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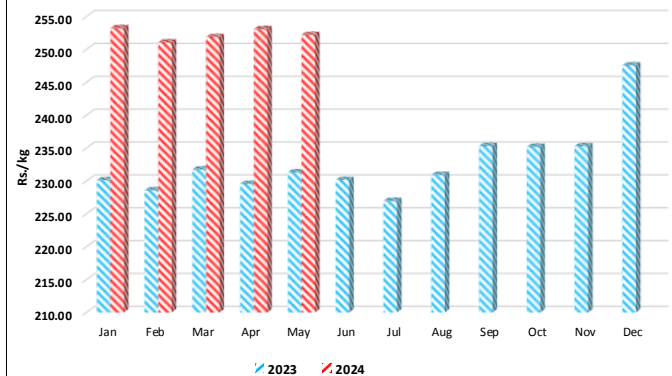
Paddy/Rice

- Keeri Samba was scarcely available at the retail level, with prices ranging between Rs.350.00 and Rs.380.00, significantly exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP).
- Average retail prices for Samba Grade 1, Nadu Grade 1, and raw red rice surpassed the government-regulated MRP.

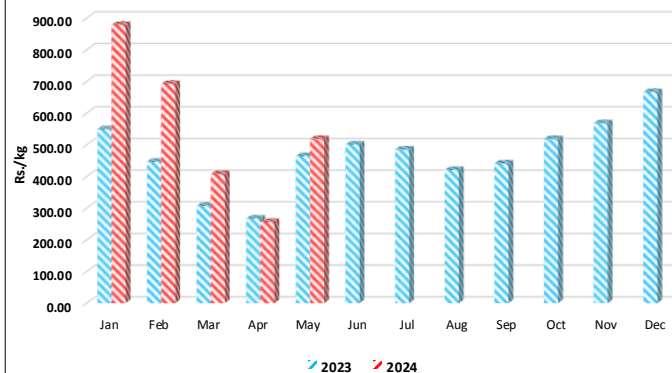
Vegetables

- Retail prices of most vegetables increased by 3%–102%.
- The highest price increase was recorded for beans, at Rs.262.00/kg.
- Lime prices rose by 68%, reaching Rs.719/kg.

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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| 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

According to the Crop Forecast from the Department of Agriculture, paddy area target for the 2024 Yala season is 534, 335 ha. Sown extent reported as at the end May 2024 is 414,398 ha, 78% achievement from the target. Sown area of paddy (414,398 ha) in May 2024 is same as year-on-year basis.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - May 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2024		May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	125.00	128.00	126.20	124.68	103.80	1.52	1.22	22.40	21.58
Polonnaruwa	129.00	- 132.00	131.33	131.30	110.14	0.03	0.02	21.19	19.24
Kalawewa	125.00	- 128.00	126.40	124.41	103.76	1.99	1.60	22.64	21.82
Kurunegala	125.00	- 128.00	126.44	125.20	106.80	1.24	0.99	19.64	18.39
Dehiattakandiya	120.00	- 130.00	126.67	128.20	108.43	-1.53	-1.19	18.24	16.82
Nikaweratiya	125.00	- 130.00	126.96	125.42	91.27	1.54	1.22	35.69	39.10
Ampara	125.00	- 128.00	125.67	125.87	102.50	-0.20	-0.16	23.17	22.60
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	115.00	118.00	116.50	115.20	87.64	1.30	1.13	28.86	32.93
Polonnaruwa	118.00	122.00	119.22	116.03	92.36	3.19	2.75	26.86	29.08
Kalawewa	115.00	- 118.00	116.20	114.27	87.00	1.93	1.69	29.20	33.56
Kurunegala	115.00	- 118.00	116.63	115.60	89.95	1.03	0.89	26.68	29.66
Dehiattakandiya	112.00	- 120.00	115.25	114.53	91.43	0.72	0.63	23.82	26.05
Nikaweratiya	117.00	- 122.00	119.29	115.73	91.27	3.56	3.08	28.02	30.70
Ampara	110.00	- 116.00	113.38	111.67		1.71	1.53	113.38	-
Long Grain Red									
Matara	100.00	- 112.00	106.63	101.35	82.00	5.28	5.21	24.63	30.04
Hambantota	102.00	- 113.00	107.44	100.30	80.89	7.14	7.12	26.55	32.82
Embilipitiya	100.00	- 110.00	105.19	99.85	78.84	5.34	5.35	26.35	33.42
Keeri Samba									
A'pura	145.00	- 155.00	148.60	148.64	121.45	-0.04	-0.03	27.15	22.35
Polonnaruwa	145.00	- 156.00	151.17	156.20	129.85	-5.03	-3.22	21.32	16.42
Kalawewa	145.00	- 155.00	149.00	146.97	118.38	2.03	1.38	30.62	25.87
Kurunegala	145.00	- 150.00	147.81	149.00	123.50	-1.19	-0.80	24.31	19.68
Dehiattakandiya	140.00	- 155.00	148.42	155.43	129.62	-7.01	-4.51	18.80	14.50

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Producer prices of short grain, long grain white and keeri samba have not changed significantly while the producer price of long grain red paddy increased by 5%-7% in Matara, Hambantota and Embilipitiya area. Producer price of short grain paddy ranged from Rs.120.00-132.00 in all the major producing areas and changed around 1% compared to the previous month. Producer price of keeri samba ranged from Rs.140.00 to Rs.156.00/kg, showing a less than 5% decrease in all most all the major producing areas.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased across all price collection areas, with long grain red experiencing the highest price rise, ranging from 30-33%.

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supply of local rice varieties tend to decline in off season. Demand for rice also increased due to the government subsidy programmes. As a result, wholesale prices for most of the local rice varieties have increased by less than 5% recording the highest price increase for raw red. However, the supply of keeri samba rice slightly increased, leading to a 1% price decrease. The price of Keeri Samba ranged between Rs.305.00 and Rs.320.00/kg. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I ranged from Rs.235.00 to Rs.240.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties have increased by 13-27%, with imported Samba experiencing the highest rise of Rs.56.00/kg.

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2024		May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices									
Samba 1	235.00	240.00	236.85	236.87	210.14	-0.02	-0.01	26.71	12.71
Samba 2	228.00	- 230.00	229.42	229.45	202.42	-0.03	-0.01	27.00	13.34
Keeri Samba	305.00	- 320.00	312.07	316.79	260.11	-4.72	-1.49	51.96	19.98
Nadu 1	205.00	- 215.00	209.78	207.86	183.20	1.92	0.92	26.58	14.51
Nadu 2	200.00	- 205.00	201.89	198.89	178.14	3.00	1.51	23.75	13.33
Raw red	180.00	- 195.00	184.88	176.61	149.83	8.27	4.69	35.05	23.39
Raw white	195.00	- 215.00	205.38	197.99	165.84	7.39	3.73	39.54	23.84
Imported Samba	255.00	- 270.00	264.69	247.56	208.54	17.13	6.92	56.15	26.93
Retail Price									
Samba 1	230.00	- 270.00	252.21	253.08	231.31	-0.87	-0.34	20.90	9.04
Samba 2		-			221.71				
Keeri Samba	350.00	- 380.00	365.01	368.48	273.39	-3.47	-0.94	91.62	33.51
Nadu 1	220.00	- 230.00	224.62	224.07	218.80	0.55	0.24	5.82	2.66
Nadu 2		-			205.15				
Raw red	190.00	- 220.00	201.19	196.71	175.69	4.48	2.28	25.50	14.51
Raw white	210.00	- 220.00	217.06	214.28	191.48	2.78	1.30	25.58	13.36
Imported Ponne Samba	260.00	- 290.00	279.37	277.37	227.74	2.00	0.72	51.63	22.67

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.350.00 and Rs.380.00, significantly exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP). Additionally, the average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Nadu Grade 1, raw red surpassed the government-regulated MRP. Imported ponne samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs.260.00 to Rs.290.00/kg.

Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all rice varieties increased by 3-33%, with Keeri Samba showing the highest rise by Rs. 93.00/kg.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted cultivation area for green chillies in the Yala season of 2024 was 7,238 hectares, and by the end of May 2024, 2,849 hectares had been planted, representing 39% of the target. Batticaloa reported the largest cultivated area, with 360 hectares, followed by Anuradhapura at 322 hectares. In the primary growing regions, crop development is at various stages. In the Puttalam district, only 159 hectares had been cultivated by the end of May, reaching 23% of the targeted extent.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of May,2024	
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent
Puttalam	686	159	23
Anuradhapura	584	322	55
Kurunegala	195	117	60
Jaffna	351	49	14
Batticaloa	500	360	72
Vavuniya	160	184	115
Matale	451	125	28
Monaragala	182	113	62
Badulla	297	107	36
Kandy	242	66	27
InterprovincialDDA areas	481	267	56
Mahaweli areas	1,350	472	35
Other areas	1,759	508	29
Total	7,238	2,849	39

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies from the main producing areas has increased this month. Consequently, the wholesale price of green chillies has decreased by approximately Rs.12.00/kg, while the retail price has risen by Rs.33.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged from Rs.80.00 to Rs.300.00/kg, while retail prices varied between Rs.150.00 and Rs.600.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices have declined by about 40% and 24%, respectively.

In May 2024, a total of 4,079 metric tons of dried chillies were imported, an increase of 3,011 metric tons from the previous month. The average CIF price rose to Rs.589.39/kg, up by Rs.29.10/kg from last month. The wholesale price of imported dried chillies increased by approximately Rs.86.00/kg, although the retail price fell by about Rs.4.00/kg. Wholesale prices for imported dried chillies ranged from Rs.700.00 to Rs.850.00/kg, while retail prices were between Rs.800.00 and Rs.1,200.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices for imported dried chillies have decreased by around 28% and 23%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May, 2024	May2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green chillies	80.00 - 300.00	133.75	145.60	222.60	-11.85	-8.14	-88.85	-39.91
Dried chillies	700.00 - 850.00	752.16	665.68	1049.45	86.48	12.99	-297.29	-28.33
Retail Price								
Green chillies	150.00 - 600.00	375.41	342.14	492.33	33.27	9.72	-116.92	-23.75
Dried chillies	800.00 - 1200.00	1047.46	1051.26	1361.98	-3.80	-0.36	-314.52	-23.09

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (May 2024 – December 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
Dec-2023	3445.19	2665.32	773.63	1298.39	524.75

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation

Although a target of 2,358 hectares has been set for this Yala season, only 133 hectares (6%) had been cultivated by the end of May 2024. Cultivation is expected to commence in June across most major producing areas, particularly in the Matale district. Nursery preparation for big onions has started in Matale, and Yala cultivation will begin next month, with the bulk of planting occurring in July.

For red onions, the target for this Yala season was set at 3,421 hectares, of which 498 hectares (15%) had been cultivated by the end of May 2024. The highest target (2,086 hectares) and the largest cultivated area (247 hectares) were recorded in the Jaffna district, representing 12% of the target.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Market supplies of big onions currently consist entirely of imports, a trend expected to continue until Yala harvesting begins in August. In May 2024, 23,681 metric tons of big onions were imported, an increase of 12,471 metric tons from the previous month. The average CIF price was

Rs.192.33/kg, marking a decrease of Rs.26.06/kg from the previous month. Due to the high volume of imports, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have dropped significantly, by about Rs.213.00/kg and Rs.373.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices ranged from Rs.100.00 to Rs.480.00/kg, while retail prices were between Rs.180.00 and Rs.600.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices for imported big onions have risen by approximately 98% and 109%, respectively.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of May,2024	
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent
Jaffna	2,086	247	12
Puttalam	450	84	19
Vavuniya	170	39	23
Trincomalee	238	15	6
Other area	477	113	24
Total	3,421	498	15

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

The supply of local red onions from major producing areas has increased slightly this month. However, the wholesale price of Vedalan has risen by approximately Rs.39.00/kg, while the wholesale price of Sinnan has decreased by about Rs.39.00/kg. The retail price of Vedalan has also increased by around Rs.41.00/kg due to its good quality, while Sinnan varieties were unavailable in most retail markets.

This month, 1,552 metric tons of red onions were imported from India, a decrease of 2,083 metric tons from the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.155.19/kg, up by Rs.10.25/kg compared to the previous month. As a result, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have increased by Rs.20.00/kg and Rs.16.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, the retail price of imported red onions has declined by about 7%.

2.2.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) May 2024

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2024	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-250.00	221.25	260.00	276.67	-38.75	-14.90	-55.42	-20.03
Red Onion (Vedalan)	300.00-450.00	362.99	324.25	332.00	38.74	11.95	30.99	9.33
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-380.00	308.19	288.50	275.60	19.69	6.82	32.59	11.83
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-480.00	191.40	404.11	96.66	-212.71	-52.64	94.74	98.01
Big Onion (Local)								
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)								
Red Onion (Vedalan)	400.00-560.00	465.70	424.48		41.22	9.71		
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-500.00	403.39	387.57	433.52	15.82	4.08	-30.13	-6.95
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-600.00	266.88	640.30	127.64	-373.42	-58.32	139.24	109.09
Big Onion (Local)								

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2.3: 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	May,2024	192.33	191.40	266.88	-0.93	75.48
	Apr,2024	218.39	404.11	640.30	185.72	236.18
	Mar,2024	246.67	458.39	545.50	211.72	87.11
Red onion	May,2024	155.19	308.19	403.39	153.00	95.20
	Apr,2024	144.94	288.50	387.57	143.56	99.06
	Mar,2024	135.53	254.11	358.17	118.58	104.06

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	May,2024	Apr,2024	May,2024	Apr,2024	May,2024	Apr,2024
Red Onion	1552.00	3635.00	241.00	527.00	155.19	144.94
Big Onion	23681.00	11210.00	4554.00	2448.00	192.33	218.39

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices of Imported Big onions (December 2023– May 2024)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
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
Dec-23	15,956.33	181.49	339.96	421.39	239.91

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato – Dec 2023-May 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
May-2024	10626	846	79.58	204.13	124.55
Apr-2024	14,560	1041.00	71.47	205.18	133.71
Mar-2024	18,188	1382.00	76.00	209.55	133.55
Feb-2024	17,952	1282.97	71.47	198.99	127.52
Jan-2024	16,245	1173.16	72.22	196.64	124.43
Dec-2023	19,400	1445.47	74.51	226.75	152.24

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2024	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	170.00-270.00	207.00	186.40	236.00	20.60	11.05	-29.00	-12.29
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-320.00	229.00	218.40	251.16	10.60	4.85	-22.16	-8.82
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	170.00-180.00	173.75	223.00	235.83	-49.25	-22.09	-62.08	-26.32
Nuwara Eliya	200.00-300.00	235.63	251.73	258.50	-16.10	-6.40	-22.87	-8.85
Imported	120.00-160.00	152.19	156.96	164.56	-4.77	-3.04	-12.37	-7.52
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya	320.00-480.00	374.63	391.11	362.70	-16.48	-4.21	11.93	3.29
Imported	180.00-240.00	204.13	205.18	202.36	-1.05	-0.51	1.77	0.87
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		145.63	172.71	111.54	-27.08	-15.68	34.09	30.56
Imported (RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		139.00	139.37	104.20	-0.37	-0.27	34.80	33.40
Imported		51.94	48.22	37.80	3.72	7.71	14.14	37.41

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2024	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	950.00-150.00	1091.04	1269.62	1420.03	-178.58	-14.07	-328.99	-23.17
Cowpea (White)	750.00-850.00	775.83	704.29	656.87	71.54	10.16	118.96	18.11
Cowpea (Red)	700.00-800.00	735.60	681.33	702.93	54.27	7.96	32.67	4.65
Retail Price								
Green gram	1200.00-1600.00	1403.78	1427.01	1577.67	-23.23	-1.63	-173.89	-11.02
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1200.00	1042.92	1081.40	985.83	-38.48	-3.56	57.09	5.79
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	1037.15	1079.88	966.03	-42.73	-3.96	71.12	7.36

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2024	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	270.00-285.00	277.91	282.11	317.34	-4.20	-1.49	-39.43	-12.43
Retail Prices	300.00-360.00	328.72	334.16	355.85	-5.44	-1.63	-27.13	-7.62

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. VEGETABLES

Crop Situation

Progress in vegetable cultivation for the Yala season has reached 35% (5,528 ha) for up-country vegetables and 51% (11,449 ha) for low-country vegetables. Ash Plantain (115%) and Kekiri (107%) have exceeded their respective cultivation targets. This season, a total of 38,447 hectares is planned for vegetable cultivation, with 15,872 hectares allocated for up-country vegetables and 22,575 hectares for low-country vegetables (Crop Forecast, Vol. 01, Yala-2024)

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – May 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2024	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00 - 650.00	389.00	140.80	356.03	248.20	176.28	32.97	9.26
Carrot	80.00 - 150.00	119.00	197.60	204.00	-78.60	-39.78	-85.00	-41.67
Leeks	150.00 - 300.00	208.50	141.40	230.60	67.10	47.45	-22.10	-9.58
Beetroot	120.00 - 380.00	250.98	173.83	260.98	77.15	44.38	-10.01	-3.83
Knolkhol	80.00 - 200.00	127.75	61.80	178.39	65.95	106.72	-50.64	-28.39
Radish	70.00 - 150.00	103.50	47.80	139.40	55.70	116.53	-35.90	-25.75
Cabbage	50.00 - 100.00	71.50	132.60	200.20	-61.10	-46.08	-128.70	-64.29
Tomato	50.00 - 160.00	100.25	79.40	249.80	20.85	26.26	-149.55	-59.87
Ladies Fingers	50.00 - 150.00	110.00	76.00	142.20	34.00	44.74	-32.20	-22.64
Brinjal	150.00 - 300.00	195.75	157.20	269.00	38.55	24.52	-73.25	-27.23
Capsicum	150.00 - 250.00	179.00	299.89	351.00	-120.89	-40.31	-172.00	-49.00
Pumpkin	40.00 - 80.00	61.00	113.80	63.80	-52.80	-46.40	-2.80	-4.39
Cucumber	100.00 - 150.00	115.75	83.80	89.27	31.95	38.13	26.48	29.66
Bitter Gourd	180.00 - 400.00	258.50	142.20	359.60	116.30	81.79	-101.10	-28.11
Snake Gourd	200.00 - 330.00	238.00	133.00	257.96	105.00	78.95	-19.96	-7.74
Drumstick	150.00 - 800.00	440.86	288.75	469.63	152.11	52.68	-28.76	-6.12
Luffa	180.00 - 320.00	247.00	129.20	247.60	117.80	91.18	-0.60	-0.24
Long Beans	80.00 - 300.00	167.50	70.80	203.40	96.70	136.58	-35.90	-17.65
Ash Plantain	50.00 - 150.00	99.25	140.89	145.00	-41.64	-29.56	-45.75	-31.55
Green Chillies	80.00 - 300.00	133.75	145.60	222.60	-11.85	-8.14	-88.85	-39.91
Lime	900.00 - 1500.00	1135.00	645.40	291.62	489.60	75.86	843.38	289.20

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices for most vegetables have risen due to reduced supply from major producing areas. Wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 44%–176%, with the exception of carrots. Carrot and cabbage prices fell by 40% and 46%, respectively. Beans saw the highest price increase, reaching Rs.248.00/kg, with prices ranging from Rs.150.00 to Rs.650.00/kg. Prices for leeks, beetroot, radish, and knolkhol also rose by 44%–116%. For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices have increased by 24%–137%, with drumsticks recording the highest rise at Rs.152.00/kg. Tomato prices increased by 26% due to decreased supply, while green chili prices dropped by 8%, and lime prices surged by 76%. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most vegetable varieties have decreased by 3%–64%, with the largest decrease for cabbage. However, prices for beans and cucumbers have risen by 9% and 30%, respectively.

Following the trend in wholesale prices, retail prices for most vegetables have also increased, except for carrots, cabbage, capsicum, and ash plantains. Retail prices for up-country vegetables rose by 25%–102%, with beans showing the highest increase at 102%, reaching Rs.262.00/kg. Retail prices for low-country vegetables rose by 4%–56%, excluding pumpkin, capsicum, and ash plantain. Drumsticks recorded the highest average retail price at Rs.807.00/kg, while pumpkin had the lowest at Rs.182.00/kg. Additionally, green chili and lime prices increased by 10% and 68%, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have declined by 2%–46%, with the highest increase observed for tomatoes. Lime prices surged by 251%, reaching Rs.1,274/kg.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - May 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2024	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	230.00 - 1100.00	518.34	256.43	464.13	261.91	102.14	54.21	11.68
Carrot	150.00 - 400.00	255.28	336.55	331.17	-81.27	-24.15	-75.89	-22.92
Leeks	180.00 - 600.00	363.54	290.31	362.24	73.23	25.23	1.30	0.36
Beetroot	180.00 - 900.00	432.38	314.79	420.93	117.59	37.35	11.45	2.72
Knolkhol	160.00 - 600.00	313.61	228.74	337.42	84.87	37.10	-23.80	-7.05
Radish	120.00 - 400.00	254.10	182.30	260.75	71.80	39.39	-6.65	-2.55
Cabbage	120.00 - 340.00	233.46	301.06	317.02	-67.61	-22.46	-83.57	-26.36
Tomato	80.00 - 340.00	214.35	206.97	393.72	7.38	3.56	-179.37	-45.56
Ladies Fingers	120.00 - 420.00	260.24	219.01	293.53	41.23	18.83	-33.29	-11.34
Brinjal	200.00 - 520.00	319.02	282.53	412.08	36.50	12.92	-93.06	-22.58
Capsicum	180.00 - 500.00	349.51	524.23	547.30	174.72	-33.33	-197.80	-36.14
Pumpkin	100.00 - 280.00	181.51	240.50	149.02	-58.99	-24.53	32.48	21.80
Cucumber	140.00 - 340.00	250.46	203.59	186.43	46.87	23.02	64.03	34.34
Bitter Gourd	240.00 - 760.00	432.74	299.09	490.69	133.65	44.68	-57.95	-11.81
Snake Gourd	220.00 - 540.00	352.91	280.70	388.04	72.21	25.73	-35.13	-9.05
Drumstick	360.00 - 1600.00	807.32	553.79	739.92	253.53	45.78	67.40	9.11

Luffa	200.00 - 600.00	405.77	288.31	399.59	117.46	40.74	6.19	1.55
Long Beans	160.00 - 480.00	323.59	207.76	350.74	115.83	55.75	-27.15	-7.74
Ash Plantain	140.00 - 420.00	269.65	271.79	277.62	-2.14	-0.79	-7.97	-2.87
Green Chillies	150.00 - 600.00	375.41	342.14	492.33	33.27	9.72	-116.92	-23.75
Lime	1100.00 - 2200.00	1781.69	1062.44	508.03	719.26	67.70	1273.66	250.71

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In May, wholesale prices for all fruit varieties, except wood apple and oranges, declined due to the ongoing harvest season for most fruits. Among banana varieties, prices decreased for Kolikuttu (36%), Ambul (34%), Anamalu (29%), Seeni (27%), and Ambun (21%) due to increased supply from the Embilipitiya, Monaragala, and Rajanganaya regions. During the month, wholesale prices ranged as follows: Kolikuttu at Rs.200.00–350.00/kg, Ambul and Seeni at Rs.80.00–130.00/kg, Ambun at Rs.24.00–35.00/fruit, and Anamalu at Rs.17.00–30.00/fruit.

For pineapples, prices across all sizes declined by 10%–12%. The monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.915.00 per large fruit, Rs.681.00 per medium fruit, and Rs.544.00 per small fruit. For mango varieties, ample stock availability led to price decreases of 38%–51%, with the largest drop observed for Karthakolomban, attributed to the ongoing harvest season that will continue until June.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – May 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2024		May-24	Apr-24	May-23	Apr-24		May-23	
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	80.00	- 130.00	100.68	152.34	106.45	-51.66	-33.91	-5.76	-5.41
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	200.00	- 350.00	263.17	413.57	336.18	-150.40	-36.37	-73.01	-21.72
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00	- 130.00	100.91	138.03	107.08	-37.13	-26.90	-6.17	-5.76
Anamalu (Fruit)	17.00	- 30.00	21.99	30.93	22.71	-8.94	-28.90	-0.71	-3.13
Ambun (Fruit)	24.00	- 35.00	27.98	35.43	28.64	-7.45	-21.02	-0.65	-2.27
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	700.00	- 1150.00	915.18	1020.17	569.47	-104.99	-10.29	345.71	60.71
Medium (Fruit)	500.00	- 850.00	681.47	764.08	470.58	-82.61	-10.81	210.90	44.82
Small (Fruit)	400.00	- 680.00	543.75	618.33	348.11	-74.58	-12.06	195.64	56.20
Mango									
Betti (Fruit)	20.00	- 30.00	23.66	47.20	31.73	-23.55	-49.88	-8.07	-25.45
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00	- 90.00	66.91	135.52	83.13	-68.61	-50.63	-16.22	-19.51
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00	- 60.00	40.56	69.85	50.26	-29.29	-41.94	-9.70	-19.31
Kohu (Fruit)	16.00	- 22.00	18.42	29.86	15.35	-11.44	-38.32	3.07	19.98
Papaw (Rs/kg)	40.00	- 120.00	78.29	127.41	101.85	-49.12	-38.55	-23.56	-23.13
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	50.00	- 75.00	62.03	76.83	25.14	-14.80	-19.27	36.88	146.69
Wood Apple (Fruit)	120.00	- 160.00	141.67	114.90	56.42	26.77	23.30	85.25	151.09
Orange (Fruit)	50.00	- 100.00	83.66	54.18	61.80	29.48	54.41	21.86	35.38
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00	- 100.00	74.27	155.62	87.92	-81.34	-52.27	-13.64	-15.52

Slime Apple (Fruit)	18.00 - 27.00	19.93	36.60	22.10	-16.67	-45.55	-2.17	-9.84
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1660.00 - 1800.00	1725.81	1797.14	1865.00	-71.33	-3.97	-139.19	-7.46

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

For other fruit varieties, prices have generally decreased, with the largest drops recorded for avocado (52%), slime apple (45%), and papaya (38%) due to an ample supply from major producing areas. However, prices for oranges and wood apple rose by 54% and 23%, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, current wholesale prices for most fruit varieties have increased, with passion fruit showing the highest rise at 147% (Table 4.1)

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – May 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	May 2024	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	Apr-24		May-23		
	Rs/kg				Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00 - 260.00	197.61	248.05	201.61	-50.44	-20.33	-4.00	-1.98	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	250.00 - 550.00	403.69	536.49	456.28	-132.80	-24.75	-52.59	-11.53	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	120.00 - 260.00	200.45	238.14	198.81	-37.70	-15.83	1.64	0.82	
Anamalu (Fruit)	22.00 - 47.00	32.78	37.39	29.15	-4.60	-12.32	3.64	12.47	
Ambun (Fruit)	28.00 - 58.00	42.32	48.24	36.00	-5.92	-12.27	6.31	17.54	
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	770.00 - 1300.00	1050.35	1085.84	589.30	-35.49	-3.27	461.04	78.24	
Medium (Fruit)	500.00 - 1000.00	798.64	870.63	488.42	-71.99	-8.27	310.22	63.52	
Small (Fruit)	400.00 - 700.00	599.89	705.83	379.61	-105.94	-15.01	220.28	58.03	
Mango									
Betti (Fruit)									
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00 - 150.00	108.95	229.31	135.80	-120.36	-52.49	-26.84	-19.77	
Vilad (Fruit)	35.00 - 100.00	65.25	104.59	79.98	-39.34	-37.61	-14.73	-18.42	
Kohu (Fruit)	28.00 - 30.00								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	120.00 - 250.00	190.83	267.90	217.84	-77.07	-28.77	-27.01	-12.40	
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	60.00 - 120.00	87.37	115.60	44.15	-28.23	-24.42	43.22	97.90	
Wood Apple (Fruit)	150.00 - 260.00	177.66	178.40	135.50	-0.74	-0.41	42.16	31.12	
Orange (Fruit)	80.00 - 160.00	120.90	86.93	105.74	33.97	39.08	15.16	14.34	
Avocado (Fruit)	90.00 - 250.00	150.00	207.70	122.07	-57.69	-27.78	27.93	22.88	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00 - 150.00	72.07	77.15	85.71	-5.07	-6.58	-13.64	-15.91	
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1900.00 - 2800.00	2331.45	2380.03	2647.41	-48.57	-2.04	-315.96	-11.93	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with wholesale market trends, retail prices for all fruit varieties, except oranges, decreased in May. Among banana varieties, the largest price decrease was observed for Kolikuttu bananas (25%), followed by Ambul bananas (20%). However, prices for Ambun, Anamalu, and Seeni bananas rose by 12%–16%. During the month, Kolikuttu prices ranged between Rs.250.00–

550.00/kg, Ambul between Rs.120.00–260.00/kg, and Seeni between Rs.120.00–260.00/kg in Colombo and suburban markets.

For pineapples, prices across all sizes dropped by 3%–15% due to lower wholesale prices, with medium-sized fruits priced between Rs.500.00–1,000.00 per fruit in Colombo suburban markets. Among mango varieties, prices for Karthakolomban and Vilad decreased by 52% and 38%, respectively, due to ample stock availability in the market.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of papaw (29%), avocado (28%) and passion fruit (24%) have decreased due to increased supply. 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 98% reported for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, the country exported 1,267 metric tons of fresh fruits in May 2024, valued at Rs.137 million. Of the total exported quantity, 98% consisted of papaw. This represents a decrease in exports compared to May 2023, when 1,395 metric tons were exported (Table 4.3).

In terms of imports, Sri Lanka imported 1,115 metric tons of fresh fruits in May 2024, with a total value of Rs.480 million. Apples were the most imported fruit, comprising 681 metric tons, followed by oranges at 230 metric tons. This is an increase in imported quantity compared to May 2023, which also recorded 1,115 metric tons (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – March 2024 to May 2024

Type of Fruit	May-24			Apr-24			Mar-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)	1243.0	119.2	95.9	1063.3	103.3	97.1	1159.3	115.5	99.7
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	8.7	9.6	1,109.4	8.1	8.6	1,052.5	14.1	19.3	1,365.5
Avocados (fresh)	1.6	1.6	984.9	1.5	1.7	1135.3	2.6	2.0	785.1
Pineapples (fresh)	12.9	6.2	479.8	39.7	30.1	759.3	24.5	19.4	792.3

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – March 2024 to May 2024

Type of Fruit	May-24			Apr-24			Mar-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	681.00	259.00	472.02	583.00	225.00	385.31	512.00	199.00	388.93
Grapes	204.00	172.00	840.42	442.00	317.00	715.65	277.00	181.00	654.43
Oranges	230.00	49.00	214.40	103.00	21.00	201.68	102.00	25.00	246.51

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2024		May 2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	250.00	- 600.00	424.00	346.00	455.40	78.00	22.54	-31.40	-6.90
Hurulla	550.00	- 950.00	728.13	650.34	869.40	77.78	11.96	-141.28	-16.25
Balaya	750.00	- 1100.00	925.88	697.68	1056.40	228.19	32.71	-130.53	-12.36
Kelawalla	1000.00	- 1650.00	1347.33	1215.41	1464.00	131.92	10.85	-116.67	-7.97
Thora	1700.00	- 2800.00	2188.65	1977.99	1918.00	210.66	10.65	270.65	14.11
Paraw	1200.00	- 1450.00	1309.52	1311.81	1350.20	-2.29	-0.17	-40.68	-3.01
Mora	900.00	- 1250.00	1047.04	1116.73	1155.33	-69.69	-6.24	-108.30	-9.37
Shrimps (small)	1500.00	- 2150.00	1813.32	2009.28	1544.35	-195.97	-9.75	268.97	17.42
Thalapath	1700.00	- 2500.00	1967.50	1744.68	1796.80	222.82	12.77	170.70	9.50
Retail Prices									
Salaya	350.00	- 1000.00	687.87	604.73	685.01	83.14	13.75	2.86	0.42
Hurulla	680.00	- 1200.00	966.89	883.21	1118.33	83.68	9.47	-151.44	-13.54
Balaya	900.00	- 2000.00	1278.93	967.84	1625.58	311.09	32.14	-346.65	-21.32
Kelawalla	1450.00	- 3000.00	2148.01	1975.45	2367.58	172.56	8.74	-219.56	-9.27
Thora	2150.00	- 4800.00	3117.56	3025.95	3078.19	91.61	3.03	39.37	1.28
Paraw	1400.00	- 3600.00	2114.33	1924.43	2381.75	189.90	9.87	-267.43	-11.23
Mora		-			2050.10				
Shrimps (small)	1700.00	- 2600.00	2149.32	2366.19	1777.14	-216.87	-9.17	372.18	20.94
Thalapath	1900.00	- 3400.00	2736.29	2539.57	2920.39	196.72	7.75	-184.11	-6.30

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2024		May 2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried Fish -Wholesale									
Sprats	1160.00	- 1770.00	1395.25	1187.73	1303.20	207.52	17.47	92.05	7.06
Sprats (imported)	700.00	- 900.00	806.46	807.01	826.67	-0.55	-0.07	-20.21	-2.44
Kattawa									
Kattawa (imported)	1200.00	- 1450.00	1311.43	1279.86	1591.00	31.57	2.47	-279.57	-17.57
Thora									
Thora (imported)									
Mora	1700.00	- 1900.00	1810.17	1815.47	1693.00	-5.30	-0.29	117.17	6.92
Mora (imported)									
Balaya	700.00	- 1150.00	894.50	789.90	1115.40	104.60	13.24	-220.90	-19.80
Balaya (imported)									
Anguluwa									

Anguluwa (imported)	1300.00 - 1500.00	1391.03	1402.47	1642.21	-11.44	-0.82	-251.18	-15.30
Maduwa	1250.00 - 1550.00	1391.73	1306.83	1313.22	84.90	6.50	78.51	5.98
Maduwa (imported)								
Salaya	350.00 - 600.00	450.63	373.91	728.00	76.72	20.52	-277.37	-38.10
Salaya (imported)								
Dried Fish -Retail								
Sprats (imported)	900.00 - 1300.00	1105.28	1209.22	1207.70	-103.93	-8.60	-102.42	-8.48
Sprats	1500.00 - 2200.00	1892.26	1842.53	1838.90	49.73	2.70	53.36	2.90
Kattawa	1600.00 - 2400.00	2085.01	2119.49	2471.98	-34.48	-1.63	-386.96	-15.65
Thora								
Mora	2000.00 - 2800.00	2421.62	2243.06	2328.16	178.56	7.96	93.46	4.01
Balaya	1300.00 - 2200.00	1692.26	1492.94	1535.79	199.32	13.35	156.47	10.19
Anguluwa	2000.00 - 2400.00	2178.86	2263.89	2393.29	-85.03	-3.76	-214.43	-8.96
Maduwa				2273.33				
Salaya	900.00 - 1200.00	1037.60	967.03	1137.62	70.57	7.30	-100.03	-8.79

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	May 2024	May 2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024		May 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	46.500 - 50.00	48.36	47.76	48.00	0.60	1.25	0.36	0.75	
Eggs - White(each)	44.000 - 47.00	45.83	45.13	49.20	0.70	1.54	-3.37	-6.85	
Retail Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	48.000 - 56.00	50.90	50.40	49.58	0.50	1.00	1.33	2.68	
Eggs - White (each)	46.000 - 50.00	48.19	47.73	50.28	0.45	0.95	-2.09	-4.16	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - May 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	May 2024	May 2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024		May 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	2400 - 2600.00	2,466.67	2,422.67	2336.67	44.00	1.82	130.00	5.56	
Chicken (Broiler)	1050 - 1310.00	1,190.76	1,297.28	1412.45	-106.52	-8.21	-221.70	-15.70	
Chicken (curry)	1050 - 1300.00	1,184.89	1,214.72	1414.72	-29.83	-2.46	-229.83	-16.25	
Mutton	3100 - 3600.00	3,347.50	3,280.69	3044.44	66.81	2.04	303.06	9.95	
Pork	1300 - 1600.00	1,370.83	1,321.43	1729.33	49.40	3.74	-358.50	-20.73	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2024	May 2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024		May 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	204.92-207.61	206.14	208.30	233.40	-2.16	-1.04	-27.26	-11.68
Sugar	277.47-290.97	285.02	281.53	257.45	3.49	1.24	27.57	10.71

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
May - 2024	4,594.00	545.00	118.64	206.14	87.50
April - 2024	9,048.00	1,050.00	116.07	208.30	92.23
March - 2024	12,268.00	1,400.00	114.15	209.67	95.52
February - 2024	7,463.36	882.26	118.21	211.15	92.94
January - 2024	8,424.16	1,032.80	122.60	212.05	89.45
December - 2023	16,242.01	1,957.33	120.51	210.46	89.95
Wheat Grain					
May - 2024	173,536	14,258	82.16	206.14	123.98
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
December - 2023	35,256.28	3,689.38	104.64	210.46	105.82

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

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

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
May - 2024	22,901	4,709	205.62	285.02	79.40
April - 2024	17,304.00	3,639.00	210.27	281.53	71.26
March - 2024	32,527.00	7,015.00	215.68	285.09	69.41
February - 2024	31,502.80	7,187.53	228.16	291.26	63.10
January - 2024	31,036.12	7,491.82	241.39	301.01	59.62
December - 2023	48,892.20	12,525.07	256.18	314.35	22.80

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

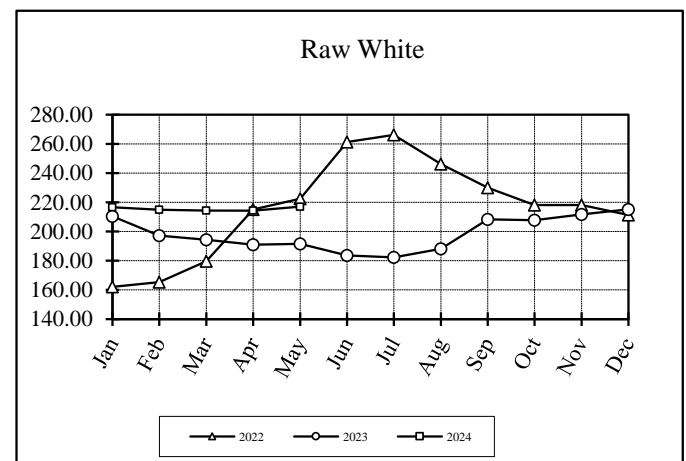
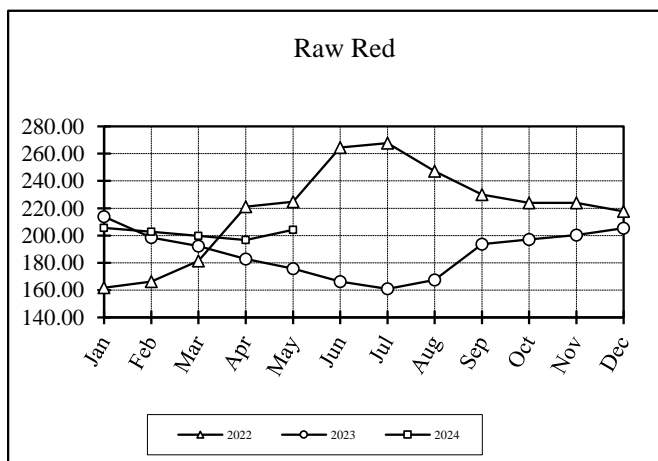
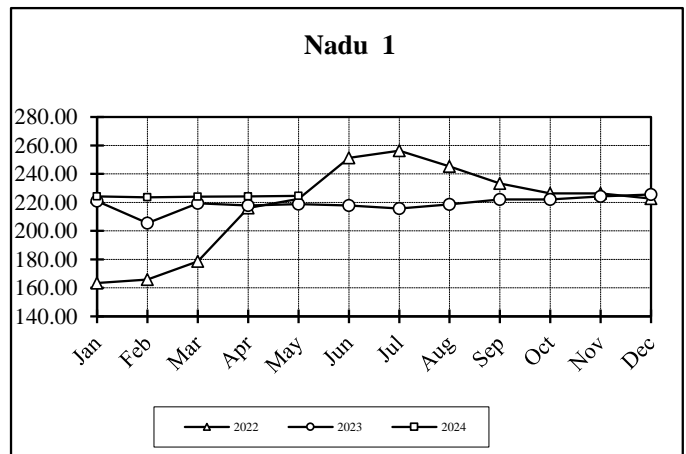
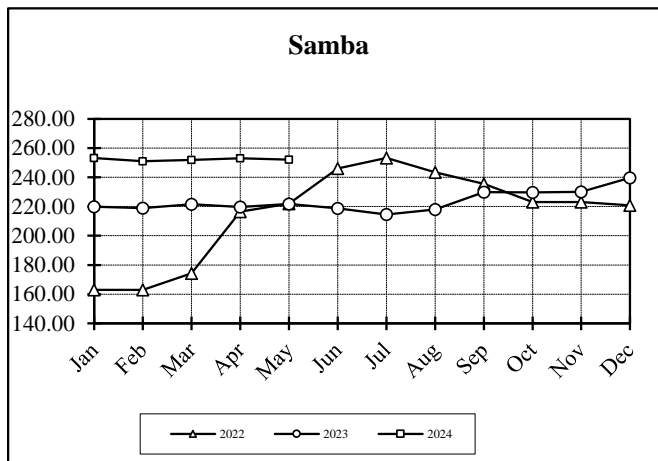
Table 7:Imports of Selected Food Items - May 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	May	Apr		May	Apr		May	Apr	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	2,674.00	3,052.00	-12.39	926.00	972.00	-4.73	346.27	318.49	8.72
Dried Chillies	4,079.00	5,835.00	-30.09	2,404.00	3,706.00	-35.13	589.39	635.09	-7.20
Red Onion	1,552.00	3,635.00	-57.30	241.00	527.00	-54.27	155.19	144.94	7.07
Big Onion	23,681.00	11,210.00	111.25	4,554.00	2,448.00	86.03	192.33	218.39	-11.93
Potato	10,626.00	14,560.00	-27.02	846.00	1,041.00	-18.73	79.58	71.47	11.35
Masoor Dhal	15,909.00	20,104.00	-20.87	3,489.00	4,507.00	-22.59	219.29	224.18	-2.18
Garlic	838.00	3,518.00	-76.18	395.00	1,572.00	-74.87	472.02	446.93	5.61
Wheat flour	4,594.00	9,048.00	-49.23	545.00	1,050.00	-48.10	118.64	116.07	2.21
Wheat grain	173,536.00	143,130.00	21.24	14,258.00	12,893.00	10.59	82.16	90.08	-8.79
Sugar & sugar confectionery	22,901.00	17,304.00	32.35	4,709.00	3,639.00	29.40	205.62	210.27	-2.21
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

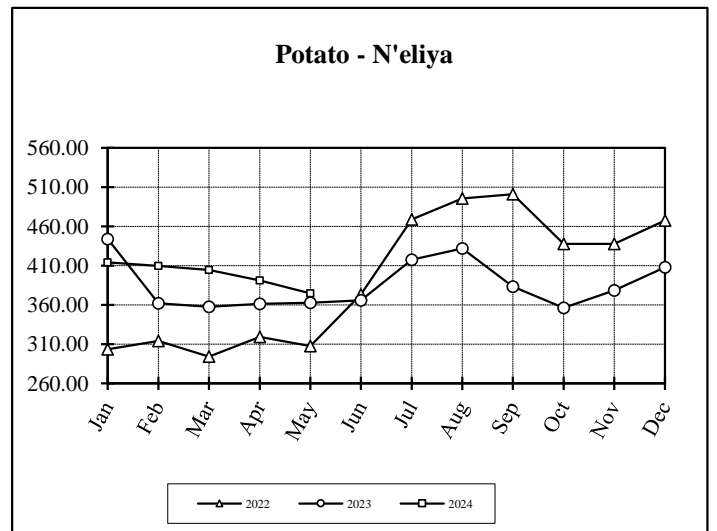
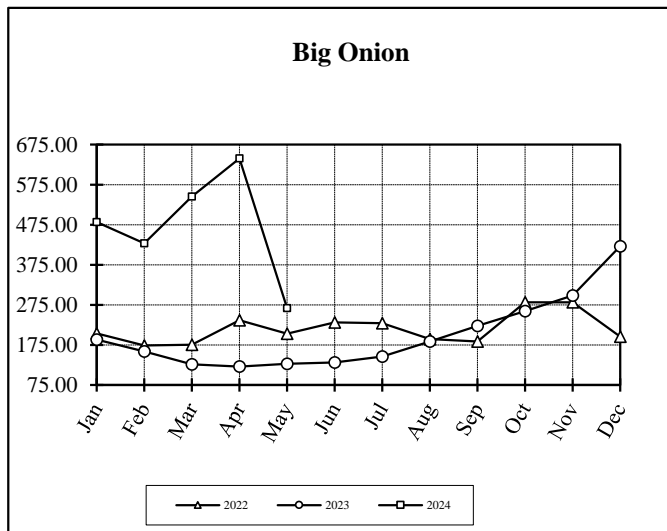
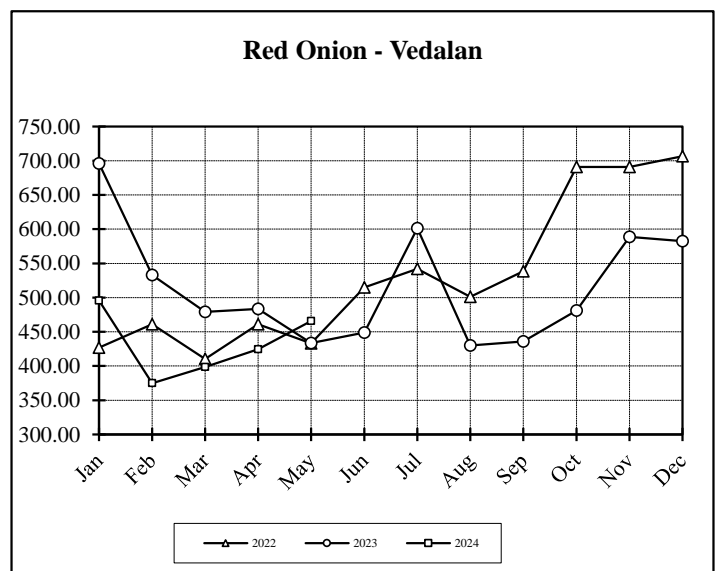
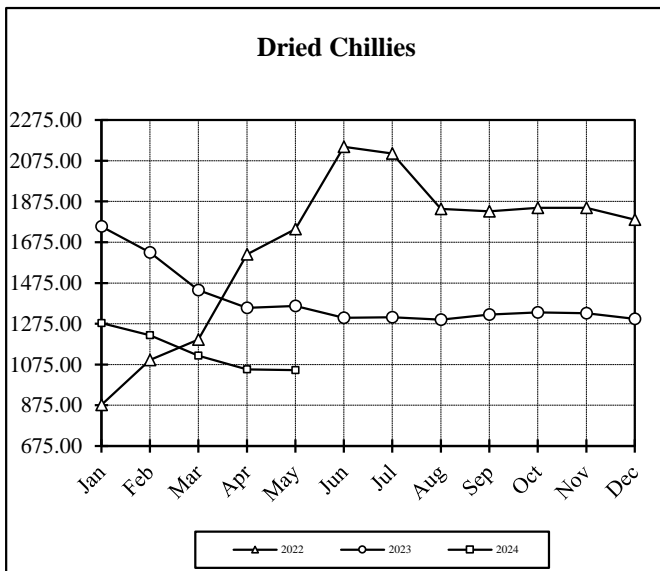
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		251.20	217.79		264.53	166.19		261.37	183.70	
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		514.80	448.76		230.89	131.09		373.16	365.72	
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)**

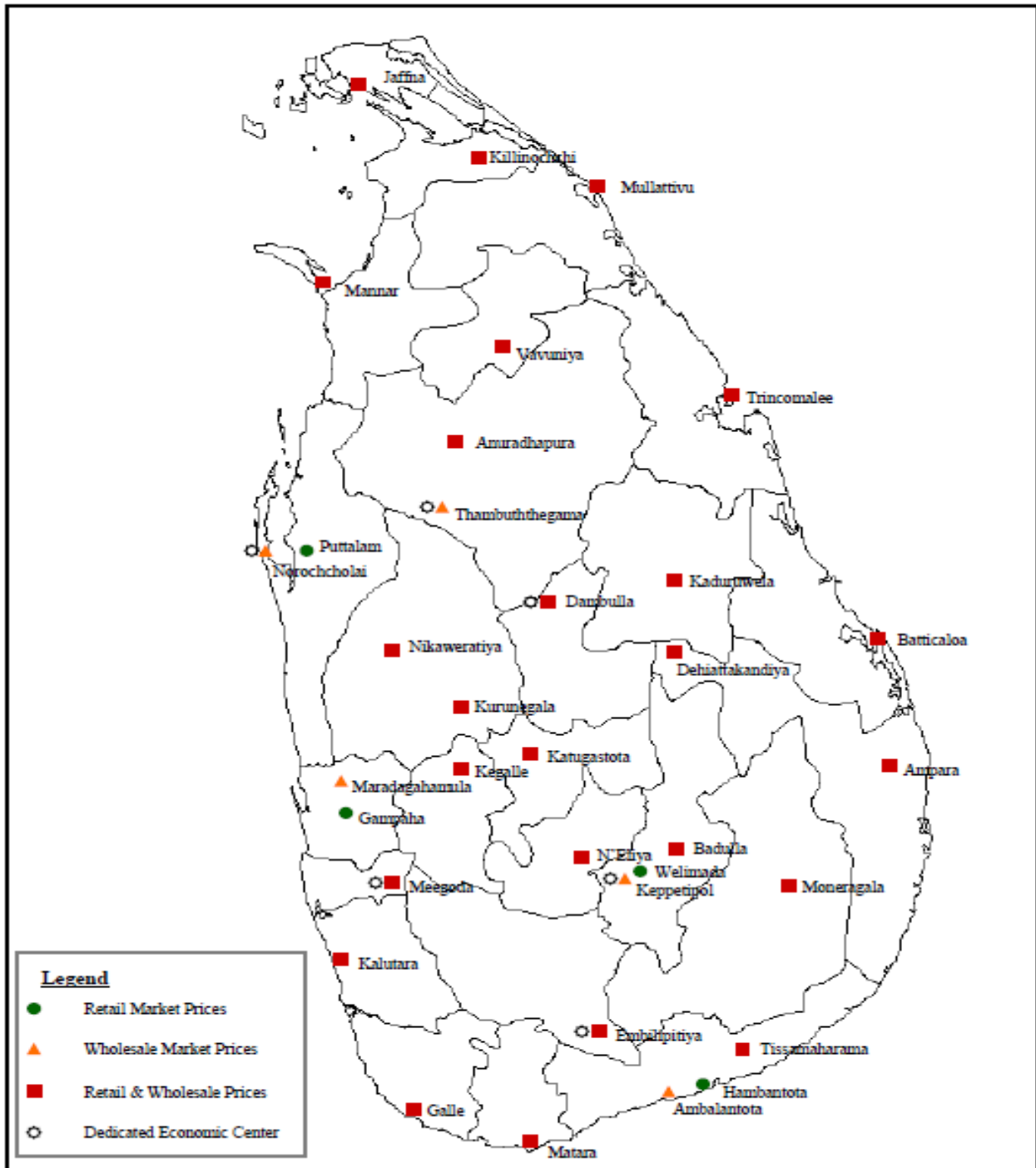
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	184.00	202.00	216.00	314.00	Welimada	160.00	140.00	131.00	196.00
A'pura	126.20	126.20	126.20	126.20	Badulla					N'Eliya	154.00	170.00	156.00	210.00
P'narawa	130.17	130.67	130.17		Welimada	174.00	184.00	205.00	265.00	Beetroot				
Kalawewa	126.40				Pulses					Hanguranketha	107.40	148.00	204.00	170.00
Kurunegala	126.50	126.50	126.75	126.00	Green Gram					N'Eliya	116.00	140.00	181.00	194.00
Dehiattakandiya	129.33	129.00	127.00	121.33	Galgamuwa					Dambulla	151.67	230.00	212.50	250.00
Ampara	126.33	126.33	125.00	125.00	Kalawewa					Kurunegala				
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	1136.67	910.00	910.00	910.00	Welimada	141.00	181.00	169.00	199.00
A'pura	116.20	116.20	116.80	116.80	Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'narawa	118.67	119.67	119.33		A'pura	875.00	825.00	825.00	825.00	Hanguranketha	74.60	89.60	101.00	87.60
Kalawewa	116.20				Cowpea					N'Eliya	74.00	136.00	110.00	154.00
Kurunegala	117.00	116.50	117.00	116.00	A'pura					Welimada	68.00	131.00	95.00	124.00
Dehiattakandiya	114.33	114.33	119.00	113.33	Galgamuwa					Radish				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	687.50	493.75	637.50	637.50	Hanguranketha	25.00	27.80	32.60	37.60
Ampara	110.67	112.50	115.00	115.33	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	39.00	49.00	66.00	71.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	676.67	745.00	745.00	745.00	Welimada	15.80	32.00	30.00	33.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Hanguranketha	45.80	53.60	42.00	45.00
Matara	103.25	108.25	105.00	110.00	A'Pura	147.50	147.50	147.50	147.50	N'Eliya	76.00	68.00	40.00	67.00
Hambantota	104.40	108.60	105.50	111.25	Kalawewa	125.00				Welimada	44.00	33.00	22.00	35.00
Ampara	107.67	110.00	112.00	112.00	Gingelly					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	102.25	103.50	105.75	109.25	A'Pura	625.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	Badulla			60.00	60.00
Keeri Samba					Kalawewa					Tomato				
A'pura	149.00	149.00	148.20	148.20	Black Gram					Hanguranketha	21.20	28.00	58.00	60.00
Polonnaruwa	154.00	153.00	146.50		Kalawewa					Welimada	9.00	23.00	57.00	41.00
Kalawewa	149.00				A'Pura	675.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	Hambantota				
Kurunegala	147.50	147.50	148.75	147.50	Vegetables (Up Country)					Dambulla	53.80	69.20	123.00	88.00
Dehiattakandiya	153.33	153.33	145.67	141.33	Beans					Low Country				
					Dambulla	208.50	195.00	348.00	552.50	Ladies Fingers				
Red Onion					Welimada	164.00	164.00	352.00	520.00	A'pura	108.00	108.00	108.00	148.00
Big Onion					Badulla	62.50	62.50	216.67	425.00	Dambulla	100.00	96.00	90.20	82.80
Dambulla					Carrot					Hambantota	74.00	126.00	94.00	100.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	92.20	70.60	73.00	75.00	Embilipitiya	130.00	107.50	58.00	107.50
A'Pura					N'Eliya	104.00	86.00	66.00	116.00	Matara	70.00	105.00	85.00	95.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	60.00	62.00	60.00	96.00					

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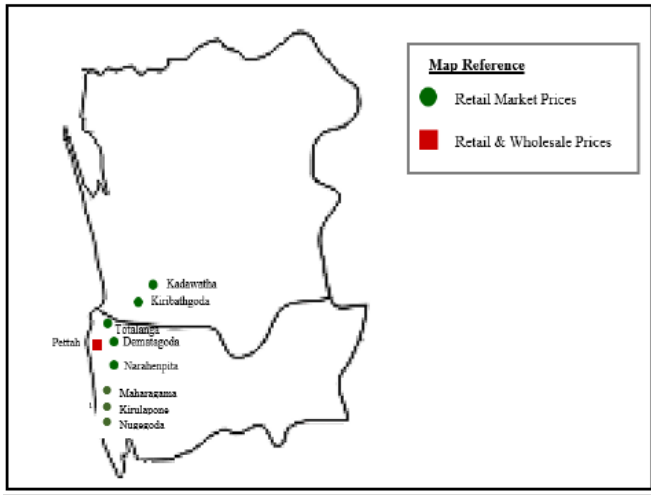
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<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	118.00	148.00	148.00	158.00	Dambulla	41.00	54.40	53.20	58.20	Hambantota				
Dambulla	175.50	163.50	157.00	181.00	Hambantota	82.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	Embilipitiya	930.00	1200.00	1223.33	976.67
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	70.00	50.00	70.00	70.00	Moneragala	1040.00	1240.00	820.00	940.00
Embilipitiya	148.00	160.00	184.00	178.00	Matara				45.00	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	76.25	120.00	101.25	147.50	A'pura	44.00	54.00	58.00	64.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	55.00	80.00	68.00	124.00	Moneragala	44.00	48.00	58.00	64.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	54.00	64.00	54.00	54.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	108.00	108.00	88.00	74.00	Embilipitiya	52.00	52.00	58.00	52.00
Welimada	114.00	130.00	152.00	176.00	Dambulla	108.00	100.00	93.20	82.00	Hambantota	115.00	87.50	60.00	60.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota					125.00	125.00	102.50		
A'pura	188.00	188.00	288.00	308.00	Matara	87.50	92.50	91.25		<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
Dambulla	143.50	185.00	264.00	300.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Moneragala	158.00	204.00	158.00	170.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	106.00	118.00	232.00	250.00	Embilipitiya	178.00	160.00	172.00	166.00
Embilipitiya	228.00	310.00	332.50	375.00	Hambantota	62.50	120.00			Hambantota				
					Embilipitiya	185.00	215.00	230.00	192.50	<u>Papaw</u>				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	102.50	110.00	177.50	192.50	Moneragala	54.00	54.00	62.00	64.00
Dambulla	140.00	120.00	156.88	175.63	A'Pura	108.00	188.00	228.00	248.00	Embilipitiya	76.25	71.25	65.00	58.00
Hambantota	94.00	128.00	128.00	164.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					Hambantota	125.00	117.50	85.00	85.00
Embilipitiya	116.00	130.00	150.00	165.00	Hambantota					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Matara	107.50	120.00	147.50	157.50	Embilipitiya	58.00	80.00	92.50	107.50	Divulapitiya				
A'pura	148.00	118.00	148.00	208.00	Matara	97.50	91.67	93.75	97.50					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	200.00	220.00	248.00	216.67	Dambulla	61.60	65.40	113.00	77.40					
Hambantota	87.50	135.00	135.00	202.50	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	170.00	190.00	185.00	270.00	Embilipitiya	168.00	164.00	180.00	260.00					
Matara	107.50	121.25	150.00	167.50	Puttalam	71.67	77.00	128.00	98.00					
A'pura	148.00	148.00	208.00	228.00	A'Pura	108.00	108.00	188.00	188.00					

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