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### Highlights

#### Paddy/ Rice

The producer prices for short grain and Keeri Samba paddy varieties are on an upward trend, while prices for long grain white and red varieties have experienced a decline across most producing areas. Supplies of local rice varieties, including Samba, Nadu, raw red, and raw white, remained constant throughout the month. Contrary to the wholesale price trends, retail prices for the majority of local rice varieties witnessed an increase, with the most significant uptick of Rs. 9.00/kg noted in Keeri Samba rice. In a year-over-year comparison, retail prices for most rice varieties exhibited a decrease. The most significant reduction of 22% was observed for raw red rice, followed by a 14% decrease for raw white rice.

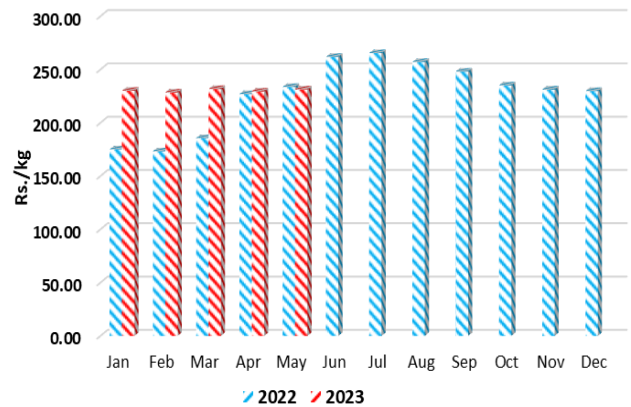
#### Vegetables

Prices of most of the up-country and low-country vegetables have increased due to decreased supply with the end of the *Maha* harvesting season. Retail prices of vegetables had increased by 16%-74%. Highest price increase was reported for beans (74%). The highest price of Rs.547.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.149.00/kg was reported for pumpkin.

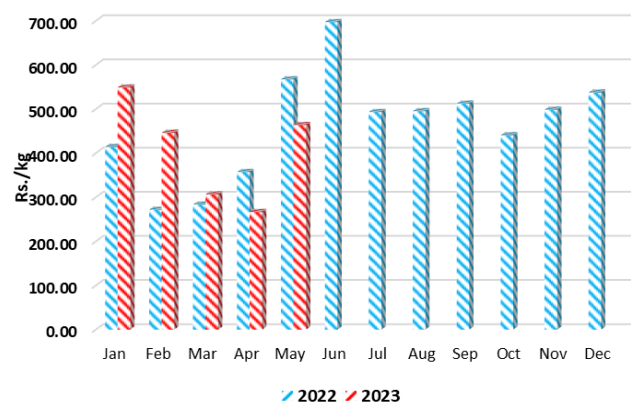
#### Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Although food inflation was lower, the prices of most fish varieties have surged by less than 30% in both wholesale and retail markets due to low supply during the lean season for southern and western coastal belt. Corresponding to this supply drop, the average retail prices of both types of eggs have exceeded the stipulated maximum retail prices (MRP) for brown eggs at Rs. 46.00 and white eggs at Rs. 44.00.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Pettah      | 4. Thotalanga | 7. Kiribathgoda |
| 2. Narahenpita | 5. Peliyagoda | 8. Maharagama   |
| 3. Dematagoda  | 6. Kadawatha  | 9. Nugegoda     |

##### **Outstation Markets**

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

## 1. Paddy/Rice

### Crop Situation

The targeted paddy area for the Yala 2023 season is established at 541,134 hectares. As of the conclusion of May 2023, the reported sown extent stands at 415,784 hectares, marking a 77% achievement towards the set target. Noteworthy is the substantial 18% year-on-year increase in the sown area of paddy for May 2023. Paddy production forecast based on the reported sown extent as at end May 2023 is 1.74 million metric tons, accounting for crop losses.

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

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end May 2023 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
<b>Provincial Areas</b>						
Colombo	3,059	2,154	70	5,364	-	5,364
Gampaha	10,616	8,049	76	22,099	-	22,099
Kalutara	8,508	6,472	76	18,508	-	18,508
Galle	11,589	2,291	20	5,236	-	5,236
Matara	14,972	6,885	46	19,026	-	19,026
Ratnapura	9,940	4,563	46	17,260	-	17,260
Kegalle	7,875	6,359	81	19,062	-	19,062
Kurunagala	75,796	46,957	62	194,870	22	194,845
Puttalam	19,108	13,289	70	48,119	-	48,119
Kandy	6,837	2,551	37	6,946	-	6,946
Matale	9,535	5,685	60	25,459	-	25,459
N eliya	2,546	76	3	159	-	159
Badulla	5,319	2,693	51	11,652	-	11,652
Monaragala	14,393	8,154	57	40,195	-	40,195
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,865	7,101	103	31,726	-	31,726
Vavuniya	5,179	5,450	105	28,333	-	28,333
Mullativu	6,458	6,644	103	32,409	-	32,409
Mannar	2,684	1,149	43	5,782	-	5,782
Anuradhapura	44,277	28,740	65	113,698	-	113,698
Trincomalee	25,896	25,139	97	120,740	10	120,728
Batticaloa	34,808	32,788	94	124,724	-	124,724
Ampara	1,706	1,692	99	8,444	-	8,444
Hambantota	12,096	8,269	68	42,191	-	42,191
<b>Inter Province Areas</b>						
Polonnaruwa IP	28,160	21,322	76	101,852	-	101,852
Ampara IP	54,000	51,745	96	257,073	-	257,073
Monaragala IP	3,189	1,279	40	3,189	-	3,189
Hambantota IP	14,755	11,238	76	57,098	-	57,098
Hasalaka IP	8,860	9,050	102	2,680	-	2,680
Anuradhapura IP	22,238	7,824	35	30,795	-	30,795
<b>Mahaweli Systems</b>						
Udawalawa	8,611	12,647	147	62,780	-	62,780
System H	10,573	13,144	124	51,735	-	51,735
System H1	3,126	7,021	225	27,635	-	27,635
System B	19,688	20,043	102	86,586	-	86,586
System C	20,500	20,243	99	87,450	-	87,450
System G	4,052	4,017	99	16,004	-	16,004
System D	1,637	1,412	86	6,100	-	6,100
Rambakanoya	980	819	84	3,407	-	3,407
System L	703	833	118	3,445	-	3,445
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>541,134</b>	<b>415,784</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,739,829</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,739,792</b>

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

### Producer Prices

The producer prices for short grain and Keeri Samba paddy varieties are on an upward trend, while prices for long grain white and red varieties have experienced a decline across most producing areas. Specifically, the producer prices of short grain paddy have increased in all major producing areas, ranging between Rs. 100.00-111.00/kg, with the lowest average price observed

in the Ampara area. Conversely, for long grain white paddy, the lowest average price was reported in Ampara, while Plonnaruwa recorded the highest average prices. In contrast, the producer prices of long grain red paddy have decreased in most major producing areas, ranging between Rs. 70.00-85.00/kg. This is in stark contrast to Keeri Samba paddy, where prices ranged between Rs. 115.00-145.00/kg, and the lowest average price was noted in Kalawewa.

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

**Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –May 2023**

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>								
Anuradhapura	100.00-110.00	103.80	101.05	111.72	2.75	2.72	-7.92	-7.09
Polonnaruwa	109.00-111.00	110.14	109.75	117.35	0.39	0.36	-7.21	-6.14
Kalawewa	100.00-110.00	103.76	97.72	115.54	6.04	6.19	-11.78	-10.20
Kurunegala	103.00-110.00	106.80	101.19	116.35	5.61	5.55	-9.55	-8.21
Dehiattakandiya	105.00-110.50	108.43	105.58	115.40	2.85	2.70	-6.97	-6.04
Nikaweratiya	100.00-110.00	104.59	102.71	116.08	1.87	1.82	-11.49	-9.90
Ampara	100.00-105.00	102.50	99.38	115.90	3.13	3.14	-13.40	-11.56
<b>Long Grain White</b>								
Anuradhapura	83.00-93.00	87.64	90.10	111.72	-2.46	-2.73	-24.08	-21.55
Polonnaruwa	89.00-111.00	92.36	92.48	117.35	-0.11	-0.12	-24.99	-21.30
Kalawewa	82.00-90.00	87.00	88.84	114.22	-1.84	-2.07	-27.22	-23.83
Kurunegala	85.00-93.00	89.95	89.69	115.90	0.26	0.29	-25.95	-22.39
Dehiattakandiya	88.00-99.00	91.43	86.17	114.73	5.27	6.11	-23.30	-20.31
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	85.00-95.00	91.27	92.39	116.08	-1.13	-1.22	-24.81	-21.38
Ampara	80.00-91.00	86.90	91.46	-	-4.56	-4.98	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	70.00-85.00	81.88	80.38	117.00	1.50	1.86	-35.13	-30.02
Hambantota	70.00-85.00	80.89	81.81	118.53	-0.92	-1.13	-37.64	-31.76
Embilipitiya	72.00-82.00	78.84	82.75	117.57	-3.91	-4.73	-38.73	-32.94
<b>Keeri Samba</b>								
A'pura	120.00-140.00	131.66	121.45	119.32	10.21	8.41	12.34	10.34
Polonnaruwa	139.00-145.00	141.80	129.85	127.55	11.95	9.20	14.25	11.17
Kalawewa	115.00-145.00	130.33	118.38	122.20	11.96	10.10	8.13	6.66
Kurunegala	125.00-135.00	131.70	123.50	127.30	8.20	6.64	4.40	3.46
Dehiattakandiya	135.00-145.00	140.37	129.63	124.33	10.74	8.29	16.04	12.90

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Supplies of local rice varieties, including Samba, Nadu, raw red, and raw white, remained constant throughout the month. Wholesale prices for Samba grade I and II ranged from Rs. 205.00-220.00 and Rs. 195.00-210.00/kg, respectively, with a marginal decrease of less than 1% compared to the previous month. Similarly, wholesale prices for Nadu grade I and II ranged from Rs. 180.00-185.00 and Rs. 175.00-185.00/kg, respectively, reflecting a 1% decrease. The most

substantial price reduction occurred in raw red rice, with prices ranging between Rs. 140.00-160.00/kg. In contrast, the wholesale price of Keeri Samba increased by 5% due to decreased supplies.

Comparing current prices to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all local rice varieties, excluding Keeri Samba, have seen an increase. The most significant price decrease of 26% was observed for raw red rice, followed by a 21% decrease for raw white rice.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	205.00-220.00	210.14	210.45	221.38	-0.31	-0.15	-11.25	-5.08
Samba 2	195.00-210.00	202.42	203.94	216.51	-1.52	-0.75	-14.09	-6.51
Keeri Samba	250.00-265.00	260.11	247.30	251.90	12.81	5.18	8.21	3.26
Nadu 1	180.00-185.00	183.20	184.54	215.25	-1.34	-0.73	-32.05	-14.89
Nadu 2	175.00-185.00	178.14	180.25	208.13	-2.11	-1.17	-29.99	-14.41
Raw red	140.00-160.00	149.83	156.15	201.86	-6.32	-4.04	-52.02	-25.77
Raw white	155.00-175.00	165.84	170.68	208.86	-4.84	-2.84	-43.02	-20.60
Imported Samba	200.00-215.00	208.54	203.93	196.20	4.61	2.26	12.34	6.29
Imported Raw White	172.00-190.00	182.23	176.84	175.49	5.39	3.05	6.75	3.84
Imported Nadu	175.00-177.00	176.00	168.90	193.27	7.10	4.20	-17.27	-8.94
<b>Retail Prices-</b>								
Samba 1	225.00-240.00	231.31	229.55	233.80	1.76	0.76	-2.49	-1.07
Samba 2	210.00-230.00	221.71	219.71	221.87	1.99	0.91	-0.16	-0.07
Keeri Samba	260.00-280.00	273.39	264.54	268.51	8.85	3.34	4.88	1.82
Nadu 1	210.00-230.00	218.80	217.91	222.47	0.89	0.41	-3.67	-1.65
Nadu 2	190.00-220.00	205.15	206.16	212.12	-1.01	-0.49	-6.98	-3.29
Raw red	150.00-190.00	175.69	182.80	224.78	-7.12	-3.89	-49.10	-21.84
Raw white	180.00-200.00	191.48	191.02	222.45	0.46	0.24	-30.97	-13.92
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	210.00-240.00	227.74	222.58	208.71	5.16	2.32	19.03	9.12
Imported Raw White	185.00-220.00	201.06	194.61	193.23	6.45	3.31	7.83	4.05
Imported Nadu	185.00-220.00	201.01	197.08	207.01	3.93	1.99	-6.00	-2.90

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

### Retail Prices

Contrary to the wholesale price trends, retail prices for the majority of local rice varieties witnessed an increase, with the most significant uptick of Rs. 9.00/kg noted in Keeri Samba rice. Retail prices for Samba grade I and II ranged from Rs. 225.00-240.00 and Rs. 210.00-230.00/kg, respectively, with a slight 1% decrease compared to the previous month. Additionally, retail prices for Nadu grade I and II ranged between Rs. 210.00-230.00 and Rs. 190.00-220.00/kg, respectively, remaining relatively stable compared to the previous month.

In a year-over-year comparison, retail prices for most rice varieties exhibited a decrease. The most significant reduction of 22% was observed for raw red rice, followed by a 14% decrease for raw white rice.

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of green chilli of Yala, in 2023 was 9,684 ha and by the end of May 2023, 2,455 ha have been cultivated representing 25% of the targeted extent. By the end of this month, the highest cultivated extent was reported from Anuradhapura (198 ha). Crops are in different stages in the main producing areas. In the Puttalam district, only about 181 ha have been cultivated at the end of May representing 13% of the targeted extent. According to the cultivated extent up to the end of this month, the expected production of green chilli is 13,631 Mt for this Yala season in the country with 48% of the supply from Puttalam (12%), Anuradhapura (9%), Mahaweli areas (11%), Interprovincial DDA areas (9%) and Vavuniya (7%) areas.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end May 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Puttalam	1,370	181	13	1,671
Anuradhapura	632	198	31	1,192
Kurunegala	540	165	31	785
Jaffna	480	80	17	484
Batticaloa	363	142	39	754
Vavuniya	300	166	55	953
Matale	434	122	28	617
Monaragala	397	147	37	706
Badulla	281	112	40	522
Kandy	278	56	20	327
Interprovincial DDA areas	421	257	61	1,264
Mahaweli areas	2,450	251	10	1,548
Other areas	1,738	578	33	2,808
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,684</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13,631</b>

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

The supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.78.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg respectively. Wholesale Prices of green chilli ranged between Rs.150.00-300.00/kg and Rs.250.00- 700.00/kg at the retail level. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from the Embilipitiya area with the price range of Rs.222.00 – 364.00/kg during the month of May. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 33% and 19% respectively.

A quantity of 4,027 mt of dried chillie was imported in May 2023 and this quantity was higher than 1,844 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.763.68/kg and it has decreased by Rs.72.29/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, wholesale price of imported dried chillies has decreased by about Rs.18.00/kg. However, retail price of imported dried chilli has increased by about Rs.9.00/kg. Prices ranged between Rs.900.00-1180.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1100.00 – Rs. 1500.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period

last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 30% and 22% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	150.00-300.00	222.60	300.27	331.00	-77.67	-25.87	-108.40	-32.75
Dried Chilli	900.00-1180.00	1049.45	1067.38	1489.29	-17.93	-1.68	-439.84	-29.53
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	250.00-700.00	492.33	518.45	608.59	-26.12	-5.04	-116.26	-19.10
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1500.00	1361.98	1352.77	1739.46	9.21	0.68	-377.48	-21.70

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week	5 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	148.00	92.40	106.00	152.00	246.00
Embilipitiya	222.00	238.00	238.00	262.00	364.00
Puttalam	168.00	184.00	196.00	240.00	310.00
A'Pura	162.00	196.00	216.00	196.00	296.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (May– Dec 2022)**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May-2023	4026.94	3075.28	763.68	1361.98	598.30
April-2023	2183.46	1825.31	835.97	1352.77	516.80
March-2023	3408.37	2466.11	723.55	1439.94	716.39
Feb-2023	4224.49	3434.89	813.09	1625.09	812.00
Jan-2023	3079.93	2746.44	891.72	1752.35	860.63
Dec-2022	4063.21	3596.78	885.21	1785.38	900.17

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

## 2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

### Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of big onion cultivation was about 7,149 ha for 2023 Yala season and around 62 ha have been cultivated by the end of May 2023, which represent only about 1% of the targeted extent. Cultivation will be taken place until end of July,2023. In Matale district, targeted extent of big onion was 1597 ha and only 1 ha have been cultivated at the end of May 2023, which represent less than 1% of the targeted extent. Though the highest cultivated extent was recorded from Mahaweli –H area at the end of this month, cultivation progress in all the producing areas was in a low level.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Matale	1,597	1	0.06	21
Anuradhapura	724	2	0.28	33
Mahaweli – H	1,250	19	1.52	297
Mahaweli – H1	1,350	4	0.30	63
Other areas	2,228	36	1.62	615
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>1,029</b>

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2023, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent of red onion cultivation was 3910 ha for this Yala season and around 757 ha have been cultivated by the end of May 2023, which represent 19% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent (2000 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (552 ha) were recorded from Jaffna district and it represents 28% of the targeted extent. The estimated production of this Yala season was 7,786 Mt and out of that 82% was supplied from Jaffna (65%) and Puttalam (17%) districts.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	2,000	552	28	5,084
Puttalam	785	70	9	1,346
Vavuniya	280	32	11	382
Other area	845	103	12	974
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7,786</b>

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2023, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Big onion market supplies totally comprised imports and this situation would continue until Yala harvesting begins in August. Nursery preparation of big onion has been started in Matale district and Yala cultivation will be commenced during the next month and cultivation will be taken largely during the month of July. A quantity of 27,523 mt of big onion was imported in May 2023 and this quantity was higher than 4,270 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.57.64/kg and it has decreased by Rs.2.93/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively. The wholesale price of imported big onion ranged between Rs.70.00 – 110.00/kg while at the retail level it was recorded as Rs.110.00 – 140.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by about 41% and 37% respectively.

The supply of Vedalan red onion from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, wholesale price of vedalan have decreased by about Rs.23.00/kg while wholesale price of sinnan has increased by about Rs.34.00/kg due to limited supply. Both Sinnan and vedalan red onion varieties were not available at most of the retail markets.

A quantity of 1,291mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 231 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.108.01/kg and it has not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported red



onions has decreased by about Rs.33.00/kg while the retail price has increased by Rs.10.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of imported red onions has increased by about 13%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	250.00-310.00	276.67	242.50	205.00	34.17	14.09	71.67	34.96
Red Onion (Vedalan)	290.00-420.00	332.00	354.97	254.08	-22.97	-6.47	77.92	30.67
Red Onion (Imported)	200.00-350.00	275.60	308.25	326.49	-32.65	-10.59	-50.89	-15.59
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-110.00	96.66	91.35	164.93	5.31	5.82	-68.27	-41.39
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	346.00	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	483.63	433.13	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	350.00-520.00	433.52	423.24	382.91	10.29	2.43	50.61	13.22
Big Onion (imported)	110.00-140.00	127.64	120.91	203.29	6.72	5.56	-75.65	-37.21
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	May,2023	57.64	96.66	127.64	39.02	30.98
	April,2023	60.57	91.35	120.91	30.77	29.57
	May,2022	94.65	164.93	203.29	70.28	38.36
Red onion	May,2023	108.01	275.60	433.52	167.59	157.92
	April,2023	107.85	308.25	423.24	200.40	114.99
	May,2022	135.76	326.49	382.91	190.73	56.42

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
May-2023	27,523.01	57.64	96.66	127.64	69.99
April-2023	23,253.37	60.57	91.35	120.91	60.34
March-2023	30,172.31	61.75	94.18	126.33	64.59
February-2023	23,206.84	73.34	111.20	158.70	85.35
January-2023	27,637.65	84.21	145.40	188.50	104.29
Dec-2022	25,501.24	88.27	157.60	195.56	107.29

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	May,2023	April,2023	May,2023	April,2023	May,2023	April,2023
Red Onion	1291.26	1522.09	139.46	164.16	108.01	107.85
Big Onion	27523.01	23253.37	1586.52	1408.57	57.64	60.57

Source: Department of Customs

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

Yala cultivation of potato was commenced in both Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts. For yala 2023, the targeted extent of potato is 2,909 ha and about 105 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of May achieving only 4% of the targeted extent.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 885 ha for this yala season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,022 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 60 ha and 46 ha were cultivated by the end of May only achieving 6% and 2% of the targeted extent.

In Badulla as well as Nuwaraeliya district, most of the new cultivation for the yala season begins with the end of the harvesting season of potatoes. Since the harvesting of Maha cultivation is expected to be over from the month of June for Welimada and Nuwaraeliya potato the supply drop is expected in coming months. Compared to the same period of last yala season, the cultivated extents during this yala season were at high level in Nuwara Eliya and the Badulla district.

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the Colombo wholesale market with on-going harvesting for the maha season. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potato were Rs.251.00/kg and Rs.237.00/kg in May. The wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 4% and 13% in the Colombo wholesale market compared to month of April. However, the retail prices of Welimada potatoes remain same without any significant price change when compare to previous month. Nuwaraeliya potato did not available in the retail market due the low supply. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 12% and 13% respectively. During the month of May, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.220.00- 150.00/kg, Rs.240.00-280.00/kg and Rs.145.00-220.00/kg respectively. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further in June as the maha harvesting of Welimada and Nuwaraeliya potato is over by June.

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –Dec 2022 to May 2023**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May-2023	12,983	801.12	61.71	202.36	140.66
April-2023	9,545	562.88	58.97	178.51	119.54
March-2023	20,479	1145.17	55.92	159.15	103.23
February-2023	14,258	922.11	64.68	185.01	120.34
January-2023	17,961	1209.22	67.32	181.78	114.46
December-2022	15,183	1199.30	78.99	232.61	153.61

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	230.00-250.00	236.80	209.75	181.00	27.05	12.90	55.80	30.83
Nuwara Eliya	235.00-438.00	251.16	223.00	209.80	28.16	12.63	41.36	19.71
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	220.00-250.00	235.83	227.50	-	8.33	3.66	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	240.00-280.00	258.50	248.75	244.17	9.75	3.92	14.33	5.87
Imported	145.00-220.00	164.56	146.93	171.51	17.63	12.00	-6.95	-4.05
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	296.47	272.26	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	320.00-400.00	362.70	361.12	307.54	1.59	0.44	55.17	17.94
Imported	160.00-240.00	202.36	178.51	210.98	23.85	13.36	-8.62	-4.08
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		-236.80	86.72	91.26	-323.52	-373.05	-328.06	-359.48
Nuwara Eliya		111.54	138.12	97.74	-26.57	-19.24	13.81	14.13
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada		-235.83	68.97	272.26	-304.81	-441.92	-508.09	-186.62
Nuwara Eliya		104.20	112.37	63.37	-8.16	-7.27	40.83	64.44
Imported		37.80	31.58	39.47	6.22	19.70	-1.67	-4.23

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

### Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 30% of its targeted extent as at end of May in Yala 2023 season. The extent of the green gram cultivation has achieved 74% compared same period of last year extent. The expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 3,953 MT as at end of May 2023.

Inter-season Green gram cultivation was reported in Anuradhapura, Monaragala, and Rathnapura districts. Kurunegala, Hambanthota, and Monaragala districts have reported the highest cultivation extent at the end of May.

Cowpea cultivation has only achieved 28% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 11,545 Mt in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivation extend of cowpea reported in Ampara, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts. Extent of the cowpea cultivation in Sri Lanka has been decreased from 46% than last year cultivated extent as at end of May.

### Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.1250.00/kg and Rs.1500.00/kg with an average of Rs.1420.00/kg in May 2021. The average price has increased marginally by 1.48 % compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to May of 2022, the wholesale price has been increased by 76.12%. Increasing trend of the market price has not changed yet due to supply shortage in the market. In addition to, the retail price of green gram ranged between

Rs.1450.00/kg and Rs.1700.00/kg with an average of Rs.1569.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has not increased significantly.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	1250.00-1500.00	1420.03	1399.30	806.30	20.72	1.48	613.73	76.12
Cowpea (White)	550.00-780.00	656.87	646.22	571.73	10.65	1.65	85.14	14.89
Cowpea (Red)	600.00-825.00	702.93	695.55	483.17	7.38	1.06	219.76	45.48
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green gram	1450.00-1700.00	1577.67	1569.02	958.89	8.65	0.55	618.78	64.53
Cowpea (White)	760.00-1200.00	985.83	1042.74	757.36	-56.91	-5.46	228.47	30.17
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	966.03	1057.22	632.36	-91.19	-8.63	333.68	52.77

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.657.00/kg and Rs. 703.00/kg in May 2023. The wholesale prices of both white cowpea ranged between Rs.550.00/kg and Rs.780.00/kg while it is Rs.600.00 /kg to Rs. 825.00/kg for red cowpea. The wholesale price of white and red cowpea has not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Compared with the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 15% and red cowpea increased 45% (Table 2.4.2). The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.986.00/kg and Rs.966.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.760/kg and Rs.1200/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.800/kg and Rs.1200/kg. Compared to the previous month, both white and red cowpea has been decreased by around 5% and 9% respectively (Table 2.4.2).

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.270/kg and Rs.335/kg with an average of Rs.317/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.320/kg and Rs.380/kg with an average of Rs.356/kg. Wholesale price has been reduced marginally by 1% and the retail price has not change compared with the April 2023. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail price has decreased by 41% and 37% respectively.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>	270.00-335.00	317.34	322.64	541.40	-5.30	-1.64	-224.06	-41.39
<b>Retail Price</b>	320.00-380.00	355.85	353.39	566.26	2.46	0.70	-210.41	-37.16

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

Cultivation season of Yala 2023 is commenced and cultivation progress of up-country and low-country vegetables are recorded as 27% (4,630ha) and 43% (9,570ha) respectively. The targeted extent and production of up-country vegetables in this season are 17,355ha and 69,403mt respectively. For the low-country vegetables, 22,400ha of cultivation extent and 113,449mt production are expected. Ash plantain, pumpkin, okra, brinjal, luffa, long bean, winged bean and kekiri reported above 40% progress from their targets (*Crop Forecast, Vol.01, Yala 2023, Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture*).

**Table 3.1 :Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Yala 2023 Season**

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2023		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
<b>Up-Country Vegetables</b>				
Bean	3,726	896	24	7975
Beet	1,624	253	16	3973
Cabbage	2,596	571	22	1,5222
Capsicum	1,919	573	30	4,184
Carrot	1,648	466	28	10,024
Knol-khol	508	104	21	1,182
Leeks	1,155	375	32	6,392
Tomato	2,734	974	36	13,739
Radish	1,445	417	29	6,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,355</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>69,403</b>
<b>Low – country Vegetables</b>				
Pumpkin	3,471	1,476	43	21,740
Snake gourd	1,586	584	37	6,478
Cucumber	1,566	619	40	8,233
Bitter gourd	1,800	715	40	8,608
Okra	3,418	1,435	42	14,710
Brinjal	4,258	1,843	43	24,779
Ash plantain	136	181	133	2,675
Luffa	1,450	587	41	6,544
Long Bean	3,934	1,680	43	14,649
Winged bean	546	279	51	3,075
Kekiri	235	170	72	1,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,400</b>	<b>9,570</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>113,449</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>39,754</b>	<b>14,199</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>182,852</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2023, volume 02, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased due to decreased supply with the end of the *Maha* harvesting season. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 36%-139%. The highest price increase was reported for beans (139%). The highest price of Rs.356.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.139.00/kg was observed for radish. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have increased by 15%-100% except capsicum and ash plantain. The highest price of Rs. 470.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks, while the lowest price of Rs. 64.00/kg was for pumpkin. The price of capsicum decreased by 13% due to high supply from all the producing areas. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased with 1%-46%. The

highest price decrease of 46% being reported for tomatoes. However, leeks, cabbage, drumstick and ash plantain prices are increased and ranged 5%-68%.

**Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	250.00-500.00	356.03	149.16	479.40	206.87	138.69	-123.37	-25.73
Carrot	100.00-320.00	204.00	112.07	226.80	91.93	82.03	-22.80	-10.05
Leeks	150.00-300.00	230.60	170.20	137.60	60.40	35.48	93.00	67.59
Beetroot	150.00-450.00	260.98	147.78	263.98	113.20	76.60	-3.00	-1.14
Knolkhol	100.00-280.00	178.39	96.09	160.20	82.29	85.64	18.19	11.35
Radish	80.00-180.00	139.40	76.70	131.80	62.70	81.74	7.60	5.77
Cabbage	80.00-350.00	200.20	99.48	137.20	100.72	101.25	63.00	45.92
Tomato	120.00-380.00	249.80	153.18	464.60	96.62	63.07	-214.80	-46.23
Ladies Fingers	100.00-180.00	142.20	102.20	178.00	40.00	39.13	-35.80	-20.11
Brinjal	100.00-450.00	269.00	233.02	300.20	35.98	15.44	-31.20	-10.39
Capsicum	250.00-450.00	351.00	404.11	450.20	-53.11	-13.14	-99.20	-22.03
Pumpkin	30.00-80.00	63.80	46.01	94.20	17.79	38.66	-30.40	-32.27
Cucumber	50.00-120.00	89.27	56.52	99.60	32.75	57.94	-10.33	-10.37
Bittergourd	200.00-500.00	359.60	180.55	369.60	179.05	99.17	-10.00	-2.71
Snakegourd	180.00-350.00	257.96	146.61	261.80	111.35	75.95	-3.84	-1.47
Drumstick	100.00-800.00	469.63	380.00	337.82	89.63	23.59	131.81	39.02
Luffa	180.00-300.00	247.60	158.11	232.87	89.49	56.60	14.73	6.33
Long Beans	100.00-300.00	203.40	102.75	205.00	100.65	97.96	-1.60	-0.78
Ash Plantain	120.00-160.00	145.00	165.80	64.95	-20.80	-12.54	80.05	123.25
Green Chillies	150.00-300.00	222.60	300.27	331.00	-77.67	-25.87	-108.40	-32.75
Lime	200.00-350.00	291.62	297.05	579.60	-5.42	-1.83	-287.98	-49.69

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with increase wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have also increased. Retail prices of vegetables had increased by 16%-74%. Highest price increase was reported for beans (74%). The highest price of Rs.547.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.149.00/kg was observed for pumpkin. In addition, price of green chilli has decreased by 5%.

**Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – May 2023**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	280.00-640.00	464.13	266.81	567.38	197.32	73.95	-103.25	-18.20
Carrot	180.00-600.00	331.17	226.05	357.65	105.12	46.50	-26.48	-7.40
Leeks	240.00-560.00	362.24	284.43	268.46	77.81	27.36	93.77	34.93
Beetroot	240.00-630.00	420.93	258.63	419.70	162.30	62.75	1.23	0.29
Knolkhol	200.00-480.00	337.42	225.07	285.42	112.35	49.92	52.00	18.22
Radish	150.00-400.00	260.75	169.60	256.47	91.16	53.75	4.28	1.67
Cabbage	180.00-520.00	317.02	212.11	257.80	104.92	49.46	59.22	22.97
Tomato	160.00-680.00	393.72	290.49	648.26	103.23	35.54	-254.54	-39.27
Ladies Fingers	150.00-460.00	293.53	223.33	286.74	70.21	31.44	6.79	2.37
Brinjal	200.00-800.00	412.08	346.85	414.12	65.24	18.81	-2.03	-0.49
Capsicum	350.00-800.00	547.30	639.86	702.03	-92.55	-14.46	-154.72	-22.04
Pumpkin	80.00-200.00	149.02	127.84	173.07	21.19	16.57	-24.04	-13.89
Cucumber	100.00-240.00	186.43	148.43	173.22	38.00	25.60	13.22	7.63
Bittergourd	300.00-700.00	490.69	333.10	470.48	157.58	47.31	20.21	4.30
Snakegourd	240.00-520.00	388.04	272.85	367.47	115.19	42.22	20.57	5.60
Drumstick	300.00-1200.00	739.92	622.50	712.54	117.42	18.86	27.38	3.84
Luffa	240.00-560.00	399.59	289.24	355.32	110.35	38.15	44.27	12.46
Long Beans	180.00-480.00	350.74	223.10	346.36	127.64	57.21	4.38	1.26
Ash Plantain	160.00-400.00	277.62	270.85	168.25	6.77	2.50	109.37	65.00
Green Chilli	250.00-700.00	492.33	518.45	608.59	-26.12	-5.04	-116.26	-19.10
Lime	300.00-650.00	508.03	520.76	934.33	-12.73	-2.44	-426.30	-45.63

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

#### 4. Fruits

##### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In May, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased due to on-going harvesting period for most of the fruit types. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *ambul* (52%), *seeni* (32%), *anamalu* (31%), *kolikuttu* (31%) and *ambun* (22%) banana have decreased due to increased supply from Embilipitiya, Monaragala and Rajanganaya areas. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.250.00-400.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.60.00-180.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.80.00-150.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.20.00-34.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.15.00-32.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Considering the prices of pineapple, the price of small size has decreased by 4% while the prices of large and medium sizes have increased by 1%. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.569.00/fruit (large), Rs.470.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.348.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. Considering the mango varieties, ample stocks were available for *karthakolomban*, *vilad* and *betti* mango in the market. Prices of those types have decreased further by 47%, 39% and 34% respectively due to on-going harvesting season till June.

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the highest price decrease was recorded for papaw (49%), followed by passion fruit (43%), wood apple (25%) and avocado (23%) due to arrival of sufficient stocks from major producing areas.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 230% reported for pineapple (medium size) (Table 4.1).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-180.00	106.45	220.47	60.37	-114.03	-51.72	46.08	76.33
Kolikuttu (Kg)	250.00-400.00	336.18	486.88	169.50	-150.70	-30.95	166.68	98.34
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-150.00	107.08	156.68	62.70	-49.61	-31.66	44.38	70.78
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-32.00	22.71	32.98	11.62	-10.28	-31.16	11.09	95.45
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-34.00	28.64	36.65	14.55	-8.02	-21.87	14.09	96.81
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	470.00-700.00	569.47	564.72	187.67	4.75	0.84	381.81	203.45
Medium (Fruit)	360.00-600.00	470.58	464.17	142.33	6.41	1.38	328.24	230.62
Small (Fruit)	260.00-420.00	348.11	364.45	106.31	-16.34	-4.48	241.80	227.45
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	20.00-44.00	31.73	59.92	26.43	-28.19	-47.04	5.30	20.05
Karthakolomban(fruit)	50.00-130.00	83.13	135.67	62.63	-52.55	-38.73	20.50	32.73
Vilad (Fruit)	35.00-66.00	50.26	75.69	27.03	-25.43	-33.60	23.23	85.92
Kohu (Fruit)	10.00-20.00	15.35	-	16.44	-	-	-1.09	-6.61
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-140.00	101.85	201.03	129.42	-99.18	-49.34	-27.57	-21.31
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	25.14	44.45	24.47	-19.31	-43.44	0.67	2.74
Woodapple (Fruit)	40.00-90.00	56.42	75.12	33.91	-18.70	-24.90	22.51	66.38
Orange (Fruit)	45.00-80.00	61.80	64.31	25.69	-2.51	-3.90	36.11	140.53
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-130.00	87.92	113.87	70.43	-25.95	-22.79	17.49	24.83
Slime Apple (Fruit)	16.00-30.00	22.10	27.38	23.08	-5.28	-19.27	-0.98	-4.25
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1600.00-2100.00	1865.00	1743.75	1368.80	121.25	6.95	496.20	36.25

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased in May. Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the highest price decrease of 30% was reported for *ambul* banana, followed by *kolikuttu* banana (23%). Prices of *ambun*, *anamalu* and *seeni* banana have increased in the range of 16%-20%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.300.00-600.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.120.00-280.00/kg for *ambul* banana and Rs.100.00-260.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have decreased in the range of 9%-13% due to decreased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.400.00-600.00/fruit for medium size fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Among the mango varieties, the prices of *vilad* and *karthakolomban* have decreased by 36% and 28% respectively due to availability of ample stocks in the market.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of papaw (32%), passion fruit (27%), and avocado (11%) have decreased due to increased supply. However, the prices of other types of fruits have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail



prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 158% reported for pineapple (medium size) (Table 4.2).

**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	120.00-280.00	201.61	286.23	117.75	-84.62	-29.56	83.86	71.22
Kolikuttu (Kg)	300.00-600.00	456.28	591.31	264.27	-135.02	-22.83	192.01	72.66
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-260.00	198.81	248.02	133.49	-49.21	-19.84	65.32	48.93
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	29.15	34.74	19.09	-5.59	-16.09	10.06	52.67
Ambun (Fruit)	25.00-48.00	36.00	42.87	24.00	-6.87	-16.02	12.01	50.03
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	500.00-700.00	589.30	649.42	252.35	-60.12	-9.26	336.95	133.52
Medium (Fruit)	400.00-600.00	488.42	551.52	196.92	-63.10	-11.44	291.50	148.03
Small (Fruit)	270.00-500.00	379.61	434.50	147.13	-54.89	-12.63	232.48	158.01
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	60.00-200.00	135.80	188.10	98.82	-52.31	-27.81	36.98	37.42
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	79.98	124.17	54.49	-44.18	-35.59	25.49	46.78
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	120.00-300.00	217.84	320.15	209.04	-102.31	-31.96	8.80	4.21
Passionfruit (Fruit)	22.00-66.00	44.15	60.66	39.28	-16.51	-27.22	4.87	12.39
Woodapple (Fruit)	80.00-200.00	135.50	135.02	73.30	0.48	0.36	62.20	84.86
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	105.74	102.52	64.27	3.22	3.14	41.47	64.51
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	122.07	137.37	100.81	-15.29	-11.13	21.26	21.09
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-150.00	85.71	85.642	64.47	0.07	0.08	21.24	32.95
Grapes Imported (Kg)	2000.00-3000.00	2647.41	2583.9	1779.61	63.56	2.46	867.81	48.76

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	42.50-116.00	65.67	124.06	30.70	-58.39	-47.07	34.97	113.91
Kolikuttu	170.00-288.00	222.80	309.13	122.45	-86.33	-27.93	100.35	81.95
Papaw	45.00-92.00	66.50	111.71	53.62	-45.21	-40.47	12.88	24.02

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,395 mt of fresh fruits in May, 2023 to the value of Rs.224 mn. Of the exported quantity, 95% were papaw and 3% were fresh pineapple. Compared to May 2022 (1,498 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,115 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.436 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 641 mt,

followed by oranges (272 mt). Compared to the month of May, 2022 (337 mt), the imported quantity had increased during this year (Table 4.5).

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – March to May 2023**

Type of Fruit	May- 2023			April - 2023			March- 2023		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Papaw	1329.64	167.90	126.27	753.55	121.65	161.44	742.85	149.86	201.73
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	29.29	44.55	1521.04	9.01	12.60	1398.70	24.47	33.81	1381.68
Fresh Avocado	1.41	1.11	790.59	8.06	7.43	921.55	16.48	11.26	683.03
Pineapple, fresh	35.53	9.93	279.42	35.87	14.32	399.34	48.04	17.97	374.08

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – March to May 2023**

Type of Fruit	May - 2023			April - 2023			March - 2023		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	641.32	239.23	373.03	448.85	170.75	380.42	546.48	221.84	405.94
Grapes	201.61	147.02	729.24	133.94	89.71	669.78	304.88	187.96	616.51
Oranges	272.28	50.12	184.06	117.26	21.89	186.64	117.20	20.95	178.79

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

## 5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the food inflation (Y-o-Y) had decreased further to 21.5% in May 2023, from 30.6%, prices of all the fish varieties, had increased at the wholesale level due to falling supply from southern and western coastal belts as it enters the lean season for fishing. Further, heavy rains and strong winds in the southern and western coastal areas prevented normal fishing activities for a period of 10 days. As mentioned earlier, due to the rise in the cost of living and loss of income, consumers have been compelled to reduce their consumption of high-value foods such as fish and meat, decreasing demand for these products. A shift in demand from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones continue to observe.

Among all the fresh fish varieties, the largest price hike was observed for balaya at 27%, followed by both hurulla and kelawalla at 24%. Equally, prices for most of the remaining fish varieties, with the exception of shrimp (small) had increased within the range of 18% to 5%.

As mentioned earlier, the economic crisis-induced demand shift from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones have been observed. For instance, the price of hurulla and salaya which had been increasing for several consecutive months, in the last year and this year, showed a further price increase in May (by 18% and 24% respectively) due to high demand. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had increased, ranging from 5% to 34%, with the most notable increase seen in the price of paraw as 34%.

As a result of the wholesale price changes, the retail prices for most of the fish varieties have increased in comparison to the previous month. The largest price increase was reported for both kelawalla and mora as 28%. Next, prices of balaya, paraw and thalapath had increased in the range of 23% - 24%. Meantime, prices of all the remaining fish varieties, except for shrimp (small) had increased by less than 12%. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for all fresh fish varieties have increased, with the most significant increase noted for salaya as 53%.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	250.00-650.00	455.40	386.88	366.39	68.53	17.71	89.01	24.29
Hurulla	600.00-1100.00	869.40	699.50	727.57	169.90	24.29	141.83	19.49
Balaya	800.00-1450.00	1056.40	833.00	828.98	223.40	26.82	227.42	27.43
Kelawalla	1200.00-2000.00	1464.00	1180.00	1115.67	284.00	24.07	348.33	31.22
Thora	1400.00-2400.00	1918.00	1820.75	1828.50	97.25	5.34	89.50	4.89
Paraw	1000.00-1800.00	1350.20	1156.75	1004.38	193.45	16.72	345.82	34.43
Mora	840.00-1700.00	1155.33	1037.33	-	118.00	11.38	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1300.00-1750.00	1544.35	1527.50	1412.33	16.85	1.10	132.01	9.35
Thalapath	1400.00-2300.00	1796.80	1575.00	1488.25	221.80	14.08	308.55	20.73
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	400.00-900.00	685.01	600.63	448.00	84.38	14.05	237.01	52.91
Hurulla	800.00-1400.00	1118.33	971.84	848.71	146.49	15.07	269.62	31.77
Balaya	1100.00-2300.00	1625.58	1326.51	1429.37	299.07	22.55	196.21	13.73
Kelawalla	1600.00-3400.00	2367.58	1842.79	1830.71	524.79	28.48	536.86	29.33
Thora	2300.00-3800.00	3078.19	2716.06	2235.96	362.12	13.33	842.23	37.67
Paraw	1460.00-3200.00	2381.75	1921.08	2176.67	460.68	23.98	205.09	9.42
Mora	1400.00-2800.00	2050.10	1603.47	1840.00	446.63	27.85	210.10	11.42
Shrimp (small)	1500.00-2300.00	1777.14	1819.71	1383.54	-42.57	-2.34	393.60	28.45
Thalapath	2100.00-3600.00	2920.39	2359.71	2120.18	560.68	23.76	800.21	37.74

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In March 2023, prices of most dried fish varieties also experienced a slight increase in prices following the high prices of the common fresh fish varieties.

The highest price hike at the wholesale level was recorded for salaya at 20% due to high fresh fish prices. Further, prices of balaya had increased by 14% and the prices of sprats had increased by 11%. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties, except for anguluwa (imported) increased by less than 6%. However, prices of anguluwa (imported) had shown a price drop of 4%.

Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for 50% of the dried fish varieties had increased, while prices for the remaining dried fish varieties had decreased in the wholesale market. Of the price increased varieties, the highest was reported for maduwa as 20%.

During the same period, the retail prices of all the dried fish varieties had slightly increased, which could be attributed to the high cost of transportation. The highest price increase was reported for balaya as 9%. Prices of other dried fish varieties showed a price increase of less than 8%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased, with the highest price increase noted for maduwa as 48%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>								
Sprats	1140.00-1420.00	1303.20	1169.75	1623.45	133.45	11.41	-320.25	-19.73
Sprats (imported)	650.00-950.00	826.67	825.21	1136.07	1.46	0.18	-309.40	-27.23
Kattawa	-	-	-	1850.00	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1500.00-1700.00	1591.00	1566.50	1934.07	24.50	1.56	-343.07	-17.74
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1600.00-1800.00	1693.00	1702.63	1866.39	-9.63	-0.57	-173.39	-9.29
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	980.00-1380.00	1115.40	982.00	986.98	133.40	13.58	128.42	13.01
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1500.00-1700.00	1642.21	1715.91	1542.35	-73.70	-4.29	99.87	6.48
Maduwa	1180.00-1400.00	1313.22	1237.25	1098.85	75.97	6.14	214.37	19.51
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	550.00-940.00	728.00	609.81	662.86	118.19	19.38	65.14	9.83
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>								
Sprats(imported)	900.00-1400.00	1207.70	1203.95	1437.43	3.75	0.31	-229.73	-15.98
Sprats	1400.00-2500.00	1838.90	1698.65	1767.45	140.25	8.26	71.45	4.04
Kattawa	2000.00-2800.00	2471.98	2375.03	2456.42	96.95	4.08	15.56	0.63
Thora	3000.00-3500.00	3244.76	-	3516.67	-	-	-271.90	-7.73
Mora	2000.00-2800.00	2328.16	2304.88	2109.27	23.28	1.01	218.89	10.38
Balaya	1200.00-1800.00	1535.79	1403.62	1325.74	132.18	9.42	210.05	15.84
Anguluwa	1800.00-2800.00	2393.29	2251.79	1937.69	141.51	6.28	455.60	23.51
Maduwa	1800.00-2600.00	2273.33	-	1533.65	-	-	739.68	48.23
Salaya	800.00-1400.00	1137.62	1062.33	922.45	75.29	7.09	215.17	23.33

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Eggs

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

In the wholesale market, prices of both brown eggs and white eggs had increased by 4% and 2% respectively due to high demand for eggs as a result of diminishing supply of fish. The recorded average wholesale price of a white egg (Rs. 48.25) was higher than the stipulated maximum retail price of Rs.44.00 in May.

Demand dropped just after the festival season and thereby prices had decreased for both types of eggs. Prices of brown eggs had decreased by 6% and while prices of white eggs had decreased by 4%. However, the reported average price of Rs 53.00 for brown egg and Rs 52.00 for white eggs was higher than the MRP. When comparing to the same period last year, the wholesale prices of both types of eggs had surged by over 44%.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	48.00-48.00	48.00	46.00	33.01	2.00	4.35	14.99	45.41
White (each)	44.00-52.00	49.20	48.25	30.99	0.95	1.97	18.22	58.79
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	46.00-54.00	49.58	52.96	32.66	-3.39	-6.39	16.91	51.78
White (each)	44.00-60.00	50.28	52.31	31.28	-2.03	-3.88	19.01	60.77

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Meat

Compared to April, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market in May. The highest price hike was noted for beef (without bones) as 3%. Next, prices of mutton and pork had increased by less than 3%. Meanwhile, the highest price drop was reported for chicken (broiler) as 3%. Compared to last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for pork as 79%.

**Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –May 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	2200.00-2500.00	2,336.67	2,279.17	1663.33	57.50	2.52	673.33	40.48
Chicken (Broiler)	1300.00-1670.00	1,412.45	1,456.14	997.56	-43.68	-3.00	414.90	41.59
Chicken (curry)	1200.00-1750.00	1,414.72	1,431.67	863.39	-16.94	-1.18	551.33	63.86
Mutton	2800.00-3300.00	3,044.44	3,023.61	2306.67	20.83	0.69	737.78	31.98
Pork	1400.00-2000.00	1,729.33	1,700.48	967.62	28.86	1.70	761.71	78.72

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A Total quantity of 90,347mt of wheat grain, worth of 9,998mn had been imported during May. Compared to the quantity imported in previous month, the quantity imported in this month has increased by around 12,690mt. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Romania at a CIF price of Rs.110.66/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has decreased by Rs.21.63/kg.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported in this month was 11,561mt, worth 1,683mn. Compared to the previous month, this month quantity has increased by around 2,460mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour has imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.139.94/kg and that was 83% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in May. Remain quantity has imported from UAE (10%),

India (6%) and few quantities from China and Australia. Average CIF price of wheat flour imported in this month was Rs.145.55/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.11.78/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.230.40-235.96/kg and the average price was Rs.233.40/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by 2% and compared to the same period of last year, price has decreased by 10%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2023	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022	April 2023		May 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	230.40-235.96	233.40	228.32	259.44	5.08	2.22	-26.04	-10.04
Sugar	246.38-269.62	257.45	233.53	250.31	23.92	10.24	7.14	2.85

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- December 2022 to May 2023**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
May-2023	11,560.79	1682.65	145.55	233.40	87.85
April-2023	9,100.79	1431.77	157.32	228.32	71.00
March-2023	6,008.63	1007.55	167.68	227.04	59.36
February-2023	21,470.58	4020.70	187.27	242.92	55.66
January-2023	17,123.90	3299.92	192.71	249.52	56.81
December-2022	29,356.97	5787.48	197.14	263.58	66.44
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
May-2023	90,346.56	9,998.07	110.66	233.40	122.74
April-2023	77,656.08	10,273.24	132.29	228.32	96.03
March-2023	110,419.03	13,505.27	122.31	227.04	104.73
February-2023	77,600.76	11,218.83	144.57	242.92	98.35
January-2023	48.00	9.41	196.06	249.52	53.46
December-2022	30,514.41	4,824.02	158.09	263.58	105.49

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

## Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported in this month was 24,698mt worth 5,367mn and it has increased by around 14,190mt when compared to the quantity imported in April. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 81% of the total quantity. Rest of quantity has imported from Pakistan (12%), Thailand (4%), South Korea (2%) and UAE (1%). The average CIF price was Rs.217.31/kg and compared to the previous month it has increased by Rs.18.82/kg. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from South Korea (Rs.230.67/kg) while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from UAE (Rs.197.76/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, price ranged from Rs.246.38-269.62/kg and the average retail price was Rs.257.45/kg. Compared to the last month, average retail price has increased by 10% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 3%.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- December 2022 to May 2023**

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
May-2023	24,697.70	5366.94	217.31	257.45	40.14
April-2023	10,507.42	2085.56	198.48	233.53	35.05
March-2023	21,412.25	4238.03	197.93	219.38	21.45
February-2023	10,652.80	2223.65	208.74	234.13	25.40
January-2023	9,190.42	2036.64	221.60	229.46	7.86
December-2022	10,099.85	2151.23	213.00	234.10	21.10

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

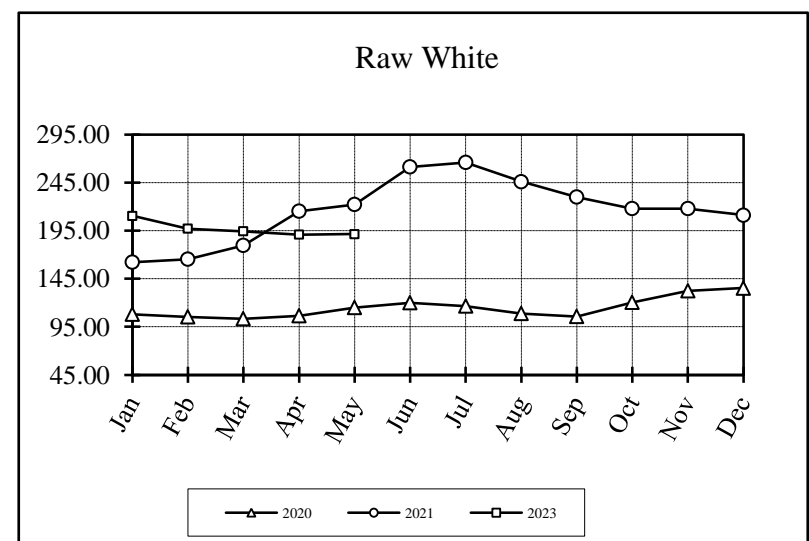
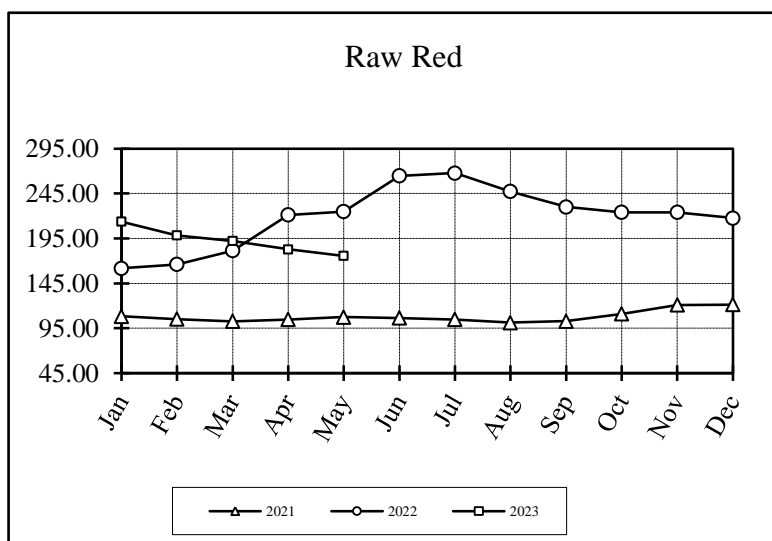
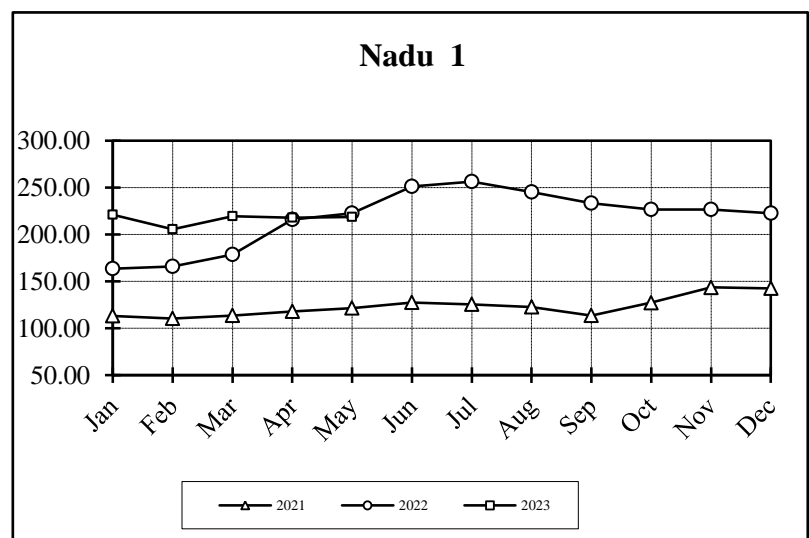
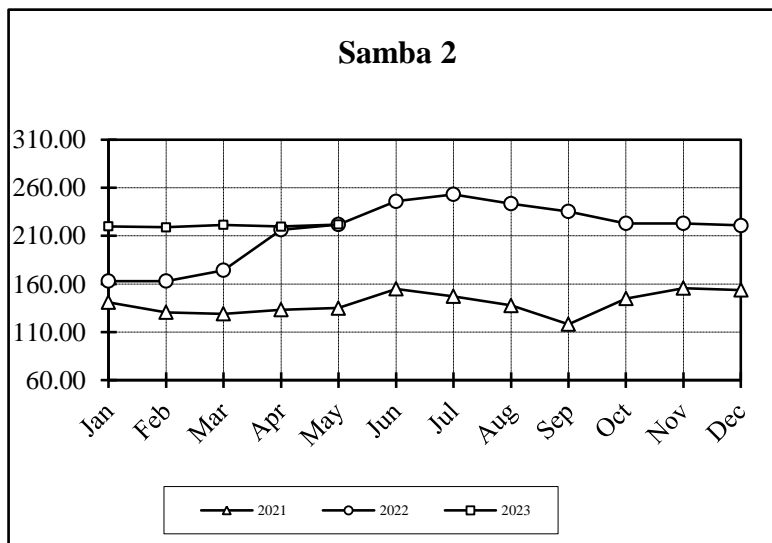
**Table 7: Import of selected food items -May 2023**

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	May 2023	April 2023		May 2023	April 2023		May 2023	April 2023	
Rice	3278.2	1278.7	156	561.8	286.5	96	171.4	224.1	(24)
Red Onion	1291.3	1522.1	(15)	139.5	164.2	(15)	108.0	107.9	0
Big Onion	27523.0	23253.4	18	1586.5	1408.6	13	57.6	60.6	(5)
Potato	12982.9	9545.0	36	801.1	562.9	42	61.7	59.0	5
Maysoor Dhal	28343.5	17563.6	61	6795.4	3938.3	73	239.7	224.2	7
Garlic	3703.8	1791.5	107	1029.3	469.0	119	277.9	261.8	6
Wheat flour	11560.8	9100.8	27	1682.7	1431.8	18	145.5	157.3	(7)
Wheat grain	90346.6	77656.1	16	9998.1	10273.2	(3)	110.7	132.3	(16)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	24697.7	10507.4	135	5366.9	2085.6	157	217.3	198.5	9
Maize (Other)	99.0	102.0	(3)	18.1	26.1	(31)	182.4	256.2	(29)

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

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

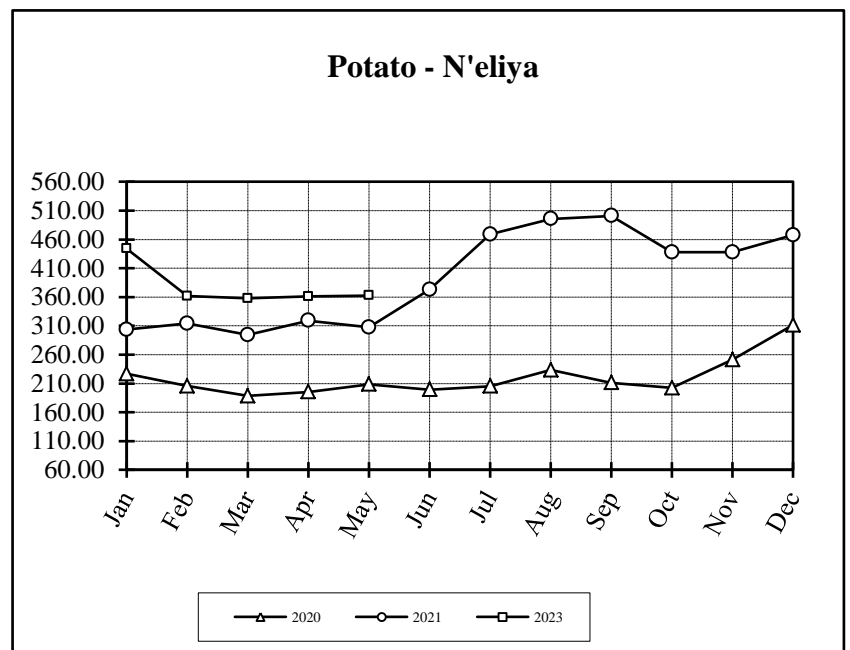
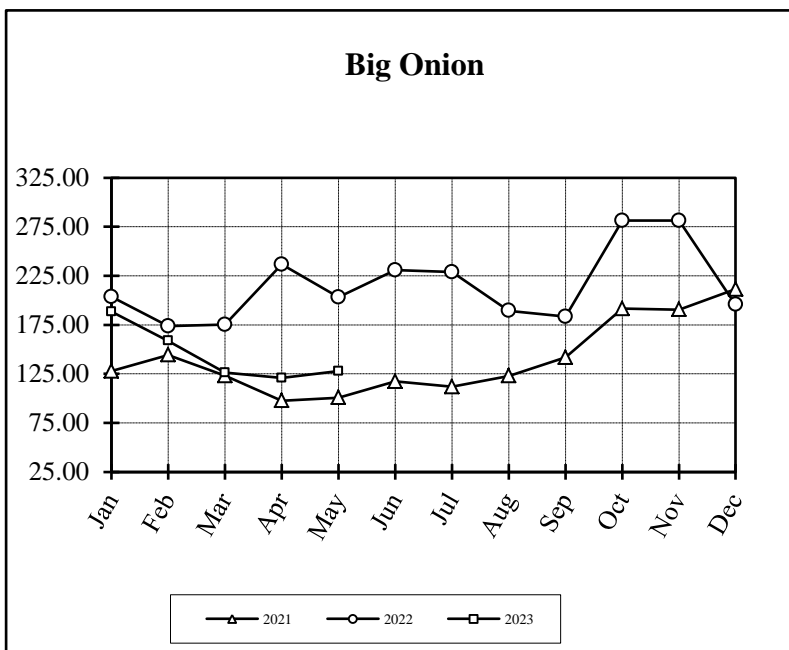
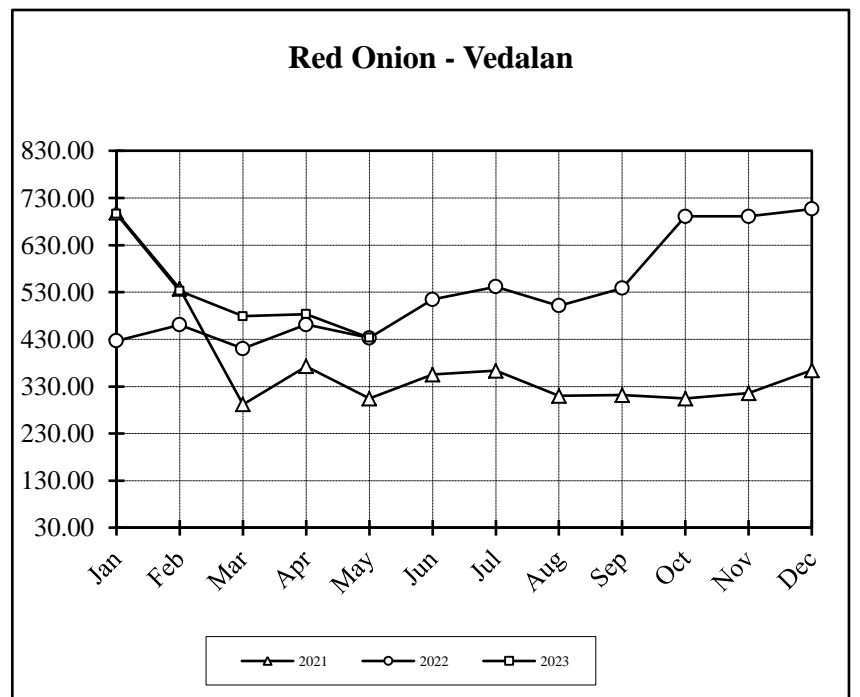
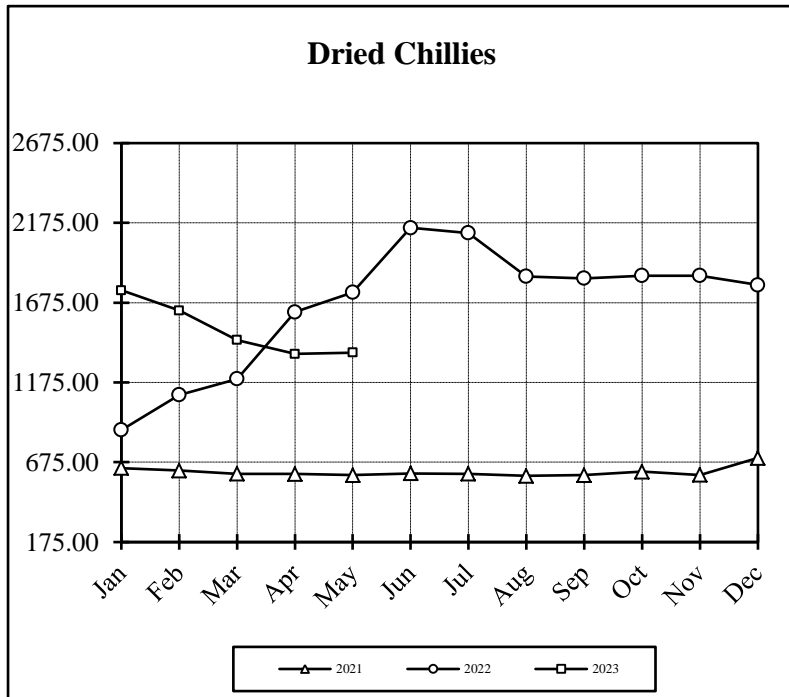
Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	141.10	163.05	219.81	113.10	163.43	220.92	108.31	161.74	213.83	108.03	162.13	210.47
Feb	130.44	162.91	218.90	110.43	165.94	205.48	105.14	166.21	198.52	105.33	165.39	197.12
Mar	128.86	174.23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





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

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



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

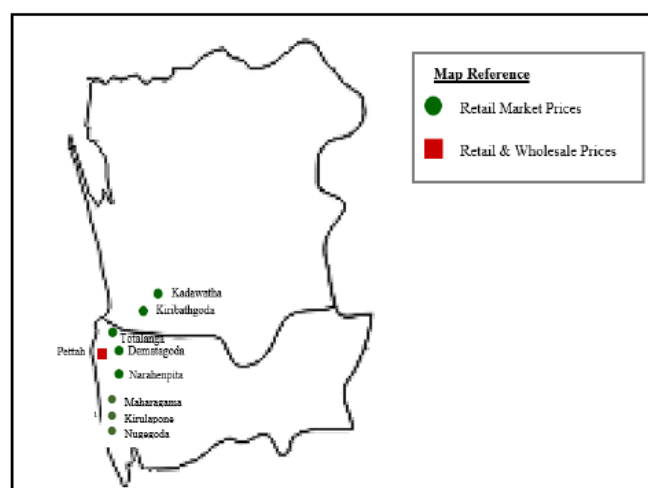
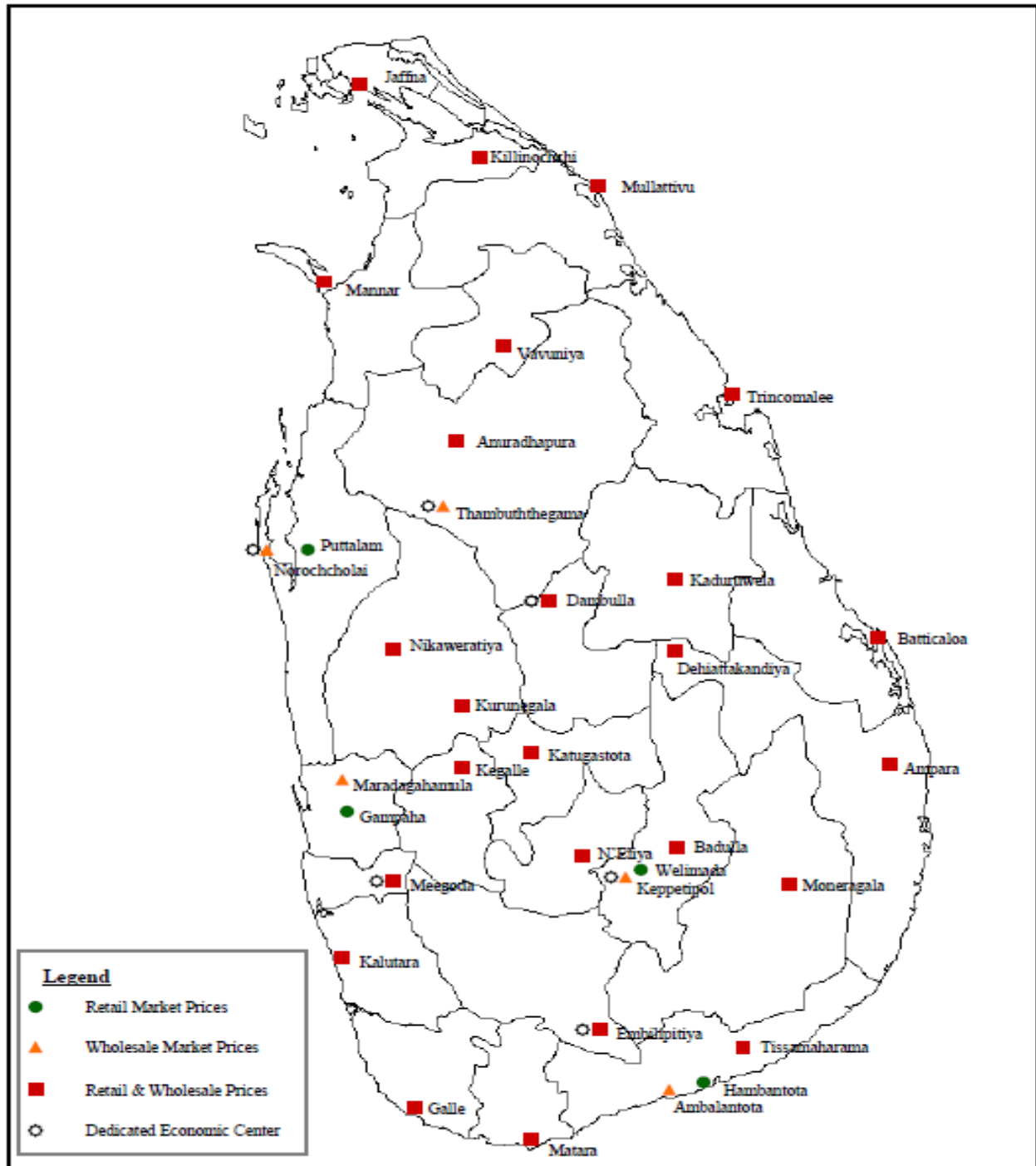
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Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>						<b>Potato</b>						<b>Leeks</b>					
<b>Short grain</b>						N'Eliya	237.80	281.00	256.00	243.00	238.00	Welimada	128.00	143.00	246.00	211.00	215.00
A'pura	102.00	102.40	107.00	105.60	102.00	Badulla	221.00	236.00	240.00	238.00	N'Eliya	159.00	166.00	256.00	239.00	229.00	
P'narawa	109.90	109.90	110.30	110.30	110.30	Welimada	235.00	236.00	242.00	237.00	234.00						
Kalawewa	102.00	103.00	106.60	104.20	103.00	<b>Pulses</b>						<b>Beetroot</b>					
Kurunegala	106.75	108.00	107.50	106.50	105.25	<b>Green Gram</b>						Hanguranketha	116.00	151.00			233.00
Dehiattakandiya	108.67	108.00	107.33	109.83	108.33	Galgamuwa		1225.00	1225.00	1225.00	1216.67	N'Eliya	122.00	166.00	281.00	280.00	264.00
Ampara	100.00	100.00		105.00	105.00	Kalawewa						Dambulla	178.13	180.00	190.83	320.00	300.00
<b>Long grain (White)</b>						Embilipitiya	1310.00	1310.00	1310.00	1310.00	1310.00	Kurunegala					
A'pura	87.80	90.00	89.60	86.60	84.20	Kurunegala						Welimada	99.00	157.00	254.00	261.00	266.00
P'narawa	93.80	93.90	93.90	90.70	89.50	A'pura	1240.00	1140.00	1140.00	1140.00	1040.00	<b>Knokhol</b>					
Kalawewa	87.60	88.00	89.00	86.60	83.80	<b>Cowpea</b>						Hanguranketha	76.00	94.20		157.50	168.00
Kurunegala	91.25	91.25	91.00	89.00	87.25	A'pura						N'Eliya	79.00	134.00	174.00	159.00	224.00
Dehiattakandiya	95.83	91.67	91.50	88.83	89.33	Galgamuwa	516.67	550.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	Welimada	64.00	124.00	146.00	159.00	189.00
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						<b>Radish</b>					
Ampara	90.00	90.00	89.50	85.00	80.00	Kalawewa		575.00	575.00	550.00	483.33	Hanguranketha	35.00	45.00	58.33	78.33	89.60
Matara						Embilipitiya	535.00	610.00	610.00	610.00	610.00	N'Eliya	56.00	56.60	84.00	88.00	96.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Welimada	26.00	19.40	56.00	60.00	64.00
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>						<b>Maize</b>						<b>Cabbage</b>					
Matara	82.50	81.25	81.25	81.25	73.75	A'Pura	147.00	147.00	144.00	137.00	127.50	Hanguranketha	85.00	101.00		166.25	232.00
Hambantota	82.80	82.80	82.80	82.80	73.25	Kalawewa	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00		N'Eliya	101.00	103.00	178.00	236.00	258.00
Ampara	86.50	86.50	84.00	77.00	74.50	<b>Gingelly</b>						Welimada	51.00	69.00	150.00	196.00	229.00
Embilipitiya	80.80	81.20	80.80	78.20	73.20	A'Pura				612.50	550.00	Hambantota					
<b>Keeri Samba</b>						Kalawewa						Badulla	73.00	73.00	132.00	171.00	218.00
A'pura	124.80	129.00	137.00	135.00	132.50	<b>Black Gram</b>						<b>Tomato</b>					
Polonnaruwa	139.81	140.90	141.90	143.70	142.70	Kalawewa		800.00	800.00			Hanguranketha	70.00	102.00	200.00	165.00	164.00
Kalawewa	122.50	125.00	137.50	135.00	131.67	A'Pura			800.00	825.00	750.00	Welimada	131.00	157.00	135.00	135.00	167.00
Kurunegala	127.50	132.25	132.50	133.75	132.50	<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>						Hambantota					
Dehiattakandiya	138.33	141.00	142.67	141.83	138.00	<b>Beans</b>						Dambulla	155.00	187.00	240.00	197.00	198.00
<b>Red Onion</b>						Dambulla	212.00	282.00	330.00	196.00	212.00	<b>Low Country</b>					
<b>Big Onion</b>						Welimada	255.00	259.00	356.00	164.00	256.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>					
Dambulla						Badulla	216.00	236.00	346.00	185.00	250.00	A'pura	108.00	108.00	148.00	148.00	144.00
Kalawewa						<b>Carrot</b>						Dambulla	119.00	95.00	132.00	156.50	103.00
A'Pura						Hanguranketha	94.00	100.00		177.00	215.00	Hambantota	95.00	112.50	130.00	136.00	136.00
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	101.00	105.80	225.00	231.00	272.00	Embilipitiya	125.00	135.00	135.00	140.00	108.00
						Welimada	81.00	83.00	172.00	191.00	252.00	Matara	110.00	113.33	135.00	138.33	95.00

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Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Brinjals</b>						<b>Pumpkin</b>						<b>Lime</b>					
A'pura	128.00	134.00	228.00	328.00	356.00	Dambulla	26.60	57.80	54.80	48.20	54.80	Hambantota					
Dambulla	160.50	130.00	236.00	352.00	412.00	Hambantota	38.75	38.75	50.00	42.50	48.75	Embilipitiya	285.00	204.00	192.00	192.00	186.00
Hambantota						Embilipitiya	52.00	58.00	74.00	74.00	64.00	Moneragala	238.00	258.00	138.00	208.00	238.00
Embilipitiya	145.00	102.00	236.00	312.00	271.00	Matara	31.67	31.67	51.67	51.67	45.00	<b>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</b>					
Matara	120.00	123.33	243.33	250.00	316.67	A'pura	32.00	37.00	54.00	44.00	39.00	<b>Banana</b>					
Welimada	101.00	99.00		268.00	314.00	Moneragala				54.00	44.00	<b>Ambul</b>					
						<b>Cucumber</b>						Moneragala	74.00	54.00	54.00	44.00	54.00
<b>Capsicum</b>						A'pura	37.00	42.00	64.00	39.00	44.00	Embilipitiya	96.00	85.00	62.00	46.00	44.00
Welimada	231.00	265.00	352.00	347.00	388.00	Dambulla	59.20	43.40	63.00	42.80	42.60	Hambantota	116.00	116.00	55.00	42.50	42.50
<b>Bitter Gourd</b>						Hambantota	43.75	60.00	60.00	60.00	43.75	<b>Kolikuttu</b>					
A'pura	168.00	188.00	336.00	388.00	388.00	Matara	50.00	55.00	61.67	55.00	38.33	Moneragala	288.00	254.00	170.00	208.00	188.00
Dambulla	196.00	216.00	374.00	356.00	410.00	<b>Long beans</b>						Embilipitiya	248.00	236.00	212.00	212.00	212.00
Hambantota						Dambulla	109.00	116.00	222.00	184.50	203.00	Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	304.00	264.00	357.50	407.50	407.50	Hambantota	92.00	120.00				<b>Papaw</b>					
						Embilipitiya	184.00	241.00	241.00	249.00	249.00	Moneragala	88.00	68.00	64.00	74.00	64.00
<b>Snake Gourd</b>						Matara	100.00	110.00	210.00	196.67	210.00	Embilipitiya	92.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	92.00
Dambulla	99.00	178.50	186.00	242.00	276.00	A'Pura	94.00	134.00	196.00	208.00	232.00	Hambantota	84.00	84.00	47.50	45.00	45.00
Hambantota	130.00	144.00	182.50	165.00	180.00	<b>Ash Plantain</b>						<b>Pineapple</b>					
Embilipitiya	120.00	160.00	285.00	277.00	259.00	Hambantota	88.00	90.00	90.00	96.00	90.00	Divulapitiya					
Matara	140.00	133.33	236.67	253.33	240.00	Embilipitiya	100.00	93.00	100.00	108.00	108.00						
A'pura	114.00	128.00	228.00	228.00	228.00	Matara	115.00	108.33	101.67	101.67	95.00						
<b>Luffa</b>						<b>Green Chillies</b>											
Dambulla	158.75	162.50	282.50	227.50	210.00	Dambulla	148.00	92.40	106.00	152.00	246.00						
Hambantota	144.00	156.00			185.00	Hambantota											
Embilipitiya	206.00	238.00	304.00	304.00	279.00	Embilipitiya	222.00	238.00	238.00	262.00	364.00						
Matara	141.67	141.67		240.00	233.33	Puttalam	168.00	184.00	196.00	240.00	310.00						
A'pura	134.00	144.00	248.00	238.00	238.00	A'Pura	162.00	196.00	216.00	196.00	296.00						

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