.2	95.9	1063.3	103.3	97.1
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	18.5	29.3	1617.8	8.7	9.6	1109.4	8.1	8.6	1052.5
Avocados (fresh)	2.3	1.9	835.0	1.6	1.6	984.9	1.5	1.7	1135.3
Pineapples (fresh)	15.1	8.1	533.5	12.9	6.2	479.8	39.7	30.1	759.3

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

Type of Fruit	Jun-24			May-24			Apr-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	3459.00	1375.00	397.59	681.00	259.00	472.02	583.00	225.00	385.31
Grapes	377.00	281.00	747.26	204.00	172.00	840.42	442.00	317.00	715.65
Oranges	103.00	22.00	211.96	230.00	49.00	214.40	103.00	21.00	201.68

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 – June 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	300.00 - 650.00	482.38	424.00	496.75	58.38	13.77	-14.37	-2.89	
Hurulla	700.00 - 1150.00	886.67	728.13	1043.25	158.54	21.77	-156.58	-15.01	
Balaya	600.00 - 1400.00	961.04	925.88	1101.00	35.17	3.80	-139.96	-12.71	
Kelawalla	1200.00 - 1750.00	1481.04	1347.33	1638.75	133.71	9.92	-157.71	-9.62	
Thora	1500.00 - 3700.00	2488.54	2188.65	2321.25	299.89	13.70	167.29	7.21	
Paraw	1200.00 - 1750.00	1494.38	1309.52	1465.75	184.85	14.12	28.63	1.95	
Mora	900.00 - 1250.00	1036.11	1047.04	1214.00	-10.93	-1.04	-177.89	-14.65	
Shrimps (small)	1550.00 - 2300.00	1754.35	1813.32	1659.00	-58.97	-3.25	95.35	5.75	
Thalapath	1700.00 - 2600.00	2060.94	1967.50	2024.58	93.44	4.75	36.35	1.80	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	450.00 - 900.00	676.16	687.87	755.81	-11.71	-1.70	-79.65	-10.54	
Hurulla	850.00 - 1200.00	1042.05	966.89	1235.35	75.16	7.77	-193.30	-15.65	
Balaya	700.00 - 2000.00	1258.10	1278.93	1752.83	-20.83	-1.63	-494.74	-28.22	
Kelawalla	1350.00 - 3100.00	2306.22	2148.01	2587.26	158.21	7.37	-281.04	-10.86	
Thora	2000.00 - 4400.00	3370.81	3117.56	3396.26	253.25	8.12	-25.44	-0.75	
Paraw	1450.00 - 3200.00	2272.17	2114.33	2602.14	157.84	7.47	-329.97	-12.68	
Mora	1000.00 - 1800.00	1433.06	0.00	2137.26					
Shrimps (small)	1700.00 - 2200.00	1973.86	2149.32	1918.46	-175.46	-8.16	55.40	2.89	
Thalapath	2000.00 - 3600.00	2959.21	2736.29	3169.22	222.93	8.15	-210.01	-6.63	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Headline inflation, measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100), rose to 1.7% in June 2024, compared to 0.9% in May 2024. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) also increased, reaching 1.4% in June 2024 from 0.0% in May 2024.

Reflecting the rise in food inflation, prices of most fish varieties increased in June due to reduced supply during the off-season along the Southern and Western coastal belts. Heavy rain and stormy weather further disrupted fishing activities in the Southern, Western, and North-Western coastal regions.

At the wholesale level, the highest price increase was recorded for *hurulla* (28%), followed by *paraw*, *thora*, and *salaya* (14%). Prices of other varieties rose by 4%–10%, except for *mora* and small shrimp, which saw price drops of 1% and 3%, respectively. Compared to the same period last

year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties declined by 3%–15%, with the steepest drop observed for *hurulla*.

In the retail market, most fish varieties saw price increases aligned with wholesale trends. The highest increases were noted for *hurulla*, *thora*, and *thalapath* at 8%. Prices for other varieties rose by 7%, except for *salaya*, *balaya*, and small shrimp, which remained stable or decreased. Year-on-year, retail prices for most fresh fish varieties dropped, with the most significant reduction of 28% observed for *balaya*.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – June 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Dried Fish -Wholesale									
Sprats	1500.00 - 1850.00	1666.33	1395.25	1747.44	271.08	19.43	-81.11	-4.64	
Sprats (imported)	700.00 - 950.00	835.60	806.46	850.63	29.14	3.61	-15.03	-1.77	
Kattawa (imported)	1250.00 - 1450.00	1357.92	1311.43	1660.00	46.48	3.54	-302.08	-18.20	
Mora	1800.00 - 1950.00	1880.42	1810.17	1825.56	70.25	3.88	54.85	3.00	
Balaya	950.00 - 1300.00	1099.17	894.50	1575.75	204.67	22.88	-476.58	-30.24	
Anguluwa (imported)	1300.00 - 1600.00	1452.08	1391.03	1595.71	61.05	4.39	-143.63	-9.00	
Maduwa	1300.00 - 1600.00	1456.25	1391.73	1383.00	64.52	4.64	73.25	5.30	
Salaya	450.00 - 850.00	601.34	450.63	801.75	150.72	33.45	-200.41	-25.00	
Dried Fish -Retail									
Sprats (imported)	1000.00 - 1600.00	1249.79	1105.28	1234.44	144.51	13.07	15.35	1.24	
Sprats	1600.00 - 2500.00	1957.61	1892.26	2144.55	65.34	3.45	-186.95	-8.72	
Kattawa	1800.00 - 2400.00	2030.02	2085.01	2519.44	-54.99	-2.64	-489.42	-19.43	
Thora	2000.00 - 3600.00	3000.00		3200.00					
Mora	2000.00 - 2600.00	2371.61	2421.62	2383.62	-50.01	-2.07	-12.00	-0.50	
Balaya	1300.00 - 2000.00	1705.39	1692.26	1786.81	13.13	0.78	-81.42	-4.56	
Anguluwa	1800.00 - 2400.00	2107.44	2178.86	2382.49	-71.42	-3.28	-275.05	-11.54	
Salaya	800.00 - 1300.00	1034.08	1037.60	1217.53	-3.51	-0.34	-183.45	-15.07	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In June 2024, wholesale prices for all dried fish varieties increased, primarily due to the reduced supply of fresh fish (used as raw material), caused by stormy weather. The most significant price hike at the wholesale level was for *salaya* (33%), followed by *balaya* (23%) and *sprats* (19%). Prices of other dried fish varieties rose by less than 5%. However, compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most dried fish varieties decreased, with the largest drop recorded for *balaya* (30%).

In the retail market, prices for 50% of the dried fish varieties increased during June. The highest retail price rise was observed for imported sprats (13%), while local sprats and *balaya* saw moderate increases of 3% and 1%, respectively. Conversely, prices for *kattawa*, *mora*, and *anguluwa* dropped by 2%–3%. Year-on-year, retail prices for most dried fish varieties declined, with the steepest reduction noted for *kattawa* (19%).

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2024		June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	47.000	- 55.00	49.97	48.36	50.44	1.61	3.33	-0.48	-0.94
Eggs - White(each)	45.000	- 53.00	48.14	45.83	50.94	2.31	5.05	-2.80	-5.49
Retail Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	48.000	- 58.00	52.12	50.90	52.85	1.21	2.39	-0.74	-1.39
Eggs - White (each)	46.000	- 55.00	50.11	48.19	53.08	1.92	3.99	-2.97	-5.60

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Due to the reduced supply of fresh fish, the demand for eggs increased, leading to price hikes across all types of eggs in June 2024 compared to the previous month. At the wholesale level, the price of brown eggs rose by 3% per egg, while white eggs saw a 5% increase. Retail prices also increased, with brown eggs rising by 2% and white eggs by 4%. The average retail prices were Rs. 52.00 per egg for brown eggs and Rs. 50.00 per egg for white eggs. However, compared to the same period last year, retail prices of brown eggs decreased by 1%, and white eggs decreased by 6%.

Meat

Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – June 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2024		June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	2300	- 2600.00	2,520.23	2,466.67	2330.83	53.56	2.17	189.39	8.13
Chicken (Broiler)	1100	- 1300.00	1,218.22	1,190.76	1498.30	27.46	2.31	-280.08	-18.69
Chicken (curry)	1050	- 1450.00	1,204.65	1,184.89	1518.26	19.76	1.67	-313.61	-20.66
Mutton	3200	- 3600.00	3,405.90	3,347.50	3086.11	58.40	1.74	319.79	10.36
Pork	1300	- 1500.00	1,355.36	1,370.83	1673.33	-15.48	-1.13	-317.98	-19.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to May, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market in June. The highest price increases were noted for beef (without bones), chicken (broiler), chicken (curry) and mutton at 2%. However, prices of pork have slightly dropped by 1%. Compared to last

year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for chicken (curry) at 21%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2024	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024		June 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	204.54-207.77	205.93	206.14	220.70	-0.21	-0.10	-14.77	-6.69
Sugar	282.91-289.40	286.23	285.02	237.66	1.21	0.42	48.57	20.44

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain- Jan 2023- June 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
February - 2024	7,463.36	882.26	118.21	211.15	92.94
January - 2024	8,424.16	1032.80	122.60	212.05	89.45
Wheat Grain					
June - 2024	31817	3074	96.6	205.93	109.33
May - 2024	173536	14258	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
February - 2024	1,499.12	153.99	102.72	211.15	108.43
January - 2024	31,414.40	3,389.33	107.89	212.05	104.16

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery -Jan 2023- June 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
June - 2024	44557	9013	202.27	286.23	83.96
May - 2024	22901	4709	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	69.41
February - 2024	31,502.80	7187.53	228.16	291.26	63.10
January - 2024	31,036.12	7491.82	241.39	301.01	22.80

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

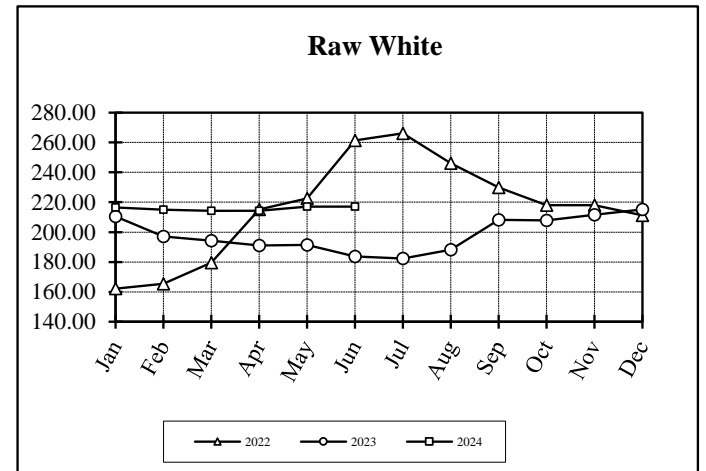
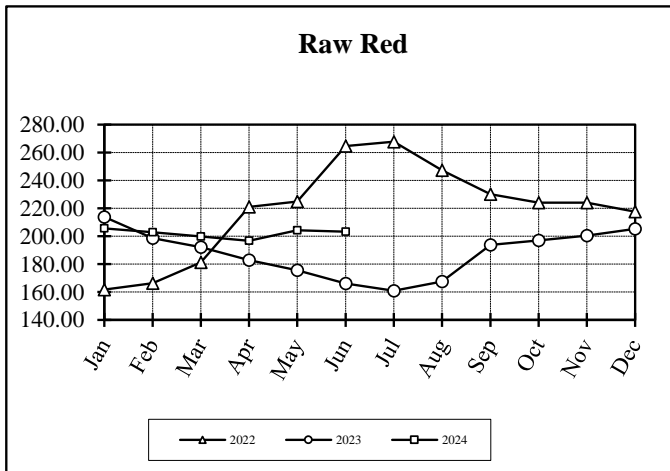
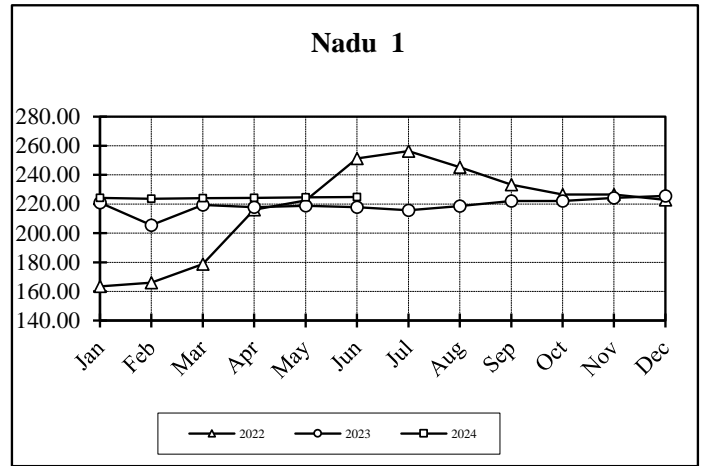
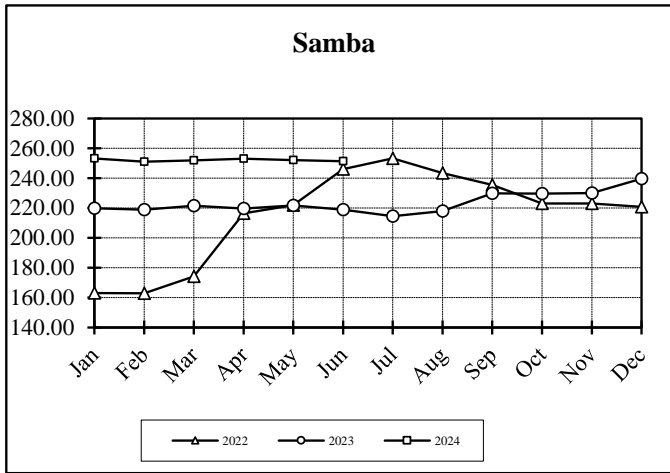
Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - June 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	June 2024	May 2024		June 2024	May 2024		June 2024	May 2024	
Rice	850.00	2674.00	-68.21	290.00	926.00	-68.68	341.74	346.27	-1.31
Dried Chillies	1580.00	1552.00	1.80	254.00	241.00	5.39	160.42	155.19	3.37
Red Onion	23067.00	23681.00	-2.59	3845.00	4554.00	-15.57	166.71	192.33	-13.32
Big Onion	12780.00	10626.00	20.27	1105.00	846.00	30.61	86.50	79.58	8.70
Potato	15865.00	15909.00	-0.28	3514.00	3489.00	0.72	221.51	219.29	1.01
Masoor Dhal	3459.00	838.00	312.77	1375.00	395.00	248.10	397.59	472.02	-15.77
Garlic	5567.00	4594.00	21.18	664.00	545.00	21.83	119.28	118.64	0.54
Wheat flour	31817.00	173536.00	-81.67	3074.00	14258.00	-78.44	96.60	82.16	17.58
Wheat grain	44557.00	22901.00	94.56	9013.00	4709.00	91.40	202.27	205.62	-1.63
Sugar & sugar confectionery	4480.00	4524.00	-0.97	351.00	380.00	-7.63	38.34	84.09	-54.41
Maize (Other)	4,524.00	1,613.00	180.47	380.00	162.00	134.57	84.09	100.15	-16.04

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

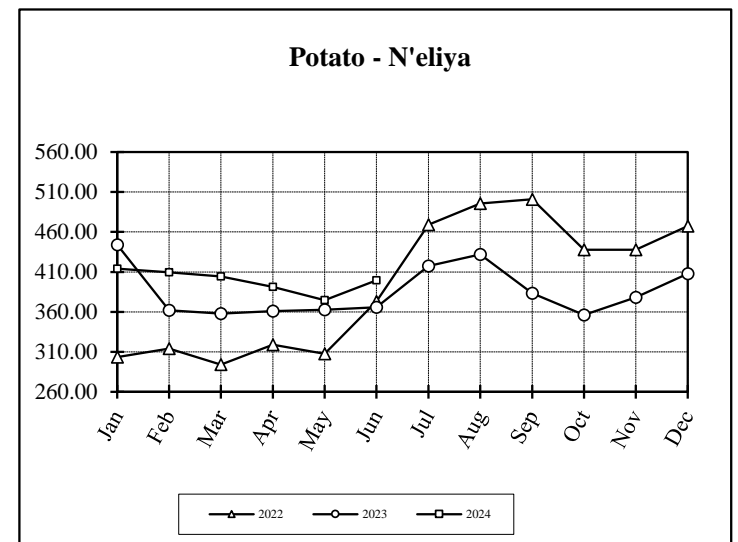
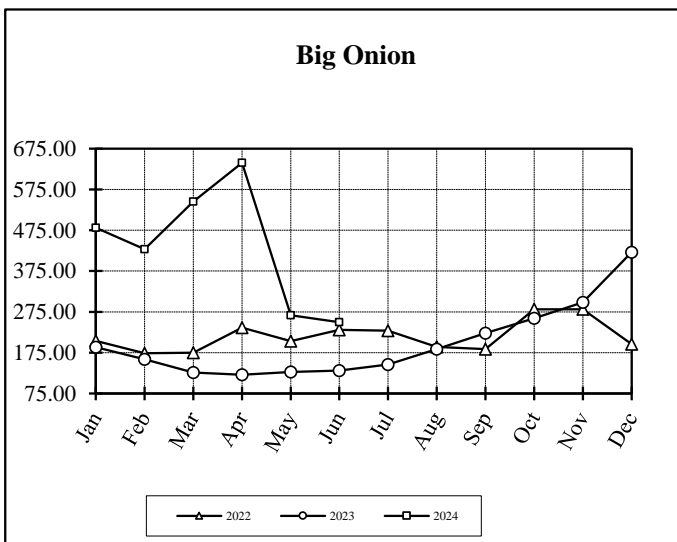
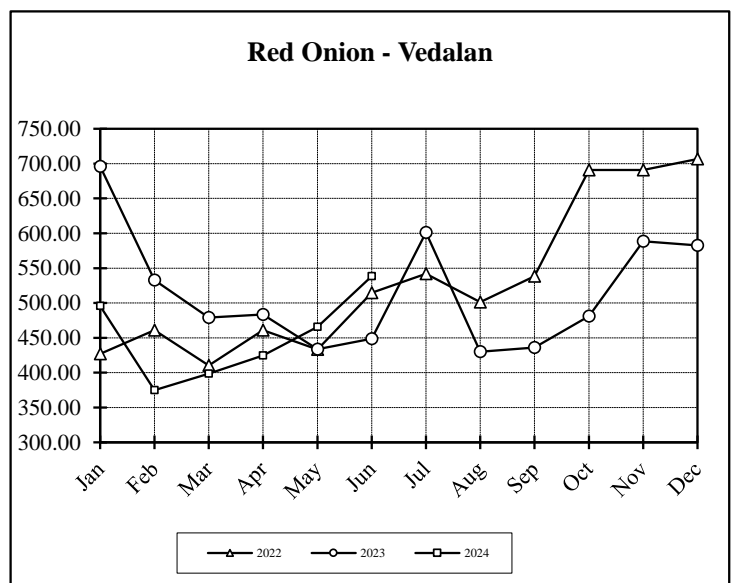
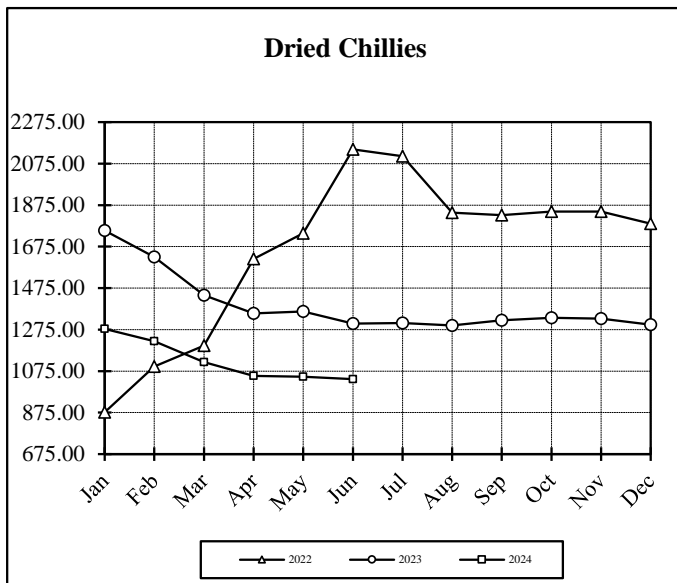
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		256.35	215.78		267.75	160.92		266.15	182.31	
Aug	243.37	218.05		245.23	218.62		247.19	167.50		246.15	188.16	
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		541.94	601.36		228.96	146.26		468.93	417.37	
Aug	1838.64	1295.06		501.24	430.04		189.33	183.45		495.71	431.92	
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)**

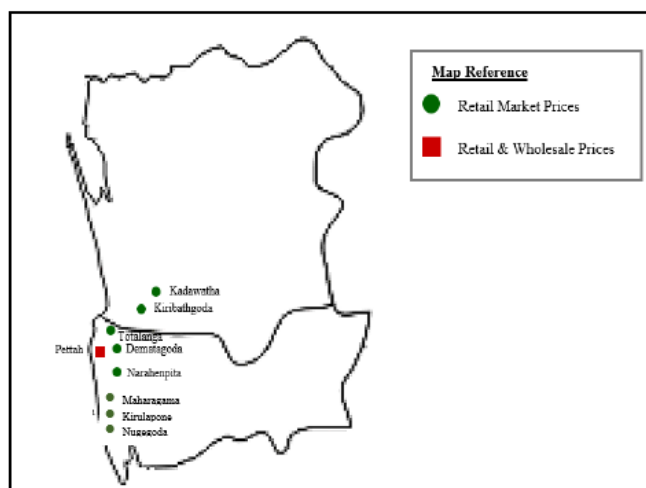
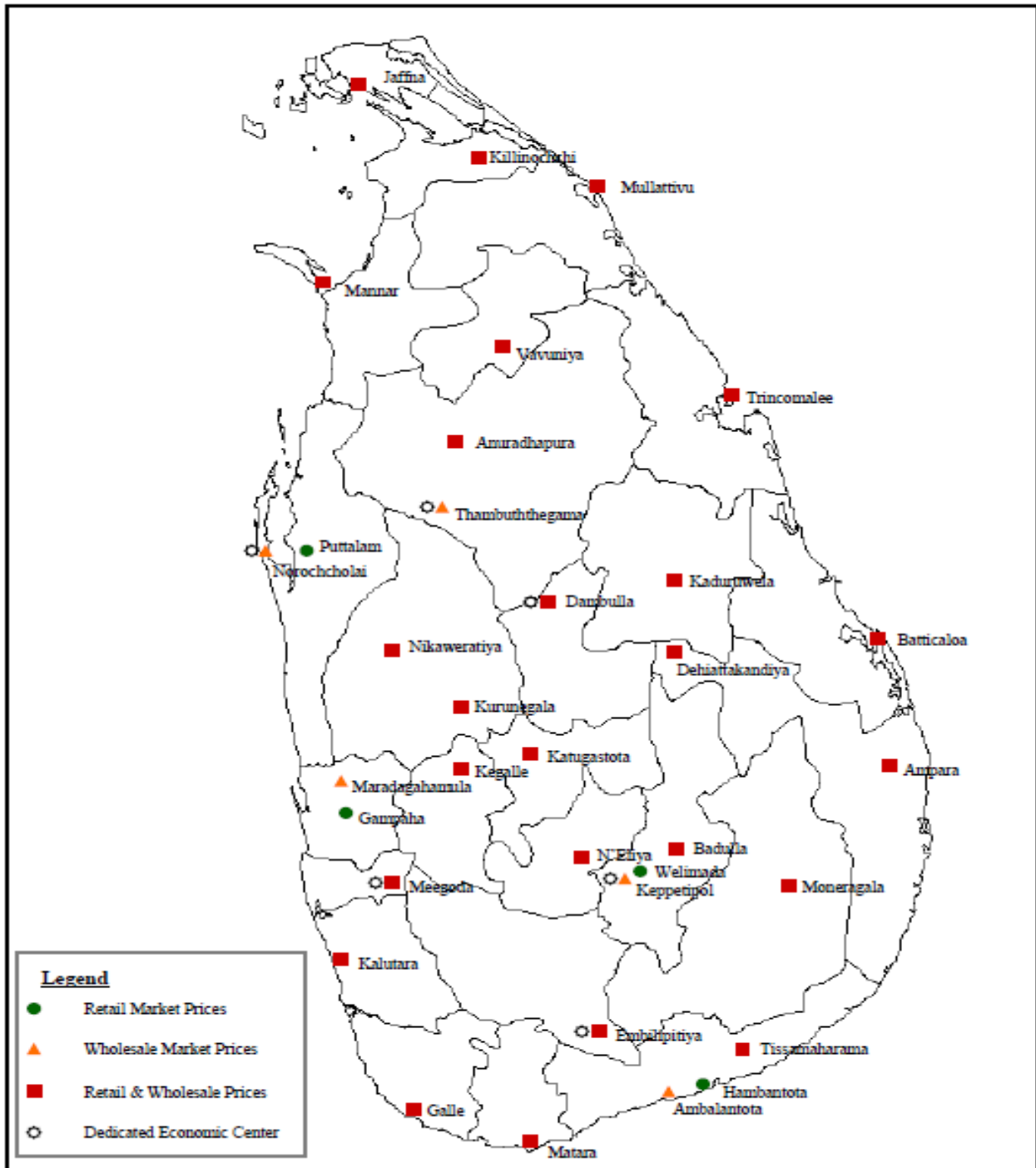
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	206.00	251.00	264.00	312.00	Welimada	304.00	426.00	515.00	412.00
A'pura	123.80	123.20	123.20	123.20	Badulla					N'Eliya	338.00	433.00	532.00	434.00
P'naruwa					Welimada	181.00	235.00	262.50	278.00					
Kalawewa					<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala	124.50	125.75	127.00	125.00	<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha	192.00			
Dehiattakandiya	121.33	121.33	121.33	121.33	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	275.00	294.00	428.00	432.00
Ampara	121.67				Kalawewa					Dambulla	266.67	362.00	300.00	493.33
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	895.00	755.00	755.00	755.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	115.80	115.80	116.80	117.20	Kurunegala					Welimada	276.00	280.00	425.00	405.00
P'naruwa					A'pura	825.00	810.00	816.67	675.00	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa					<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	116.00	117.25	117.00	118.00	A'pura					N'Eliya	235.00	216.00	256.00	252.00
Dehiattakandiya	114.33	113.67	113.67	113.67	Galgamuwa					Welimada	226.00	252.00	254.00	220.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara	116.67				Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	48.40			
Matara					Embilipitiya	745.00	710.00	710.00	710.00	N'Eliya	75.00	120.00	142.00	126.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	61.00	76.00	74.00	74.00
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	106.50	115.75	116.50	116.50	A'Pura	147.50	142.50	142.50	142.50	Hanguranketha	47.00			
Hambantota	105.75	117.50	117.50		Kalawewa					N'Eliya	49.00	125.00	154.00	152.00
Ampara	119.75				<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	33.00	77.00	88.00	98.00
Embilipitiya	108.50	111.60	114.25	114.75	A'Pura	675.00	675.00	675.00	550.00	Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	63.33	80.00	80.00	130.00
A'pura	147.00	142.00	142.00	142.00	<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
Polonnaruwa					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	62.33			
Kalawewa					A'Pura	625.00	625.00	625.00	615.00	Welimada	79.00	252.00	388.00	420.00
Kurunegala	146.25	145.00	145.00	145.00	<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	137.33	136.00	131.00	131.00	<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	113.00	282.00	510.00	392.00
					Dambulla	374.00	470.00	532.50	410.00	<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Red Onion</u>					Welimada	324.00	374.00	472.00	418.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Badulla		400.00	412.50	475.00	A'pura	148.00	188.00	208.00	176.00
Dambulla					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	136.00	142.00	141.00	109.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	85.60				Hambantota	124.00	88.00	88.00	
A'Pura					N'Eliya	95.00	262.00	326.00	384.00	Embilipitiya	106.00	96.00	120.00	120.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	76.00	226.00	226.00	254.00	Matara	90.00	91.25	106.25	106.25

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	288.00	388.00	368.00	228.00	Dambulla	84.40	98.00	127.00	158.00	Hambantota				
Dambulla	274.00	312.00	328.00	206.00	Hambantota	68.00	84.00	120.00		Embilipitiya	675.00	725.00	725.00	725.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	96.67	96.67	170.00	112.50	Moneragala	740.00	940.00	870.00	870.00
Embilipitiya	204.00	265.00	177.50	177.50	Matara	55.00				<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	250.00	265.00	220.00	267.50	A'pura	68.00	108.00	148.00	138.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	226.00	272.00	314.00	214.00	Moneragala	54.00	108.00	108.00	128.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	44.00	34.00	44.00	44.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	88.00	98.00	94.00	88.00	Embilipitiya	52.00	44.00	67.50	104.00
Welimada	326.00	372.00	630.00	595.00	Dambulla	84.40	91.00	85.00	50.40	Hambantota	60.00	60.00	87.50	
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	77.50	57.50	95.00		<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	468.00	568.00	568.00	548.00	Matara					Moneragala	158.00	156.00	162.00	162.00
Dambulla	405.00	492.00	556.67	408.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	160.00	192.00	235.00	302.50
Hambantota					Dambulla	166.50	210.00	197.00	163.00	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	415.00	535.00	607.50	416.67	Hambantota					<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	194.00	279.00	248.00	204.00	Moneragala	54.00	88.00	128.00	108.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	183.33	192.50	185.00	232.50	Embilipitiya	75.00	96.00	160.00	160.00
Dambulla	244.00	250.00	229.00	122.00	A'Pura	208.00	308.00	308.00	288.00	Hambantota	85.00	95.00	140.00	
Hambantota	270.00	182.50	245.00		<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	222.50	250.00	184.00	184.00	Hambantota					Divulapitiya				
Matara	233.33	230.00	233.75	236.25	Embilipitiya	107.50	110.00	96.00	102.00					
A'pura	268.00	288.00	288.00	248.00	Matara	96.67	97.50	97.50	105.00					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	205.00	240.00	238.75	183.75	Dambulla	92.40	180.50	110.00	112.00					
Hambantota	270.00	183.33	272.50		Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	307.50	350.00	335.00	212.50	Embilipitiya	328.00	258.00	196.00	188.00					
Matara	240.00	237.50	245.00	236.25	Puttalam									
A'pura	268.00	308.00	308.00	288.00	A'Pura	188.00	288.00	288.00	288.00					

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