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Highlights

Paddy/Rice

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have decreased in major producing areas during the month mainly due to the abundance of imported and local rice varieties. The monthly average prices of long-grain white and short-grain paddy have decreased by less than Rs12.00/kg, with the highest decline recorded for short-grain paddy in Ampara.

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased in the range of 1-5% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. The price of samba grade 1 and II ranged between Rs. 230.00-240.00/kg and Rs. 220.00-230.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same month of the last year, retail prices of all local rice varieties had increased in the range of 21 -104%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

Red dhal

The retail price of red dhal was further reduced by Rs.35.00/kg when compared to the month of September. However, compared to October 2021, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal had increased by 64% and 62% respectively.

Vegetables

Vegetable cultivation of the Yala 2022 season has come to an end. Prices for most vegetable varieties have fallen slightly as a result of rainy weather-induced low demand, combined with low-quality supplies from major producing areas. However, when compared to the same period last year, prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 33-162% and prices are expected to rise further in the coming month.

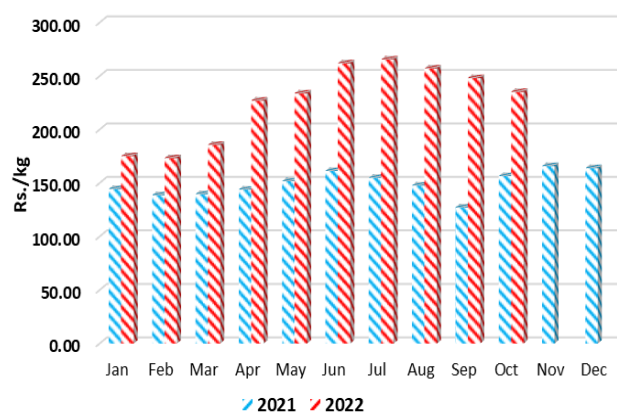
Fruit

Considering the major fruit varieties, the prices of pineapple and most of the banana varieties have increased while the prices of mango varieties have decreased. Prices of pineapple have increased further by 10-22%. Prices of karthakolomban (32%) and vilad (17%) mango have decreased due to on-going harvesting period.

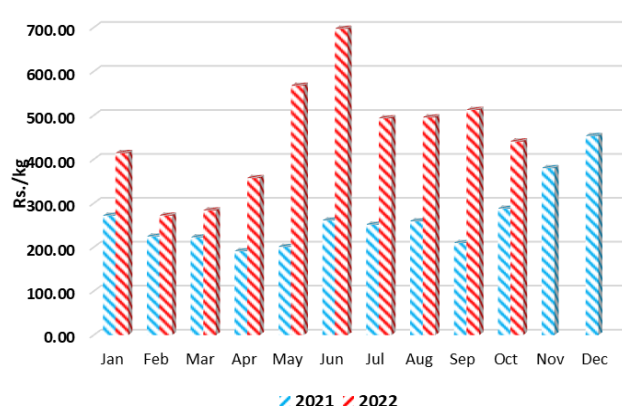
Fish & Meat

Prices of all the fish varieties had continue to drop at both wholesale and retail level due to low demand compared to the supply. Market information shows that the rising cost of living coupled with loss of income has forced consumers to spend only on staple food items, skipping high priced protein sources such as fish and meat.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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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. 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

Above normal rainfall was recorded in the wet zone as well as in the Northern and Eastern provinces while below normal rainfall was recorded in the North Central and Hambantota. Land preparation activities for paddy cultivation in 2022/23 *Maha* season commenced in all major producing areas with the onset of the rains. Better water availability was recorded in most of the major and minor irrigation tanks. According to the Department of Agriculture, crop forecast report paddy area target for Maha 2022/23 season is 852,191 ha. Sown extent reported as at end October 2022 is 248,369 ha (except Inter-Provincial areas of Hasalaka), 29% achievement from the target. Sown area of paddy (248,369 ha) in October 2022 is shown a 10 % increase in the year-on-year basis. The report further reveals that reaching total cultivation target, would produce around 3 million metric tons of paddy for the season.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End Oct 2022 and production forecast of Maha

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end October 2022 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target
Colombo	4,197	1,094	26
Gampaha	13,277	7,713	58
Kalutara	14,722	2,053	14
Galle	14,048	27	0
Matara	15,276	1,184	8
Ratnapura	11,958	415	3
Kegalle	8,336	2,335	28
Kurunagala	83,507	8,199	10
Puttalam	22,745	4,357	19
Kandy	9,816	280	3
Matale	18,289	21	0
N eliya	5,713	222	4
Badulla	16,594	78	0
Monaragala	30,991	22	0
Jaffna	13,000	11,501	88
Kilinochchi	28,779	28,779	100
Vavuniya	22,208	11,926	54
Mullaitivu	21,899	14,969	68
Mannar	21,694	3,660	17
Anuradhapura	79,196	8,029	10
Trincomalee	42,498	21,640	51
Batticaloa	73,471	54,277	74
Ampara	7,303	-	-
Hambantota	13,016	65	0
Udawalawa	11,810	89	1
System H	21,755	200	1
System H1	8,199	35	0
System B	20,745	420	2
System C	22,960	327	1
System G	5,948	3	0
System D	1,559	25	2
Rambakanoya	1,050	230	22
Sri Lanka	852,191	248,369	29

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have decreased in major producing areas during the month mainly due to abundance of imported and local rice varieties. The monthly average prices of long-grain white and short grain paddy have decreased by less than Rs12.00/kg, with the highest decline recorded for short grain paddy in Ampara. The farm gate prices of long grain white have decreased by Rs 8.00/kg in Ampara and Rs 6.00/kg in Anurdhapura. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red paddy has decreased slightly in Hambantota and Embilipitiya. The prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red ranged between Rs.100.00-118.00/kg, Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and Rs. 118.00-130.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all paddy varieties have increased significantly in all major producing areas. However, prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have doubled in all major producing areas. The prices of short grain and long grain white paddy have increased by 34%-50% and 56%-68% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red paddy have increased by more than 100% in producing areas in the Southern province.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy – October 2022

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	103.00-112.00	105.48	110.05	72.50	-4.57	-4.15	32.98	45.49
Polonnaruwa	112.00-116.50	113.77	120.23	80.00	-6.46	-5.38	33.77	42.21
Kalawewa	105.00-115.00	109.79	110.11	76.45	-0.33	-0.30	33.34	43.61
Kurunegala	100.00-114.00	107.01	108.01	71.17	-1.00	-0.93	35.84	50.36
Dehiattakandiya	102.00-114.00	107.80	115.25	80.58	-7.45	-6.46	27.22	33.77
Nikaweratiya	104.00-118.00	110.42	109.30	-	1.11	1.02	-	-
Ampara	100.00-115.00	105.87	118.17	75.67	-12.30	-10.41	30.20	39.91
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	100.00-112.00	104.60	110.50	65.55	-5.90	-5.34	39.05	59.57
Polonnaruwa	108.00-116.50	109.50	117.00	70.08	-7.50	-6.41	39.42	56.24
Kalawewa	100.00-115.00	106.91	111.10	68.03	-4.19	-3.78	38.88	57.16
Kurunegala	100.00-114.00	106.74	108.01	63.69	-1.27	-1.17	43.05	67.59
Dehiattakandiya	100.00-110.00	105.20	114.33	67.67	-9.13	-7.99	37.53	55.47
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	104.00-118.00	110.42	109.30	-	1.11	1.02	-	-
Ampara	100.00-120.00	109.16	116.75	-	-7.59	-6.50	-	-
Long Grain Red								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	118.00-128.00	122.90	120.38	59.17	2.52	2.09	63.73	107.72
Hambantota	120.00-127.00	122.02	123.25	57.40	-1.23	-1.00	64.62	112.59
Embilipitiya	120.00-130.00	125.44	126.67	59.83	-1.23	-0.97	65.61	109.66
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	105.00-120.00	112.76	115.75	100.75	-2.99	-2.58	12.01	11.92
Polonnaruwa	109.00-117.00	111.48	120.94	113.00	-9.45	-7.82	-1.52	-1.34
Kalawewa	108.00-120.00	112.20	114.46	105.21	-2.26	-1.97	6.99	6.64
Kurunegala	112.00-125.00	116.20	117.98	100.00	-1.78	-1.51	16.20	16.20
Dehiattakandiya	105.00-112.00	108.60	118.42	110.67	-9.82	-8.29	-2.07	-1.87

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all local rice varieties except raw red have decreased slightly by less than 3% mainly due to increased supplies. The highest price decrease of Rs. 6.27/kg was recorded for Keeri samba followed by samba grade 1. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs. 215.00-230.00 and 210.00-220.00/kg during the month. Furthermore, wholesale prices of all imported rice varieties had decreased further in the range of 2-9% due to decreased import prices. Supplies of imported rice also increased at the wholesale level.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local rice varieties had increased by 16- 111% with the highest price increase of 111% being recorded for raw red rice.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	215.00-230.00	222.14	225.88	-	-3.74	-1.65	-	-
Samba 2	210.00-220.00	216.36	219.43	139.43	-3.07	-1.40	76.94	55.18
Keeri Samba	230.00-250.00	238.52	244.79	205.42	-6.27	-2.56	33.10	16.12
Nadu 1	210.00-220.00	213.22	215.59	119.16	-2.37	-1.10	94.06	78.94
Nadu 2	205.00-210.00	207.92	209.03	116.33	-1.11	-0.53	91.60	78.74
Raw red	205.00-215.00	211.24	209.45	100.08	1.79	0.85	111.17	111.08
Raw white	195.00-210.00	203.26	205.55	113.58	-2.29	-1.11	89.69	78.97
Imported Samba	173.00-190.00	181.62	185.96	-	-4.34	-2.33	-	-
Imported Raw White	142.00-162.00	153.62	169.33	-	-15.71	-9.28	-	-
Imported Nadu	160.00-175.00	169.64	180.70	-	-11.06	-6.12	-	-
Retail Prices-								
Samba 1	230.00-240.00	235.20	248.19	156.50	-12.99	-5.23	78.71	50.29
Samba 2	220.00-230.00	226.48	235.46	144.76	-8.98	-3.81	81.72	56.46
Keeri Samba	250.00-280.00	262.23	266.57	210.06	-4.34	-1.63	52.17	24.84
Nadu 1	220.00-240.00	228.88	233.33	127.27	-4.45	-1.91	101.61	79.84
Nadu 2	210.00-230.00	220.67	223.55	122.09	-2.88	-1.29	98.58	80.74
Raw red	220.00-240.00	226.55	230.02	110.86	-3.47	-1.51	115.68	104.35
Raw white	210.00-240.00	224.71	229.95	120.38	-5.24	-2.28	104.33	86.67
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	190.00-220.00	203.90	210.95	-	-7.06	-3.35	-	-
Imported Raw White	160.00-210.00	182.59	196.48	-	-13.89	-7.07	-	-
Imported Nadu	180.00-220.00	198.10	208.37	-	-10.28	-4.93	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased in the range of 1-5% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. The price of samba grade 1 and II ranged between Rs. 230.00-240.00/kg and Rs. 220.00-230.00/kg respectively. Retail prices of all imported rice varieties had also decreased in the range of 3-7% compared to the previous month. Compared to the same month of the last year, retail prices of all local rice varieties had increased in the range of 21 -104%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in maha 2022 /23 was 11,358 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 1544 ha by the end of September and it was only 14% of the target. Both the highest targeted extent and cultivated extent were recorded from the Anuradhapura district at the end of this month. However, the cultivation progress in all major producing areas was less than 30% and it was recorded as 10% in Puttalam and 11% in the Anuradhapura district.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2022/23 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of October 2022	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Puttalam	1,770	180	10
Anuradhapura	1,776	188	11
Batticaloa	588	94	16
Vavuniya	400	97	24
Matale	241	34	14
Badulla	415	112	27
Monaragala	826	72	9
Kandy	238	37	16
Interprovincial DDA areas	815	15	2
Mahaweli areas	514	38	7
Other areas	3,775	677	18
Total	11,358	1,544	14

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas increased during this month. Hence, producer prices of green chillies have shown a decreasing trend in the latter part of the month with the highest price (Rs.268.00/kg) recorded in Anuradhapura in the second week of the month. Both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.25.00/kg respectively due to high supplies from main producing areas. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.222.00/kg and Rs.452.74/kg respectively. Prices of green chilli are expected to increase in the coming months with the end of the harvesting season. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 70% and 80% respectively.

A quantity of 2,888 mt of dried chillie was imported in October 2022 and this quantity was lower than 1,241 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.888.70/kg which is a drop of Rs.4.12/kg compared to the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.95.00/kg and Rs.12.00/kg respectively. Prices ranged between Rs.1380.00-1550.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1520.00 – Rs. 2000.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 186% and 195% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – Oct 2022

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	140.00-300.00	222.00	252.25	130.50	-30.25	-11.99	91.50	70.11
Dried Chilli	1380.00-1550.00	1455.80	1551.13	508.88	-95.33	-6.15	946.93	186.08
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	200.00-600.00	452.74	477.69	251.20	-24.95	-5.22	201.54	80.23
Dried Chilli	1520.00-2000.00	1815.12	1827.19	615.62	-12.07	-0.66	1199.50	194.84

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) October 2022

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	196.50	228.00	180.50	139.50	114.50
Embilipitiya	230.00	216.67	216.67	213.33	225.00
Puttalam	155.00	198.33	161.67	126.67	143.33
A'Pura	214.00	268.00	208.00	184.00	152.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land of red onion for maha 2022/23 season was 3558 ha, of which 167 ha has been cultivated by the end of October 2022. It represented only 5% of the targeted extent of red onion in Sri Lanka. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about, 1900 ha in Jaffna and only 22 ha of the target (1%) was grown at the end of October 2022. The cultivation progress of red onion was at a low level in Puttalm district too (13%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2022/23 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of Oct 2022	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target
Jaffna	1900	22	1
Puttalam	900	114	13
Trincomalee	307	1	0
Other area	451	30	7
Total	3558	167	5

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month. Though, October is the peak harvesting month of local big onion, both wholesale and retail prices increased by about Rs.72.00/kg and Rs.53.00/kg due to a comparatively decreasing harvest during this season. The average wholesale and retail prices of local big onion were

Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.239.00/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 26% and 30% respectively when compared to the same period of last year. A quantity of 12,951 mt of big onion was imported in October 2022 and this quantity was lower than the 3,417 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.83.42/kg and it has increased by Rs.2.72/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions increased by about Rs.66.00/kg and Rs.50.00/kg respectively due to booming CIF prices and special commodity levy for imported big onions. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.202.00/kg and Rs.234.00/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 29% and 22% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has decreased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence, the wholesale price of vedalan has increased by about Rs.50.00/kg. However, with the availability of low-quality stocks at the market wholesale price of sinnan has decreased by about Rs.29.00/kg. The wholesale prices of Sinnan were Rs.280.00 – 300.00/kg and Rs.385.00 – 590.00/kg was reported for Vedalan. Meanwhile, the retail prices of both Sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.8.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg respectively. The average retail prices of sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.374.00/kg and Rs.565.00/kg respectively. A quantity of 696mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 20 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.128.75/kg and it has increased by Rs. 3.37/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.49.00/kg and Rs.20.00/kg due to limited imports. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of sinnan, vedaln and imported red onion have increased by about,45%, 85% and 52% respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - Oct 2022

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	280.00-300.00	290.00	318.61	166.94	-28.61	-8.98	123.06	73.71
Red Onion (Vedalan)	385.00-590.00	494.66	444.43	225.78	50.23	11.30	268.88	119.09
Red Onion (Imported)	340.00-550.00	429.76	381.23	187.68	48.53	12.73	242.08	128.98
Big Onion (imported)	160.00-240.00	202.30	136.48	156.94	65.83	48.23	45.36	28.90
Big Onion (Local)	150.00-240.00	200.30	128.60	158.50	71.70	55.75	41.80	26.37
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	300.00-600.00	373.70	365.75	257.83	7.95	2.17	115.87	44.94
Red Onion (Vedalan)	420.00-720.00	564.78	538.53	304.78	26.25	4.87	260.00	85.31
Red Onion (Imported)	400.00-500.00	434.53	414.79	286.59	19.74	4.76	147.94	51.62
Big Onion (imported)	170.00-280.00	233.69	183.42	191.39	50.27	27.41	42.31	22.10
Big Onion (Local)	160.00-320.00	238.89	185.82	183.22	53.06	28.56	55.67	30.38

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, October 2022

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	October,2022	83.42	202.30	233.69	118.88	31.39
	September,2022	80.70	136.48	183.42	55.78	46.94
	October,2021	93.17	156.94	191.39	63.77	34.45
Red onion	October,2022	128.75	429.76	434.53	301.01	4.77
	September,2022	125.38	381.23	414.79	255.86	33.56
	October,2021	136.04	187.68	286.59	51.64	98.91

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions (May 2022 to October 2022)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
October-2022	12,950.79	83.42	202.30	233.69	150.28
September-2022	16,368.03	80.70	136.48	183.42	102.72
August-2022	27,516.83	100.31	146.72	189.33	89.01
July-2022	22,231.23	80.57	175.33	228.96	148.39
June-2022	22,288.64	71.48	173.32	230.89	159.41
May-2022	22,549.39	94.65	164.93	382.91	288.26

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)	
	Oct,2022	Sept,2022	Oct,2022	Sept,2022	Oct,2022	Sept,2022
Red Onion	695.98	715.69	89.61	89.73	128.75	125.38
Big Onion	12950.79	16368.03	1080.30	1320.90	83.42	80.70

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The cultivated extent for the 2022 *yala* season was 2,499 ha in the country which was slightly lower than the targeted extent recorded for the 2022 *Yala* season (2,796 ha). A quantity of 12,788 mt of potato was imported in October which was 10,648 mt higher than that was imported during the same period in the year. When compared to last month (September 2022) potato importation has increased by 15%. The Average CIF price was Rs. 75.00/kg in October.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October-2022	12,788	965.08	75.47	233.55	158.08
September-2022	11,101	831.97	74.94	300.32	225.37
August-2022	13,414	1205.26	89.85	224.06	134.21
July-2022	13,747	1124.96	81.83	256.99	175.15
June-2022	9,050	636.82	70.37	258.01	187.65
May-2022	7,308	725.11	99.22	210.98	111.76

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.272.00/kg and Rs.247.00/kg in October. Wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 12%, while the wholesale price of imported potato decreased by 30%. Also, the retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 15% and 10% respectively. The retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 22% due to the availability of stocks import from Pakistan and China in the market. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.260.00-290.00/kg, Rs.290.00-330.00/kg and Rs.140.00- 200.00/kg respectively. As the harvesting season for potato will end in November, the prices of local potatoes are expected to rise in the coming months.

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	215.00-275.00	247.00	256.00	113.40	-9.00	-3.52	133.60	117.81
Nuwara Eliya	245.00-300.00	272.16	298.40	134.45	-26.24	-8.79	137.71	102.42
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	260.00-290.00	279.50	319.02	128.40	-39.52	-12.39	151.10	117.69
Nuwara Eliya	290.00-330.00	310.00	351.61	146.38	-41.61	-11.83	163.63	111.78
Imported	140.00-200.00	172.12	246.50	128.68	-74.38	-30.17	43.45	33.76
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	300.00-400.00	340.42	380.33	168.86	-39.91	-10.49	171.56	101.60
Nuwara Eliya	350.00-480.00	424.58	500.91	202.40	-76.33	-15.24	222.19	109.78
Imported	180.00-280.00	233.55	300.32	153.94	-66.77	-22.23	79.62	51.72
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		93.42	124.33	55.46	-30.91	-24.86	37.96	68.45
Nuwara Eliya		152.42	202.51	67.95	-50.09	-24.73	84.48	124.32
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		60.92	61.31	40.46	-0.39	-0.64	20.46	50.55
Nuwara Eliya		114.58	149.31	56.02	-34.72	-23.26	58.56	104.53
Imported		61.43	53.82	25.26	7.61	14.15	36.17	143.19

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 1020.00-1120.00 /kg and Rs 1100.00-1300.00 /kg respectively. When compared to last month both wholesale and retail prices of Green gram decreased by 11%. Meanwhile, the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 900.00-1200.00/kg. When compared to the same period of last year the retail prices of Green gram, White and red cowpea increased by 70%,55% and 137% respectively.

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	1020.00-1120.00	1072.69	966.72	542.00	105.97	10.96	530.69	97.91
Cowpea (White)	820.00-900.00	868.74	790.69	514.00	78.05	9.87	354.74	69.02
Cowpea (Red)	870.00-950.00	909.81	810.42	322.43	99.40	12.26	587.38	182.17
Retail Price								
Green gram	1100.00-1300.00	1206.32	1081.3	706.10	125.02	11.56	500.22	70.84
Cowpea (White)	900.00-1200.00	1074.08	938.98	692.26	135.10	14.39	381.82	55.15
Cowpea (Red)	900.00-1200.00	1029.63	876.52	434.00	153.12	17.47	595.63	137.24

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.355/kg and Rs.405/kg with an average of Rs.377/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.380/kg and Rs.460/kg with an average of Rs.416/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices decreased by 7%. However, when compared to the same period of year 2021 both the retail and wholesale prices increased by 61% and 63% respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – October 2022

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	355.00-405.00	377.10	407.48	230.29	-30.38	-7.45	146.81	63.75
Retail Price	380.00-460.00	416.08	451.90	257.47	-35.82	-7.93	158.61	61.60

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Vegetable harvesting of Yala 2022 season has been ended up during the month of October and all the vegetable producing areas were experienced with rainy weather condition during the month. According to the *Crop Forecast, Vol.01, Maha 2022/2023, Socio Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture, Maha cultivation season of 2022/2023 has started and progress of up country and low country vegetables are recorded as 14% (2,825ha) and 19% (8,374ha) respectively*. The total target extent for up-country vegetables is 19,616ha and 28,758ha for low-country vegetables. Hitherto, the highest cultivation extent report for pumpkin (1,347ha), followed by long bean (1008ha). It is a 36% and 20% progress from their targets.

Table 3.1 : Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Maha 2022/23 Season

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of October 2022	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Up-Country Vegetables			
Bean	4,253	595	14
Beet	1,581	201	13
Cabbage	2,463	340	14
Capsicum	2,462	392	16
Carrot	1,790	274	15
Knol-khol	477	87	18
Leeks	1,244	132	11
Tomato	3,384	527	16
Radish	1,962	278	14
Total	19,616	2,825	14
Low-Country Vegetables			
Pumpkin	3,774	1347	36
Snake gourd	2,283	299	13
Cucumber	1,684	302	18
Bitter gourd	2,278	345	15
Okra	4,211	743	18
Brinjal	5,242	904	17
Ash plantain	632	39	6
Luffa	1,849	305	17
Long Bean	4,923	1008	20
Winged bean	805	102	13
Kekiri	484	52	11
Total	28,758	5,549	19
Grand Total	48,374	8,374	17

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2022/23, volume 01, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the vegetables have decreased due to the vegetable cultivation of Yala 2022 season has reached its end phase. However, prices of most of the vegetable varieties have slightly decreased due to rainy weather induced low demand, coupled with low quality supplies from major producing areas. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have decreased by 1%-32% except beetroot, radish and tomatoes. The highest price decrease was reported for cabbage (33%). The highest price of Rs.303.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.118.00/kg was observed for radish. With regard to low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have decreased for cucumber and drumsticks by 33% and 20% respectively. The highest price of Rs.620.60/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest of Rs.78.00/kg was for cucumber. Further, price of green chilli decreased by 12% and price of lime increased by 114%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased by 13%-422%.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	220.00-420.00	303.40	338.50	221.50	-35.10	-10.37	81.90	36.98
Carrot	200.00-350.00	280.80	281.45	105.00	-0.65	-0.23	175.80	167.43
Leeks	150.00-230.00	183.40	193.25	161.25	-9.85	-5.10	22.15	13.74
Beetroot	160.00-320.00	239.47	191.76	45.82	47.71	24.88	193.65	422.61
Knolkhol	150.00-220.00	184.40	191.25	80.00	-6.85	-3.58	104.40	130.50
Radish	80.00-150.00	117.78	110.25	73.25	7.53	6.83	44.53	60.79
Cabbage	130.00-350.00	210.00	311.25	92.75	-101.25	-32.53	117.25	126.42
Tomato	160.00-350.00	229.00	172.50	72.50	56.50	32.75	156.50	215.86
Ladies Fingers	60.00-140.00	105.20	118.00	105.75	-12.80	-10.85	-0.55	-0.52
Brinjal	200.00-370.00	264.40	289.00	187.50	-24.60	-8.51	76.90	41.01
Capsicum	500.00-700.00	620.60	623.50	243.50	-2.90	-0.47	377.10	154.87
Pumpkin	130.00-220.00	177.00	151.75	44.00	25.25	16.64	133.00	302.27
Cucumber	40.00-120.00	78.40	117.00	59.25	-38.60	-32.99	19.15	32.32
Bittergourd	250.00-400.00	349.80	269.00	203.50	80.80	30.04	146.30	71.89
Snakegourd	200.00-300.00	252.80	243.00	134.25	9.80	4.03	118.55	88.31
Drumstick	100.00-450.00	287.40	361.25	167.75	-73.85	-20.44	119.65	71.33
Luffa	150.00-250.00	190.80	219.25	99.75	-28.45	-12.98	91.05	91.28
Long Beans	120.00-220.00	171.40	214.25	116.00	-42.85	-20.00	55.40	47.76
Ash Plantain	150.00-200.00	165.40	150.75	42.13	14.65	9.72	123.28	292.64
Green Chillies	140.00-300.00	222.00	252.25	130.50	-30.25	-11.99	91.50	70.11
Lime	380.00-600.00	491.80	229.50	357.25	262.30	114.29	134.55	37.66

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail prices of vegetables also have slightly decreased during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, only the retail prices of beans and cabbages have decreased by 14% and 16% respectively. The highest price of Rs.853.00/kg was noted for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.188.00/kg was observed for cucumber. In addition, the retail prices of drumsticks, cucumber, luffa and long bean have also decreased. The highest retail price increase (18%) was reported for beetroots. Further, price of lime has increased by 64%. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 33%-162%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – October 2022

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	300.00-600.00	440.64	512.30	287.96	-71.66	-13.99	152.69	53.02
Carrot	300.00-500.00	410.92	402.99	172.81	7.93	1.97	238.12	137.80
Leeks	220.00-420.00	326.69	318.52	233.38	8.17	2.56	93.30	39.98
Beetroot	250.00-480.00	352.02	298.02	119.82	54.00	18.12	232.21	193.80
Knolkhol	220.00-440.00	344.19	314.95	155.13	29.24	9.28	189.05	121.86
Radish	140.00-320.00	231.79	224.98	134.65	6.82	3.03	97.14	72.14
Cabbage	220.00-600.00	387.48	457.79	171.71	-70.31	-15.36	215.77	125.66
Tomato	240.00-480.00	361.14	303.16	137.52	57.97	19.12	223.62	162.61
Ladies Fingers	140.00-360.00	245.19	248.46	183.81	-3.26	-1.31	61.38	33.39
Brinjal	280.00-560.00	407.36	390.96	258.69	16.40	4.19	148.67	57.47
Capsicum	640.00-1000.00	853.46	831.16	325.29	22.30	2.68	528.16	162.37
Pumpkin	200.00-320.00	269.33	245.27	108.86	24.07	9.81	160.48	147.42
Cucumber	80.00-240.00	189.74	207.50	119.62	-17.76	-8.56	70.12	58.61
Bittergourd	320.00-600.00	505.30	443.98	285.79	61.32	13.81	219.52	76.81
Snakegourd	280.00-480.00	381.49	374.48	220.56	7.01	1.87	160.93	72.96
Drumstick	250.00-800.00	505.32	599.73	263.51	-94.41	-15.74	241.81	91.77
Luffa	200.00-480.00	342.13	357.58	203.84	-15.45	-4.32	138.29	67.84
Long Beans	200.00-480.00	322.37	368.61	193.82	-46.24	-12.54	128.55	66.32
Ash Plantain	190.00-320.00	271.70	243.88	122.97	27.82	11.41	148.73	120.95
Green Chilli	200.00-600.00	452.74	477.69	251.20	-24.95	-5.22	201.54	80.23
Lime	450.00-1000.00	714.01	435.61	522.32	278.40	63.91	191.69	36.70

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In October, considering the price behavior of major fruit types, the wholesale prices of pineapple and mango have decreased while the price of banana varieties have increased. With the arrival of some stocks of mango to the market this month, the wholesale prices of *karthakolomban* (21%) and *vilad* (21%) mangoes have decreased. Price ranged Rs.100.00-200.00/fruit for *karthakolomban* mango.

Meanwhile, the prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 5%-7% due to on-going harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.620.00/fruit (large), Rs.527.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.436.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively.

Considering the prices of banana varieties, prices of most of the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 5% recorded for *seeni* banana and the prices of *ambul*, *anamalu* and *ambun* have increased by 4%. However, the price of *kolikuttu* has decreased by 5%. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.300.00-380.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.140.00-180.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.100.00-130.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.18.00-23.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.14.00-20.00/fruit (*anamalu*).

Considering other types of fruit varieties, the prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased due to seasonality of harvesting period. Price of imported grapes has decreased by 24% due to low demand with prevailed high price. Further, the price of passion fruit has decreased by 19% with availability of ample stocks. Meanwhile, the prices of papaw and slime apple have increased by 16% and 12% respectively due to limited stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all fruit varieties except for slime apple have increased with the highest price increase of 193% reported for *ambul* banana (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	140.00-180.00	158.32	152.71	53.96	5.61	3.68	104.36	193.41
Kolikuttu (Kg)	300.00-380.00	337.83	353.75	165.38	-15.92	-4.50	172.45	104.27
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-130.00	112.33	106.68	63.96	5.65	5.30	48.38	75.64
Anamalu (Fruit)	14.00-20.00	17.00	16.31	11.38	0.69	4.21	5.63	49.45
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-23.00	19.99	19.31	14.08	0.68	3.53	5.91	41.97
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	460.00-780.00	620.58	670.31	320.50	-49.73	-7.42	300.08	93.63
Medium (Fruit)	360.00-680.00	526.81	560.31	231.60	-33.51	-5.98	295.21	127.47
Small (Fruit)	280.00-600.00	436.25	461.40	164.05	-25.15	-5.45	272.20	165.93
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	100.00-200.00	154.83	195.42	83.99	-40.58	-20.77	70.84	84.34
Vilad (Fruit)	45.00-80.00	60.15	76.09	30.57	-15.95	-20.95	29.58	96.75
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-280.00	167.24	143.99	76.61	23.26	16.15	90.64	118.31
Passionfruit (Fruit)	28.00-50.00	33.77	41.46	12.50	-7.69	-18.55	21.27	170.13
Woodapple (Fruit)	12.00-24.00	18.30	18.66	11.69	-0.36	-1.93	6.61	56.56
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-70.00	59.34	54.76	43.44	4.58	8.37	15.91	36.62
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	65.76	65.93	42.66	-0.17	-0.26	23.10	54.15
Slime Apple (Fruit)	28.00-60.00	43.45	38.81	50.17	4.64	11.96	-6.71	-13.38
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1000.00-1800.00	1208.53	#####	747.12	-377.58	-23.81	461.42	61.76

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Though, the wholesale prices of most of the major fruit varieties have shown a decreasing trend, the retail prices of most of them have increased in October. Prices of all sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 10%-22% and the prices ranged between Rs.350.00-1,300.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Prices of *seeni* and *kolikuttu* banana have increased by 3% and 2% respectively. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.350.00-480.00/kg for *kolikuttu* and Rs.150.00-250.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of slime apple (25%), orange (11%) and avocado (7%) have increased in line with the increased wholesale prices (Table 4.2). Compared to the same period of

last year, the current retail prices of all fruit varieties except for wood apple have increased with the highest price increase of 142% reported for pineapple (small size) (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	150.00-250.00	193.12	193.96	122.30	-0.84	-0.43	70.82	57.91
Kolikuttu (Kg)	350.00-480.00	413.04	403.49	251.92	9.55	2.37	161.12	63.96
Seeni (Kg)	120.00-220.00	177.43	173.09	130.07	4.34	2.50	47.36	36.41
Anamalu (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	24.46	24.55	18.47	-0.09	-0.37	5.99	32.41
Ambun (Fruit)	22.00-38.00	30.30	29.93	23.33	0.37	1.22	6.96	29.84
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	600.00-1300.00	852.33	700.32	354.49	152.02	21.71	497.85	140.44
Medium (Fruit)	500.00-850.00	675.18	595.00	279.33	80.18	13.47	395.85	141.71
Small (Fruit)	350.00-700.00	542.69	492.12	229.32	50.57	10.28	313.37	136.65
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	100.00-350.00	194.10	287.41	123.17	-93.31	-32.47	70.93	57.59
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-160.00	85.81	103.59	65.03	-17.78	-17.16	20.78	31.96
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	180.00-350.00	258.76	247.58	143.85	11.18	4.52	114.91	79.88
Passionfruit (Fruit)	32.00-67.00	49.20	51.05	23.80	-1.85	-3.62	25.40	106.72
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	47.59	47.237	48.54	0.35	0.74	-0.95	-1.96
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	102.18	92.41	66.85	9.77	10.57	35.33	52.86
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-180.00	105.93	98.744	74.65	7.19	7.28	31.28	41.90
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-200.00	116.15	93.25	-	22.90	24.56	-	-
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1600.00-2800.00	2135.47	3260	1214.89	-1124.53	-34.49	920.58	75.77

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	54.00-115.00	92.40	82.14	34.63	10.26	12.49	57.77	166.82
Kolikuttu	158.00-248.00	207.90	175.25	129.10	32.65	18.63	78.80	61.04
Papaw	54.00-135.00	100.48	95.22	51.13	5.26	5.52	49.35	96.51

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,778 mt of fresh fruits in October, 2022 to the value of Rs.414 mn. Of the exported quantity, 95% were papaw, 2% were fresh pineapple and 3% were fresh mangoes, avocados and mangosteen. In the month of September, 2022, the quantity exported was 1,615 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,069 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 385 mn. Orange was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 499 mt, followed by apple (409 mt). The total import expenditure of apple, grapes and oranges were Rs. 385 million in October. In the month of October, 2022, the quantity imported was 413 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 61% (Table 4.4).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – August to October 2022

Type of Fruit	October - 2022			September - 2022			August- 2022		
	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	1689.64	336.43	199.11	1541.48	312.84	202.95	1475.47	275.01	186.38
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	40.35	38.46	953.09	26.05	56.56	2171.11	30.31	46.42	1531.41
Fresh Avocado	7.74	8.09	1045.81	14.08	13.12	932.15	1.48	2.25	1528.39
Pineapple, fresh	39.51	30.88	781.43	33.48	28.77	859.25	77.14	72.67	942.02

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – August to September 2022

Type of Fruit	October - 2022			September - 2022			August- 2022		
	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	408.58	156.83	383.84	145.71	54.87	376.57	0.39	0.35	913.95
Grapes	161.02	87.35	542.50	219.43	126.27	575.43	20.03	14.60	729.05
Oranges	499.25	140.78	281.98	48.00	13.67	284.81	20.00	3.11	155.69

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the year-on-year food inflation rate for October 2022 was recorded as 86%, prices of all fish varieties had continue to drop, at both wholesale and retail level, compared to previous month. The main cause of the fall in fish prices was the demand decrease due to low purchasing power of the consumers. Market information shows that the rising cost of living coupled with loss of income has forced consumers to spend only on staple food items, skipping high priced protein sources such as fish and meat. Furthermore, demand of the average consumers has shifted from high value fish varieties to low value fish varieties such as salaya, causing a high price hike in those varieties compared to previous year. Meantime, deep sea fish catch has been in a declining trend since the fuel shortage and fuel price hike came into effect in April. The high costs associated with deep sea fishing owing to fuel price hike has forced the fisherman to reduce the number of fishing trips per season, resulting low fishing effort and low supply. Moreover, coastal fish catch too, was negatively affected by the windy weather prevailed in the southern and western coastal belt, during the first two weeks of the month.

Of all the fresh fish varieties, the highest price drop was reported for hurulla as 27% followed by salaya as 21% and paraw as 18%. Prices of rest of the fish varieties had decreased in the range of 7% -11%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, in the range of 39% - 183%, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 183%.

Following wholesale price movements, the retail prices of all the fish varieties had dropped, compared to last month. The highest price drop was reported for hurulla as 22%, followed by balaya and mora as 20% and 19% respectively. Meantime, prices of the remaining fish varieties had dropped in the range of 4% -17%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 147%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	300.00-620.00	472.05	594.32	166.90	-122.26	-20.57	305.15	182.83
Hurulla	450.00-750.00	609.20	832.26	394.82	-223.06	-26.80	214.38	54.30
Balaya	350.00-1500.00	738.75	794.89	392.80	-56.14	-7.06	345.95	88.07
Kelawalla	800.00-1540.00	1220.04	1366.34	737.32	-146.30	-10.71	482.72	65.47
Thora	1900.00-2800.00	2315.00	2499.46	1366.96	-184.46	-7.38	948.04	69.35
Paraw	700.00-1560.00	1185.60	1453.50	722.20	-267.90	-18.43	463.40	64.16
Mora	750.00-1150.00	967.77	-	694.67	-	-	273.10	39.31
Shrimp (small)	1250.00-1900.00	1497.80	1608.22	1038.58	-110.42	-6.87	459.22	44.22
Thalapath	1500.00-2400.00	1990.27	2225.25	1088.33	-234.98	-10.56	901.93	82.87
Retail Prices								
Salaya	440.00-1000.00	658.02	769.78	266.65	-111.76	-14.52	391.37	146.77
Hurulla	600.00-1200.00	846.76	1085.33	493.76	-238.56	-21.98	353.01	71.49
Balaya	450.00-2000.00	1253.39	1564.88	881.89	-311.49	-19.91	371.50	42.13
Kelawalla	1300.00-3000.00	2205.88	2380.84	1402.12	-174.95	-7.35	803.76	57.32
Thora	2400.00-4000.00	3023.12	3327.89	1852.07	-304.76	-9.16	1171.05	63.23
Paraw	820.00-3000.00	2080.15	2494.16	1415.75	-414.01	-16.60	664.40	46.93
Mora	840.00-2400.00	1519.64	1878.00	968.89	-358.36	-19.08	550.75	56.84
Shrimp (small)	1500.00-2400.00	1851.62	1930.61	1183.98	-78.99	-4.09	667.64	56.39
Thalapath	1800.00-3300.00	2743.78	2941.34	1664.58	-197.56	-6.72	1079.20	64.83

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Following the price drop in fresh fish, prices of most of the local dried fish varieties had also dropped, compared to last month. As observed for fresh fish prices, the main cause for the price drop was low demand due to declining purchasing power of the consumers. However, average prices of imported dried fish varieties remained high due to depreciation of SLN rupee against USD whilst, average prices of local dried fish varieties remained high due to low supply and high cost of production.

The highest price drop at wholesale level was recorded for balaya as 36% due to low demand. Next, the prices of salaya had dropped by 25%. Prices of rest of the dried fish varieties had dropped in the range of 3%-15%. Following the wholesale price movements, prices of all the dried fish varieties had dropped, during October. The highest price drop was reported for balaya as 20%. Prices of sprats (imported), sprats (local) and kattawa had dropped in the range of 10%-13%. In addition, prices of all remaining dried fish varieties had decreased by less than 10%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all dried fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for maduwa as 152%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of Dried fish – October 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	1550.00-2400.00	1948.40	2279.25	1180.83	-330.85	-14.52	767.57	65.00
Sprats (imported)	1000.00-1600.00	1369.39	1568.39	547.03	-199.01	-12.69	822.36	150.33
Kattawa	-	-	-	1228.33	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1600.00-1800.00	1683.98	1748.12	-	-64.14	-3.67	-	-
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1800.00-2200.00	2009.98	2339.48	1271.67	-329.51	-14.08	738.31	58.06
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	800.00-1050.00	874.60	1360.81	590.95	-486.21	-35.73	283.65	48.00
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	1231.70	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1750.00-1920.00	1830.56	1885.60	-	-55.04	-2.92	-	-
Maduwa	1150.00-1280.00	1224.44	-	716.18	-	-	508.27	70.97
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	620.00-950.00	749.80	998.50	305.40	-248.70	-24.91	444.40	145.51
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	1400.00-2800.00	1797.63	1989.41	715.36	-191.77	-9.64	1082.27	151.29
Sprats	1800.00-2600.00	2275.72	2599.79	1328.04	-324.06	-12.47	947.68	71.36
Kattawa	1800.00-3200.00	2621.99	2920.66	1570.91	-298.67	-10.23	1051.08	66.91
Thora	-	-	-	1941.35	-	-	-	-
Mora	2000.00-3200.00	2756.61	2968.90	1541.55	-212.29	-7.15	1215.06	78.82
Balaya	1100.00-2600.00	1790.28	2239.02	934.63	-448.75	-20.04	855.65	91.55
Anguluwa	2000.00-3100.00	2665.16	2758.75	1426.57	-93.59	-3.39	1238.58	86.82
Maduwa	1800.00-2600.00	2191.43	-	868.32	-	-	1323.11	152.38
Salaya	800.00-1600.00	1272.61	1367.90	568.19	-95.29	-6.97	704.42	123.98

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Increasing cost of production and demand substitution effect had led to price hike in eggs in June-August period. To curtail the egg price hike, a gazette notification was issued by the Consumer Affairs Authority declaring the maximum retail price for eggs on August 19th. Accordingly, the maximum stipulated price for a white egg was Rs. 43.00 and a brown egg was Rs. 45.00, at retail level. Subsequent to the gazette notification, a verbal agreement was reached between egg producers and the Consumer Affairs Authority to sell both types of eggs at maximum retail price

of Rs.50.00. Following the agreement, egg prices seemed to stabilize around Rs. 50.00 at wholesale level. However, the retail price range shows that both brown and white eggs were available at the market at a price just above Rs. 50.00. Furthermore, it was observed that the wholesalers' margin for eggs was becoming extremely small; to the point where no significant price change is observed between wholesale and retail levels. It is predicted that the above trends could affect the supply chain stability and might possibly lead to supply shortage in near future.

Except for 1% increase in prices for white eggs at wholesale level, prices of eggs had not changed compared to last month. Compared the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of an egg had increased by more than 150%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	49.00-50.00	49.65	49.63	18.80	0.02	0.05	30.85	164.10
White (each)	46.50-50.00	48.03	47.66	16.66	0.37	0.77	31.37	188.33
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	49.50-55.00	50.86	50.69	19.75	0.16	0.32	31.11	157.48
White (each)	48.00-52.00	49.51	49.28	18.27	0.23	0.46	31.24	171.02

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to last month, prices of most of the meat varieties, except for chicken (broiler), and chicken (curry) had increased slightly, at the retail market. The highest price increase was reported for pork, for the second consecutive month by 7%, compared to last month. Mutton and beef (boneless) prices had increased slightly; by 4% and 1% respectively. However, prices of chicken (broiler), and chicken (curry) had dropped by 9% and 2% respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for pork as 124%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2000.00-2200.00	2,098.67	2,080.36	1207.14	18.31	0.88	891.52	73.85
Chicken (Broiler)	1080.00-1600.00	1,335.62	1,470.81	696.30	-135.20	-9.19	639.32	91.82
Chicken (curry)	1320.00-1600.00	1,495.96	1,530.06	700.44	-34.10	-2.23	795.52	113.57
Mutton	2700.00-3300.00	2,943.68	2,832.22	2037.78	111.46	3.94	905.90	44.46
Pork	1500.00-2200.00	1,792.86	1,680.83	801.67	112.02	6.66	991.19	123.64

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

Total quantity of wheat grain imported in October was around 37,000mt worth 6,924mn. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported in this month had increased by around 16,000mt. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Canada at a CIF price of Rs.206.04/kg and the quantity was 59% of the total imported quantity of this month. The balance was imported from Romania (41%). CIF price of wheat grain ranged from Rs.159.41 to Rs.206.04/kg and average CIF price was Rs.187.14/kg this month. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has increased by Rs.40.75/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Canada whilst the lowest was recorded for wheat grain imported from Romania.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported this month was 35,871mt worth 6,973mn. Compared to the previous month, this month the quantity has increased by around 26,428mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour has imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.194.21/kg and that was 68% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in October. The remaining quantity was imported from UAE (19%), Oman(8%), India(1%) , Russia (1%) and small quantities from Vietnam and Egypt. Average CIF price of wheat flour imported this month was Rs.194.38/kg and compared to the previous month it has increased by Rs.39.50/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.307.90-440.00/kg and the average price was Rs.374.18/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 13% and compared to the same period of last year, the price has increased by 229%.

Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – October 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2021	Sep 2022		Oct 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	307.90-440.00	374.18	431.79	113.90	-57.61	-13.34	260.28	228.52
Sugar	264.60-282.52	274.64	287.58	140.43	-12.94	-4.50	134.21	95.57

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
October-2022	35,870.81	6972.66	194.38	374.18	179.80
September-2022	9,442.75	1462.50	154.88	431.79	276.91
August-2022	16,508.94	2421.32	146.67	304.11	157.44
July-2022	15,742.06	2,369.22	150.50	292.64	142.14
June-2022	12,116.39	1,845.98	152.35	284.18	131.82
May-2022	9,502.62	1,496.83	157.52	261.58	104.06
Wheat Grain					
October-2022	36,999.93	6,923.99	187.14	374.18	187.04
September-2022	20,993.62	3,073.22	146.39	431.79	285.40
August-2022	53,384.73	8,325.34	155.95	304.11	148.16
July-2022	5,318.24	743.84	139.87	292.64	152.77
June-2022	25,141.10	3,521.10	140.05	284.18	144.12
May-2022	55,401.91	6,904.07	124.62	261.58	136.96

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 this month was 11,370mt worth 2,541mn and it has decreased by around 16,702mt when compared to the previous month. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 72% of the total quantity. The rest was imported from Thailand (26%) and UAE(2%). The average CIF price was Rs.223.52/kg and compared to the previous month it has increased by Rs.13.00/kg. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from UAE (Rs.257.12/kg) while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from India (Rs.213.89/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, the price ranged Rs.264.60-282.52/kg and the average retail price was Rs.274.64/kg. Compared to last month the average retail price has decreased by 5% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 96%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- May 2022 to October 2022

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
October-2022	11,369.84	2541.37	223.52	274.64	51.12
September-2022	28,072.12	5908.40	210.47	287.58	77.11
August-2022	36,120.67	7501.31	207.67	314.99	107.32
July-2022	15,863.62	3,072.55	193.69	339.65	145.96
June-2022	9,270.63	1,847.44	199.28	319.54	120.26
May-2022	15,685.71	3,022.27	192.68	254.75	62.07

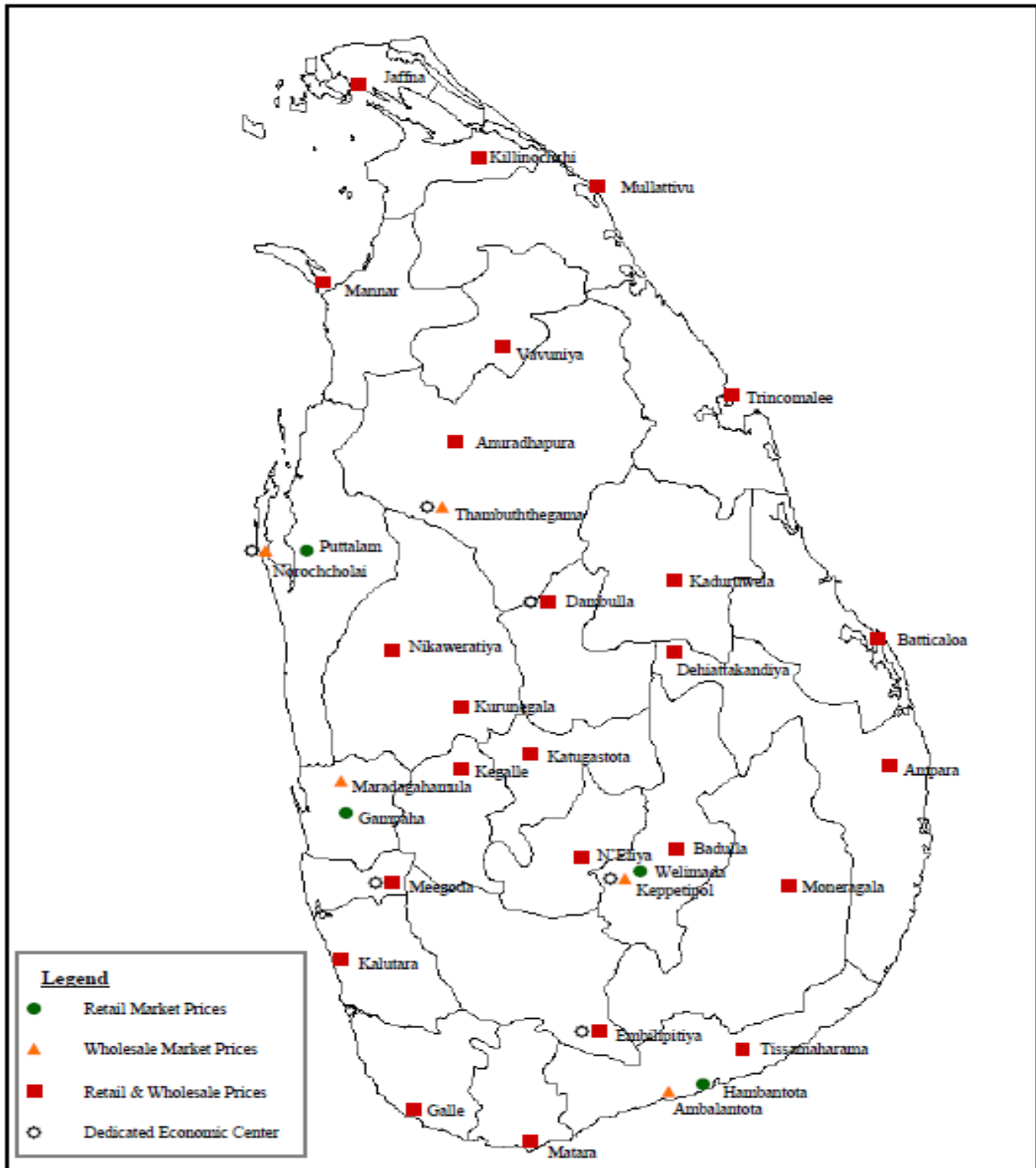
Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 7: Import of selected food items – October 2022

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Oct 2022	Sept 2022		Oct 2022	Sept 2022		Oct 2022	Sept 2022	
Rice	54605.7	78786.2	(31)	6902.4	9035.1	(24)	126.4	114.7	10
Red Onion	696.0	715.7	(3)	89.6	89.7	(0)	128.7	125.4	3
Big Onion	12950.8	16368.0	(21)	1080.3	1320.9	(18)	83.4	80.7	3
Potato	12788.0	11101.5	15	965.1	832.0	16	75.5	74.9	1
Maysoor Dhal	10642.1	13593.0	(22)	3183.9	4229.7	(25)	299.2	311.2	(4)
Garlic	1780.0	3334.9	(47)	440.8	801.5	(45)	247.7	240.3	3
Wheat flour	35870.8	9442.8	280	6972.7	1462.5	377	194.4	154.9	26
Wheat grain	36999.9	20993.6	76	6924.0	3073.2	125	187.1	146.4	28
Sugar & sugar confectionery	11369.8	28072.1	(59)	2541.4	5908.4	(57)	223.5	210.5	6
Maize (Other)	17952.4	23061.4	(22)	2408.5	3274.3	(26)	134.2	142.0	(6)

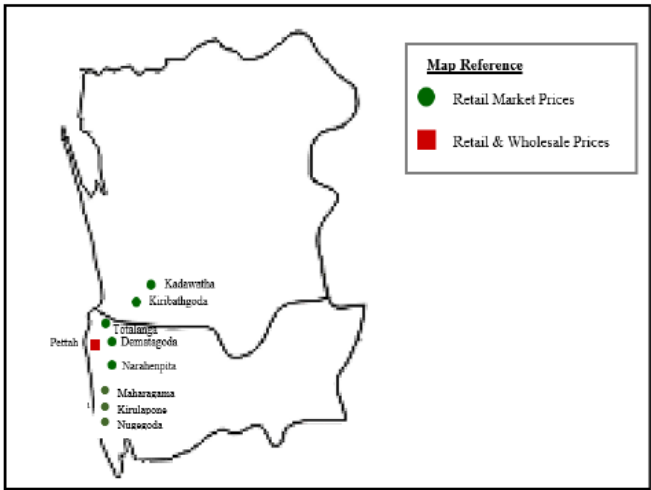
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