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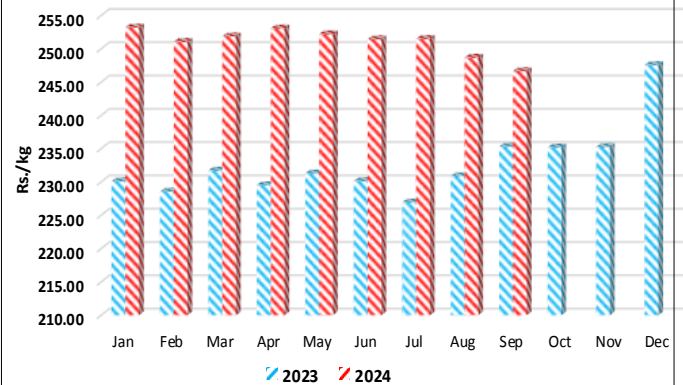
Paddy/Rice

- Retail prices for Keeri Samba dropped significantly by 16% compared to the previous month, attributed to increased supply.
- The average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Keeri Samba, Nadu Grade 1, raw red, and raw white exceeded the government-regulated maximum retail price (MRP).

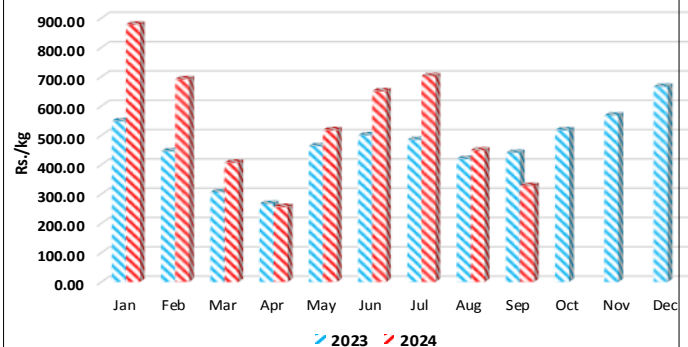
Vegetables

- Prices of most of the vegetables have decreased due to increased supply from the main producing areas.
- Retail prices of up-country vegetables have decreased by 12%-27% and low-country vegetables have decreased by 4%-31%.

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

Outstation Markets

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

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

According to the Crop Forecast from the Department of Agriculture (Yala 2024, Vol. 5), the paddy cultivation target for the 2024 Yala season is 545,113 hectares. By the end of September 2024, the reported sown extent was 490,262 hectares, achieving 90% of the target. Based on this reported sown extent, the forecasted paddy production, accounting for crop losses, is estimated at 2.02 million metric tons.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - September 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
		Sep 2024 Rs/kg	Sep 2024 Rs/kg	August 2024 Rs/kg	Sep 2023 Rs/kg	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
					Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	117.00 - 125.00	120.76	112.05	111.10	8.71	7.77	9.66	8.69	
Polonnaruwa	101.00 - 121.00	116.17	112.07	111.13	4.10	3.66	5.04	4.54	
Kalawewa	117.00 - 127.00	122.48	113.04	105.21	9.44	8.35	17.27	16.42	
Kurunegala	123.00 - 128.00	125.43		113.44			12.00	10.57	
Dehiattakandiya	113.00 - 125.00	117.03	113.38	113.40	3.65	3.22	3.64	3.21	
Nikaweratiya	120.00 - 130.00	124.52	114.61	106.10	9.91	8.65	18.42	17.37	
Ampara	120.00 - 128.00	124.32	115.61	110.00	8.71	7.53	14.32	13.02	
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	120.00 - 130.00	125.08	116.55	103.55	8.53	7.32	21.53	20.79	
Polonnaruwa	109.00 - 121.00	122.95	118.05	99.79	4.90	4.15	23.16	23.21	
Kalawewa	120.00 - 129.00	125.18	116.86	98.44	8.32	7.12	26.74	27.17	
Kurunegala	123.00 - 132.00	127.17		108.00			19.17	17.75	
Dehiattakandiya	117.00 - 126.00	123.53	119.42	104.75	4.11	3.44	18.78	17.93	
Nikaweratiya	120.00 - 130.00	124.96	114.01	106.10	10.95	9.60	18.86	17.78	
Ampara	122.00 - 130.00	125.73	114.75		10.98	9.57			
Long Grain Red									
Matara	120.00 - 132.00	126.80	113.69	96.88	13.11	11.53	29.93	30.89	
Hambantota	120.00 - 130.00	125.82	110.83	100.17	14.99	13.52	25.65	25.61	
Embilipitiya	124.00 - 126.00	125.10	114.50	101.20	10.60	9.26	23.90	23.62	
Keeri Samba									
A'pura	120.00 - 128.00	122.92	116.30	135.00	6.62	5.69	-12.08	-8.95	
Polonnaruwa	109.00 - 132.00	126.45	113.95	136.10	12.50	10.97	-9.65	-7.09	
Kurunegala	123.00 - 130.00	127.44		136.75			-9.31	-6.80	
Dehiattakandiya	122.00 - 130.00	126.37	115.75	140.50	10.62	9.17	-14.13	-10.06	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Harvesting of paddy was completed in all major producing districts, leading to an increase in producer prices across all paddy varieties. The producer price of short-grain paddy ranged from Rs. 101.00 to Rs. 130.00/kg, showing an increase of 3–9% across all producing areas, with the largest

increase recorded in Nikaweratiya. The producer price of Keeri Samba ranged from Rs. 109.00 to Rs. 132.00/kg, reflecting increases of 6–11% in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Dehiattakandiya. The price of long-grain white paddy also rose across all producing areas, with the highest increase observed in Nikaweratiya. Among all paddy varieties, long-grain red experienced the highest price increase, ranging from 9–14%.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties, except Keeri Samba, increased across all price collection areas, with long-grain red showing the most significant rise of 24–30%. In contrast, the producer price of Keeri Samba dropped by 7–10% across all price collection locations.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Sep 2024 Rs/kg	Sep 2024	August 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023		
		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Samba 1	225.00 - 235.00	231.64	232.08	222.50	-0.44	-0.19	9.14	4.11	
Samba 2	218.00 - 225.00	222.53	223.98	215.00	-1.45	-0.65	7.53	3.50	
Keeri Samba	240.00 - 300.00	269.50	274.69	285.63	-5.19	-1.89	-16.13	-5.65	
Nadu 1	215.00 - 230.00	221.46	212.52	201.63	8.94	4.21	19.83	9.84	
Nadu 2	207.00 - 220.00	214.76	206.63	194.63	8.13	3.94	20.13	10.34	
Raw red	200.00 - 215.00	207.18	193.62	176.38	13.56	7.01	30.81	17.47	
Raw white	205.00 - 215.00	210.37	202.75	198.28	7.62	3.76	12.09	6.10	
Imported Samba	270.00 - 280.00	276.70	276.54		0.16	0.06			
Retail Price									
Samba 1	230.00 - 270.00	246.65	248.69	235.32	-2.04	-0.82	11.33	4.82	
Keeri Samba	250.00 - 340.00	274.66	326.13	316.88	-51.47	-15.78	-42.22	-13.33	
Nadu 1	220.00 - 240.00	230.82	223.92	222.08	6.90	3.08	8.74	3.94	
Raw red	200.00 - 230.00	214.34	207.65	193.71	6.69	3.22	20.62	10.65	
Raw white	210.00 - 230.00	217.20	215.02	208.29	2.18	1.01	8.91	4.28	
Imported Ponne Samba	280.00 - 320.00	300.02	297.80	296.36	2.22	0.75	3.66	1.24	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice - Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices for Nadu, raw red, and raw white rice varieties increased by 4–7% compared to the previous month. The largest price increase, 6%, was recorded for raw red due to reduced supply, with prices ranging from Rs. 200.00 to Rs. 215.00/kg. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I remained unchanged, ranging from Rs. 225.00 to Rs. 235.00/kg.

The average wholesale prices of Samba Grade I, Nadu Grade I, and Keeri Samba exceeded the maximum retail price, even at the wholesale level. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties, except Keeri Samba, rose by 4–17%, with raw red experiencing the highest increase of Rs. 31.00/kg.

Retail Prices

Retail prices for Keeri Samba dropped significantly by 16% compared to the previous month, attributed to increased supply. The average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Keeri Samba, Nadu Grade 1, raw red, and raw white exceeded the government-regulated maximum retail price (MRP). Imported Ponne Samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs. 280.00 to Rs. 320.00/kg. Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for most rice varieties increased by 1–11%, with raw red showing the highest rise of Rs. 61.00/kg. In contrast, the retail price of Keeri Samba decreased significantly by Rs. 42.00/kg compared to last year.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

By the end of September 2024, the cultivation progress of green chili in most major producing areas was satisfactory compared to the previous Yala season. The target land extent for green chili cultivation in Yala 2024 was 7,374 hectares, of which 5,736 hectares had been cultivated by the end of September, achieving 78% of the target.

In the Anuradhapura district, approximately 593 hectares were cultivated by the end of September, representing 96% of the district's targeted extent. Based on the cultivated area, the expected production of green chili for this Yala season is estimated at 36,419 metric tons. The supply distribution is anticipated to come primarily from Anuradhapura (13%), followed by Puttalam (10%), Mahaweli areas (9%), Jaffna (7%), and Batticaloa (7%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of September, 2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Puttalam	686	397	58	3,724
Anuradhapura	617	593	96	4,669
Kurunegala	195	256	131	1,333
Jaffna	351	213	61	2,682
Batticaloa	500	453	91	2,627
Vavuniya	160	361	226	1,391
Matale	333	198	59	2,492
Monaragala	307	299	97	1,346
Badulla	297	336	113	1,401
Kandy	247	196	79	1,043
Interprovincial DDA areas	480	411	86	2,235
Mahaweli areas	1,350	565	42	3,423
Other areas	1,851	1,458	79	8,053
Total	7,374	5,736	78	36,419

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In September 2024, the supply of green chili from major producing areas increased at the beginning of the month, resulting in a decrease in both wholesale and retail prices. Wholesale prices dropped by approximately Rs. 86.00/kg, while retail prices declined by Rs. 173.00/kg. The wholesale price of green chili ranged from Rs. 80.00/kg to Rs. 300.00/kg, while retail prices varied between Rs. 180.00/kg and Rs. 600.00/kg. The highest producer prices were recorded in the Anuradhapura area, where prices ranged from Rs. 232.00/kg to Rs. 288.00/kg during September. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chili decreased by 61% and 45%, respectively.

In the same month, Sri Lanka imported 2,854 metric tons of dried chili, an increase of 783 metric tons compared to the previous month. The average CIF price for imported dried chili was Rs. 532.65/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs. 10.18/kg from the previous month. Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili decreased by approximately Rs. 44.00/kg and Rs. 89.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices for imported dried chili ranged from Rs. 650.00/kg to Rs. 800.00/kg, while retail prices ranged from Rs. 700.00/kg to Rs. 1,200.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili declined by approximately 31% and 30%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Sep 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	80.00-300.00	170.60	257.00	437.84	-86.40	-33.62	-267.24	-61.04
Dried chillies	650.00-800.00	702.813492	746.56	1022.50	-43.75	-5.86	-319.69	-31.27
Retail Price								
Green chillies	180.00-600.00	391.34	564.82	709.09	-173.48	-30.71	-317.75	-44.81
Dried chillies	700.00-1200.00	917.26	1005.85	1319.49	-88.59	-8.81	-402.23	-30.48

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

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

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Dambulla	148.00	216.00	166.00	204.00	153.50
Embilipitiya	250.00	240.00	225.00	265.00	265.00
A'pura	238.00	248.00	232.00	232.00	288.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep-24	2854.00	1520	532.65	917.26	384.61
Aug-24	3637.00	1974	542.83	1005.85	463.02
Jul-24	4068.00	2431	597.7	1002.13	404.43
Jun-24	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1036.27	446.88
May-24	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1047.46	458.07
April-2024	1068.00	598.00	560.29	1051.26	490.97

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation

The targeted extent for big onion cultivation in the 2024 Yala season was approximately 3,943 hectares. However, by the end of September 2024, only 1,428 hectares had been cultivated, achieving just 36% of the target. Notably, no cultivation activity was reported in major producing areas during this period.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of September, 2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	1647	421	26	6,538
Anuradhapura	475	241	51	3,747
Mahaweli – H	300	143	48	2,222
Mahaweli – H1	200	182	91	2,828
Other areas	1,321	441	33	6,540
Total	3,943	1,428	36	21,875

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent for red onion cultivation in the 2024 Yala season was set at 3,489 hectares, with approximately 2,672 hectares cultivated by the end of September 2024, achieving 76% of the target. The Jaffna district recorded both the highest targeted extent (2,086 hectares) and the highest cultivated extent (1,880 hectares), achieving 90% of its target. The estimated production for this Yala season is 29,966 metric tons, with 84% of the supply expected from the Jaffna (70%) and Puttalam (14%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of September, 2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,086	1,880	90	20,868
Puttalam	450	310	69	4,318
Vavuniya	170	84	49	1,000
Mullathivu	100	138	138	1,541
Other area	683	260	38	2,239
Total	3,489	2,672	76	29,966

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions in September 2024 included both imported and locally produced varieties. Limited stocks of local big onions were available in the wholesale market, with prices ranging from Rs. 220.00 to Rs. 290.00/kg and retail prices between Rs. 300.00 and Rs. 360.00/kg. A total of 16,368 metric tons of big onions were imported during the month, marking a decrease of 11,149 metric tons compared to the previous month. The average CIF price for imported big onions was Rs. 80.70/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs. 19.61/kg from the previous month. Despite this, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions increased by Rs. 16.00/kg and Rs. 25.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices for imported big onions ranged from Rs. 160.00 to Rs. 290.00/kg,

while retail prices varied between Rs. 210.00 and Rs. 360.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, the retail price of imported big onions increased by 30%.

The supply of local red onions from major producing areas increased during the month. However, the wholesale price of vedalan rose by approximately Rs. 2.00/kg due to its superior quality, while the price of sinnan decreased by Rs. 16.00/kg. Wholesale prices for sinnan ranged between Rs. 140.00 and Rs. 200.00/kg, while vedalan prices ranged from Rs. 250.00 to Rs. 370.00/kg. In contrast, retail prices for both varieties decreased, with vedalan dropping by approximately Rs. 48.00/kg and sinnan by Rs. 26.00/kg. Retail prices ranged from Rs. 300.00 to Rs. 380.00/kg for sinnan and Rs. 380.00 to Rs. 500.00/kg for vedalan. No imported red onion stocks were available in the market.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Sept 2024	Sept 2024	August 2024	Sept 2023	August 2024		Sept 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	140.00-200.00	175.67	192.08	221.50	-16.41	-8.54	-45.83	-20.69
Red Onion (Vedalan)	250.00-370.00	302.14	299.73	283.78	2.41	0.80	18.36	6.47
Red Onion (Imported)			255.00					
Big Onion (imported)	160.00-290.00	220.76	204.57	135.98	16.19	7.91	84.78	62.35
Big Onion (Local)	220.00-290.00	266.94		173.75			93.19	53.63
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	300.00-380.00	336.83	384.71	378.13	-47.88	-12.45	-41.30	-10.92
Red Onion (Vedalan)	380.00-500.00	433.93	459.43	435.98	-25.50	-5.55	-2.05	-0.47
Red Onion (Imported)			409.64					
Big Onion (imported)	21.00-360.00	289.43	264.29	222.62	25.14	9.51	66.81	30.01
Big Onion (Local)	300.00-360.00	343.00						

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2.4: Monthly Average CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Imported Big Onions

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Sep-24	146.21	220.76	289.43	74.55	68.67
	Aug-24	144.36	204.57	264.29	60.21	59.72
	Jul-24	143.93	187.65	268.42	43.72	80.77
Red onion	Sep-24		302.14	433.93	302.14	131.79
	Aug-24	157.10	255.00	409.64	97.90	154.64
	Jul-24	177.45	299.19	437.13	121.74	137.94

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	Sep,2024	Aug,2024	Sep,2024	Aug,2024	Sep,2024	Aug,2024
Red Onion	715.69	327.25	89.73	38.43	125.38	117.42
Big Onion	16368.03	27516.83	1320.90	2760.35	80.70	100.31

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
Sep-24	12,164.00	146.21	220.76	289.43	143.22
Aug-24	20,499.00	144.36	204.57	264.29	119.93
Jul-24	20,973.00	143.93	187.65	268.42	124.49
Jun-24	23,067.00	166.71	201.69	249.64	82.93
May-24	23,681.00	192.33	191.40	266.88	74.55
Apr-24	11,210.00	218.39	404.11	640.30	421.91

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent for potato cultivation in the Yala 2024 season was set at 3,097 hectares, with approximately 1,629 hectares cultivated by the end of September, achieving 53% of the target. This shortfall is primarily attributed to the limited availability of seed potatoes. However, the cultivated extent by the end of Yala 2024 exceeded that of the Yala 2023 season. Compared to the same period in Yala 2023, the cultivated extent in Yala 2024 represents 104% of the previous year's achievement. Based on the cultivated extent as of the end of September, the expected production of potatoes for Yala 2024 is estimated at 21,158 metric tons.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In September 2024, a total of 9,510 metric tons of potatoes were imported, which was 12,917 metric tons less than the quantity imported in August 2024. The total value of these imports amounted to Rs. 905 million, with an average CIF price of Rs. 95.00/kg.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato – Apr 2024 - Sep 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Sep-2024	9510	905	95.16	220.81	125.65
Aug-2024	22427	2176	97.04	248.55	151.51
Jul-2024	16,033	1606.00	100.14	284.09	183.95
Jun-2024	12,780	1105.00	86.50	174.17	87.67
May-2024	10,626	846.00	79.58	204.13	124.55
Apr-2024	14,560	1041.00	71.47	205.18	133.71

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Both local and imported potato stocks were available in the market during September 2024. The harvesting of Welimada potatoes commenced at the end of August, contributing to the market supply. On average, producer prices for Welimada potatoes were Rs. 204.00/kg, while Nuwara Eliya potatoes averaged Rs. 255.00/kg. Stocks of both varieties were widely available throughout the month. Wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya potatoes decreased by 25%, and retail prices for both Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes dropped by 11–12%.

Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for Nuwara Eliya potatoes increased by 16%, while prices for imported potatoes rose by 3%. However, prices of local potatoes are expected to decrease in October with the arrival of additional imported stocks and the Yala season potato harvest.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Sep 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	185.00-220.00	204.20	317.25	157.50	-113.05	-35.63	46.70	29.65
Nuwara Eliya	220.00-290.00	254.50	350.00	188.00	-95.50	-27.29	66.50	35.37
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	200.00-310.00	248.50	325.00	199.88			48.63	24.33
Nuwara Eliya	240.00-360.00	282.79	374.58	246.00	-91.80	-24.51	36.79	14.95
Imported	140.00-300.00	170.41	174.71	179.75	-4.30	-2.46	-9.34	-5.20
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	290.00-420.00	364.48	408.12	284.17				
Nuwara Eliya	360.00-520.00	446.36	504.84	383.36	-58.48	-11.58	63.00	16.43
Imported	180.00-280.00	220.81	248.55	212.75	-27.74	-11.16	8.06	3.79
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		160.28	90.87	126.67	69.41	76.39	33.61	26.53
Nuwara Eliya		191.86	154.84	195.36	37.02	23.91	-3.50	-1.79
Imported (RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada		115.98	83.12	84.29	32.86	39.53	31.68	37.59
Nuwara Eliya		163.57	130.25	137.36	33.32	25.58	26.22	19.09
Imported		50.40	73.84	33.00	-23.44	-31.74	17.40	52.71

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

According to the Crop Forecast Yala 2024 - Final (Vol. 05) by the Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA, 24% of the cowpea cultivation extent in Yala 2024 was reported as damaged. Despite this, the forecasted production is expected to reach 98% of the production achieved in Yala 2023, based on data from the Department of Census and Statistics.

The cultivation extent of green gram exceeded the three-year average for the monthly cultivated area, while cowpea cultivation also surpassed the three-year average in May, June, July, and September. In contrast, black gram cultivation remained below normal throughout Yala 2024, including September, except for the month of July.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram in September 2024 ranged from Rs. 650.00–800.00/kg and Rs. 780.00–1,200.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green gram decreased by 13% and 15%, respectively.

In contrast, the retail prices of both white and red cowpeas ranged between Rs. 800.00–1,200.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, a price increase of approximately 15% was recorded for both white and red cowpeas.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Sep 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	650.00-800.00	754.33	800.60	862.88	-46.26	-5.78	-108.54	-12.58
Cowpea (White)	650.00-800.00	740.50	790.06	903.50	-49.56	-6.27	-163.00	-18.04
Cowpea (Red)	600.00-750.00	686.95	723.42	933.50	-36.47	-5.04	-246.55	-26.41
Retail Prices								
Green gram	780.00-1200.00	990.59	1139.93	1169.66	-149.34	-13.10	-179.07	-15.31
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1200.00	973.97	1037.43	1140.70	-63.45	-6.12	-166.73	-14.62
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	968.61	1008.79	1164.71	-40.18	-3.98	-196.10	-16.84

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.275/kg with an average of Rs.266/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.275/kg and Rs.360/kg with an average of Rs.313/kg. The wholesale price has decreased by 12% and the retail price has decreased by 7% compared with September 2023.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	260.00-275.00	266.95	267.90	305.88	-0.95	-0.35	-38.93	-12.73
Retail Prices	275.00-360.00	313.51	321.09	337.62	-7.58	-2.36	-24.11	-7.14

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

The cultivation progress for up-country and low-country vegetables in Yala 2024 has been reported as 93% (16,363 hectares) and 100% (22,903 hectares), respectively. Several crops, including carrot, leeks, radish, pumpkin, okra, brinjal, ash plantain, winged bean, and kekiri, have exceeded their respective cultivation targets.

Carrot, leeks, and cabbage cultivation areas increased due to the limited availability of seed potatoes, leading farmers to plant these vegetables on potato lands instead. The expected production of carrots is higher than in the 2023 Yala season, although it is still lower than the production levels of the 2022, 2021, and 2020 Yala seasons, as per the Crop Forecast, Vol. 05, Yala 2024 from the Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most vegetables have decreased due to the increased supply from major producing areas. The wholesale prices of many up-country vegetables have dropped by 10% to 41%, with the largest decrease reported for beans at Rs. 105.00/kg. However, prices for knolkhol and radish have increased by 12%. Tomato prices have decreased by 6%, amounting to a reduction of Rs. 9.00/kg. For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices have decreased by 2% to 50%, except for brinjal, cucumber, bitter gourd, snake gourd, drumstick, and luffa. The highest price decrease of Rs. 121.00/kg was recorded for capsicum. Additionally, green chili and lime prices have dropped by 34% and 17%, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most vegetable varieties have increased by 1% to 249%, with the highest price increase reported for drumstick.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – September 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00 - 300.00	218.40	323.75	299.91	-105.35	-32.54	-81.51	-27.18
Carrot	80.00 - 200.00	138.00	187.75	157.25	-49.75	-26.50	-19.25	-12.24
Leeks	150.00 - 260.00	194.00	238.50	68.75	-44.50	-18.66	125.25	182.18
Beetroot	50.00 - 150.00	87.93	149.50	114.07	-61.57	-41.19	-26.14	-22.92
Knolkhol	60.00 - 150.00	101.60	90.50	68.00	11.10	12.27	33.60	49.41
Radish	50.00 - 100.00	70.40	62.50	49.00	7.90	12.64	21.40	43.67
Cabbage	120.00 - 260.00	172.62	191.36	64.19	-18.75	-9.80	108.43	168.94
Tomato	80.00 - 250.00	158.40	167.75	108.52	-9.35	-5.57	49.88	45.96
Ladies Fingers	50.00 - 120.00	76.60	78.25	83.75	-1.65	-2.11	-7.15	-8.54
Brinjal	100.00 - 300.00	222.20	216.75	241.39	5.45	2.51	-19.19	-7.95
Capsicum	300.00 - 600.00	457.55	578.75	209.33	-121.20	-20.94	248.23	118.58
Pumpkin	40.00 - 100.00	60.80	121.00	59.77	-60.20	-49.75	1.03	1.72
Cucumber	40.00 - 100.00	76.20	44.56	81.66	31.64	71.01	-5.46	-6.69
Bitter Gourd	150.00 - 300.00	209.60	151.25	234.21	58.35	38.58	-24.61	-10.51

Snake Gourd	100.00 - 250.00	182.40	179.75	148.50	2.65	1.47	33.90	22.83
Drumstick	100.00 - 650.00	272.27	91.36	78.13	180.91	198.02	194.14	248.50
Luffa	150.00 - 280.00	205.60	167.00	128.18	38.60	23.11	77.42	60.40
Long Beans	70.00 - 180.00	112.80	145.00	157.25	-32.20	-22.21	-44.45	-28.27
Ash Plantain	120.00 - 220.00	175.60	206.50	181.09	-30.90	-14.96	-5.49	-3.03
Green Chillies	80.00 - 300.00	170.60	257.00	437.84	-86.40	-33.62	-267.24	-61.04
Lime	200.00 - 400.00	302.20	361.75	998.75	-59.55	-16.46	-696.55	-69.74

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the decrease in wholesale prices, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have also decreased. Retail prices for up-country vegetables have dropped by 12% to 27%, with the largest decrease of Rs. 121.00/kg reported for beans. However, prices for knolkhol and radish have increased by 3%.

For low-country vegetables, retail prices have decreased by 4% to 31%, with the price of drumstick rising by 49%. The highest average price of Rs. 566.00/kg was recorded for capsicum, while the lowest price of Rs. 169.00/kg was observed for pumpkin. Additionally, the prices of green chili and lime have decreased by 31% and 26%, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have increased by 2% to 64%, with the highest price increase reported for drumsticks.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - September 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price				Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024		Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023		
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Beans (green)	220.00	- 480.00	328.46	449.22	440.82	-120.76	-26.88	-112.36	-25.49	
Carrot	130.00	- 400.00	276.26	353.52	315.88	-77.26	-21.86	-39.62	-12.54	
Leeks	180.00	- 440.00	322.57	407.07	214.18	-84.51	-20.76	108.39	50.61	
Beetroot	120.00	- 400.00	239.44	314.38	229.47	-74.94	-23.84	9.97	4.34	
Knolkhol	120.00	- 340.00	257.11	249.08	222.30	8.03	3.22	34.81	15.66	
Radish	80.00	- 320.00	215.85	209.47	186.26	6.38	3.05	29.59	15.88	
Cabbage	180.00	- 400.00	305.50	346.07	226.31	-40.57	-11.72	79.19	34.99	
Tomato	160.00	- 400.00	287.46	315.76	233.15	-28.30	-8.96	54.31	23.29	
Ladies Fingers	100.00	- 320.00	220.01	253.00	237.64	-33.00	-13.04	-17.63	-7.42	
Brinjal	200.00	- 520.00	346.56	362.38	380.39	-15.82	-4.36	-33.82	-8.89	
Capsicum	380.00	- 800.00	565.90	819.51	393.82	-253.60	-30.95	172.09	43.70	
Pumpkin	70.00	- 260.00	168.77	237.17	165.93	-68.40	-28.84	2.85	1.72	
Cucumber	80.00	- 240.00	179.98	172.14	185.30	7.85	4.56	-5.32	-2.87	
Bitter Gourd	220.00	- 480.00	352.01	331.82	391.59	20.18	6.08	-39.59	-10.11	
Snake Gourd	180.00	- 420.00	311.81	319.38	272.44	-7.57	-2.37	39.37	14.45	
Drumstick	200.00	- 1000.00	435.50	292.49	264.93	143.01	48.89	170.56	64.38	
Luffa	200.00	- 480.00	331.85	300.60	275.08	31.25	10.39	56.77	20.64	
Long Beans	120.00	- 400.00	267.89	302.81	313.30	-34.91	-11.53	-45.40	-14.49	
Ash Plantain	180.00	- 400.00	287.21	316.88	305.01	-29.68	-9.37	-17.80	-5.84	

Green Chillies	180.00	-	600.00	391.34	564.82	709.19	-173.48	-30.71	-317.85	-44.82
Lime	280.00	-	800.00	497.22	671.22	1429.61	-173.99	-25.92	-932.39	-65.22

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In September 2024, the wholesale prices of most major fruit types decreased, with some exceptions. For bananas, the prices of ambun, seeni, ambul, and anamalu varieties decreased by 2% to 6%. However, the price of kolikuttu bananas increased by 23% due to a low stock position. Pineapple prices for both large and medium sizes decreased by 3% and 6%, respectively, as sufficient stocks became available. For mangoes, only two varieties—karthakolomban and vilad—were available in the market. The price of karthakolomban decreased by 6% due to low-quality stocks, while the price of vilad mango increased by 14% due to limited stock availability.

Other fruit varieties saw price increases due to limited supply in the market. The price of wood apple rose by 61% due to low supply from major producing areas. Additionally, prices for passion fruit (22%), slime apple (10%), and avocado (9%) increased. Conversely, the prices of wood apple and orange decreased by 18% and 15%, respectively, due to the seasonality of the harvest period. Compared to the same period last year, the wholesale prices of most fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price increase of 96% reported for passion fruit.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – September 2024

Item	Price Range			Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024			Sep-24	Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg						Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	100.00	-	200.00	168.32	173.50	190.45	-5.18	-2.99	-22.13	-11.62
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	300.00	-	500.00	453.31	369.50	542.18	83.81	22.68	-88.87	-16.39
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00	-	170.00	138.44	142.83	131.44	-4.39	-3.07	6.99	5.32
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00	-	36.00	32.08	34.13	25.51	-2.04	-5.99	6.57	25.76
Ambun (Fruit)	35.00	-	50.00	40.00	39.15	31.77	0.85	2.17	8.23	25.92
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	400.00	-	715.00	516.79	532.50	824.79	-15.71	-2.95	-308.00	-37.34
Medium (Fruit)	300.00	-	550.00	405.93	431.25	724.17	-25.32	-5.87	-318.23	-43.94
Small (Fruit)	240.00	-	440.00	315.01	306.35	562.36	8.65	2.82	-247.35	-43.98
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	36.00	-	43.00	39.50						
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	167.00	-	350.00	286.72	303.54	305.00	-16.81	-5.54	-18.28	-5.99
Vilad (Fruit)	70.00	-	160.00	120.76	105.83	85.73	14.92	14.10	35.03	40.86
Kohu (Fruit)		-								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	120.00	-	300.00	219.27	136.04	137.67	83.23	61.18	81.60	59.27
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	45.00	-	65.00	58.97	48.40	30.14	10.57	21.84	28.83	95.67

Wood Apple (Fruit)	12.00 - 24.00	16.42	20.00	18.33	-3.58	-17.92	-1.92	-10.46
Orange (Fruit)	60.00 - 100.00	80.53	94.37	61.85	-13.84	-14.67	18.68	30.21
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00 - 167.00	98.28	90.04	72.58	8.25	9.16	25.70	35.41
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00 - 100.00	84.76	76.73	58.05	8.04	10.47	26.71	46.01
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1140.00 - 1300.00	1225.86	1197.81	1368.75	28.04	2.34	-142.89	-10.44

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In September 2024, retail prices for most major fruit varieties decreased, in line with the behavior of wholesale prices. However, there were some exceptions. The price of kolikuttu bananas increased by 8%, while the prices of other banana varieties remained largely unchanged. For mangoes, the retail prices of both karthakolomban and vilad varieties decreased by 32% and 13%, respectively. Pineapple prices also saw a decrease, with prices for large and medium sizes dropping by 11% and 7%, respectively. In the Colombo suburbs markets, medium-sized pineapples ranged between Rs. 320.00–650.00 per fruit.

In contrast, the retail prices of many other fruit varieties increased due to rising wholesale prices. Prices for papaw (28%), slime apple (25%), and avocado (15%) increased. However, the prices of wood apple (27%) and orange (8%) decreased due to the lower wholesale prices.

Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price increase of 99% reported for avocado.

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – September 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Sep 2024	Sep-24	Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug 2024		Sep 2023		
	Rs/kg				Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	150.00 - 300.00	235.86	235.52	249.09	0.33	0.14	-13.23	-5.31	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	400.00 - 650.00	547.33	506.93	637.90	40.40	7.97	-90.57	-14.20	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	150.00 - 280.00	224.67	224.57	218.72	0.09	0.04	5.94	2.72	
Anamalu (Fruit)	40.00 - 57.00	45.95	46.51	37.46	-0.56	-1.21	8.49	22.66	
Ambun (Fruit)	52.00 - 76.00	65.14	66.28	49.95	-1.13	-1.71	15.20	30.43	
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	420.00 - 950.00	628.14	706.06	929.84	-77.92	-11.04	-301.70	-32.45	
Medium (Fruit)	320.00 - 750.00	516.44	558.15	787.00	-41.71	-7.47	-270.56	-34.38	
Small (Fruit)	250.00 - 600.00	417.70	414.48	666.45	3.22	0.78	-248.75	-37.33	
Mango									
Betti (Fruit)	-								
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	300.00 - 400.00	328.00	479.52	359.07	-151.52	-31.60	-31.07	-8.65	
Vilad (Fruit)	130.00 - 180.00	152.00	174.00	112.65	-22.00	-12.64	39.35	34.93	
Kohu (Fruit)	-								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	180.00 - 400.00	303.10	237.52	232.28	65.57	27.61	70.81	30.49	
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	60.00 - 100.00	82.42	75.88	52.96	6.54	8.62	29.46	55.63	
Wood Apple (Fruit)	20.00 - 70.00	43.32	59.58	50.24	-16.26	-27.30	-6.92	-13.78	

Orange (Fruit)	80.00	-	160.00	135.01	147.55	107.14	-12.53	-8.49	27.88	26.02
Avocado (Fruit)	90.00	-	260.00	176.28	152.87	88.72	23.41	15.31	87.56	98.70
Slime Apple (Fruit)	100.00	-	240.00	174.83	139.41	107.42	35.43	25.41	67.41	62.75
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1300.00	-	2500.00	2099.44	2111.09	2239.44	-11.65	-0.55	-140.00	-6.25

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,348 mt of fresh fruits in September, 2024 to the value of Rs.163 mn. Of the total exported quantity of fresh fruits, 97% were papaw. Compared to September 2023 (1,913 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 816 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.325 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 478 mt, followed by grapes (257 mt). Compared to the same period of last year, the imported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – July, 2024 to September, 2024

Type of Fruit	Sep-24			Aug-24			Jul-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)	1301.0	107.0	82.0	1224.0	106.0	86.0	1309.9	137.3
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	35.0	49.0	1392.0	33.0	42.0	1255.0	54.2	66.4	1225.4
Avocados (fresh)	2.0	2.0	887.0	9.0	7.0	782.0	2.7	2.3	867.5
Pineapples (fresh)	10.0	5.0	520.0	47.0	25.0	532.0	26.6	12.6	474.2

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – July, 2024 to September, 2024

Type of Fruit	Sep-24			Aug-24			Jul-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	478.00	178.00	371.85	343.00	132.00	383.75	514.00	198.00	386.12
Grapes	257.00	123.00	479.15	314.00	205.00	651.89	297.00	199.00	668.65
Oranges	81.00	24.00	292.54	176.00	51.00	291.93	277.00	74.00	211.96

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Sep 2024		Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023		
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices										
Salaya	200.00	- 450.00	310.28	293.18	377.75	17.10	5.83	-67.47	-17.86	
Hurulla	550.00	- 950.00	692.13	671.28	622.00	20.85	3.11	70.13	11.27	
Balaya	600.00	- 950.00	809.04	764.89	903.25	44.15	5.77	-94.21	-10.43	
Kelawalla	1150.00	- 1600.00	1343.50	1167.08	1328.75	176.42	15.12	14.75	1.11	
Thora	1900.00	- 2900.00	2380.83	2156.65	2192.50	224.18	10.39	188.33	8.59	
Paraw	1150.00	- 1500.00	1340.67	1246.25	1464.00	94.42	7.58	-123.33	-8.42	
Mora	950.00	- 1100.00	1044.91	1081.35	1097.38	-36.45	-3.37	-52.47	-4.78	
Shrimps (small)	1600.00	- 2300.00	1938.83	1758.65	1753.00	180.18	10.25	185.83	10.60	
Thalapath	1800.00	- 2450.00	2089.42	1879.17	2023.75	210.26	11.19	65.67	3.25	
Retail Prices										
Salaya	300.00	- 700.00	502.26	502.88	719.35	-0.63	-0.12	-217.10	-30.18	
Hurulla	650.00	- 1200.00	902.13	868.20	865.18	33.94	3.91	36.95	4.27	
Balaya	780.00	- 1720.00	1090.72	1031.92	1312.15	58.80	5.70	-221.44	-16.88	
Kelawalla	1300.00	- 3000.00	2088.97	2037.92	2399.47	51.05	2.51	-310.50	-12.94	
Thora	2300.00	- 4400.00	3187.62	3121.85	3193.44	65.76	2.11	-5.82	-0.18	
Paraw	1300.00	- 2800.00	1877.27	1936.73	2175.16	-59.46	-3.07	-297.89	-13.70	
Mora	1200.00	- 1600.00	1375.00	1355.45	1668.06	19.55	1.44	-293.06	-17.57	
Shrimps (small)	1680.00	- 2750.00	2027.38	2001.15	1951.93	26.22	1.31	75.45	3.87	
Thalapath	2200.00	- 3360.00	2885.26	2758.23	3071.20	127.03	4.61	-185.94	-6.05	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100) recorded a negative value recording a deflation of 0.5% in September 2024, for the first time since September 2015. Food category recorded a deflation (Y-o-Y) of 0.3% in September 2024 compared to the inflation of 0.8% in August 2024.

However, despite the trend of price deflation, the prices of most fish varieties saw a slight increase in September. This was due to the comparison with August, which experienced a significant price drop. Supplies continued to flow into the market during the middle phase of the main season along the Southern and Western coasts.

The highest price increase was reported for kelawalla at 15% followed by thalapath at 11% and both shrimp (small) and thora at 10%. Prices of remaining varieties had increased in the range of 3% -8%, except for mora. However, prices of mora had dropped by 3%. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had slightly increased, ranging from 1% to 11%, with the highest drop increase for hurulla.

In line with price variation in the wholesale market, prices of most of the fish varieties, had slightly increased in the retail market. The highest price increase was reported for balaya at 6%. Prices of

remaining fish varieties, except for paraw had increased in the range of 1% - 4%. Meanwhile, prices of paraw had decreased by 3%. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased, with the most significant decrease noted for salaya at 30%.

Dried Fish- Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024		Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried Fish -Wholesale									
Sprats	1250.00	- 1500.00	1399.96	1389.38	1483.25	10.59	0.76	-83.29	-5.62
Sprats (imported)	800.00	- 1100.00	905.33	867.92	922.29	37.42	4.31	-16.96	-1.84
Kattawa (imported)	1100.00	- 1350.00	1257.17	1300.83	1445.50	-43.67	-3.36	-188.33	-13.03
Thora	-								
Thora (imported)	-								
Mora	1600.00	- 1850.00	1734.50	1761.25	1797.50	-26.75	-1.52	-63.00	-3.50
Mora (imported)	-								
Balaya	1000.00	- 1320.00	1146.50	1059.17	928.46	87.33	8.25	218.04	23.48
Balaya (imported)	-								
Anguluwa	-								
Anguluwa (imported)	1350.00	- 1550.00	1457.33	1455.59	1544.93	1.74	0.12	-87.60	-5.67
Maduwa	1100.00	- 1400.00	1290.97	1323.09	1388.00	-32.11	-2.43	-97.03	-6.99
Maduwa (imported)	-								
Salaya	400.00	- 650.00	478.67	432.58	413.50	46.09	10.65	65.17	15.76
Salaya (imported)	-								
Dried Fish -Retail									
Sprats (imported)	1000.00	- 1400.00	1211.49	1181.93	1192.70	29.56	2.50	18.79	1.58
Sprats	1450.00	- 2400.00	2079.26	2137.29	2162.09	-58.03	-2.72	-82.83	-3.83
Kattawa	1800.00	- 2400.00	2022.52	2068.49	2381.90	-45.97	-2.22	-359.37	-15.09
Thora	-								
Mora	2000.00	- 2600.00	2374.82	2367.48	2429.11	7.34	0.31	-54.29	-2.23
Balaya	1200.00	- 2000.00	1657.42	1594.14	1949.63	63.28	3.97	-292.21	-14.99
Anguluwa	1800.00	- 2400.00	2123.37	2133.65	2340.20	-10.28	-0.48	-216.82	-9.27
Maduwa	1400.00	- 2000.00	1543.83	1574.43	1803.33	-30.60	-1.94	-259.50	-14.39
Salaya	700.00	- 1200.00	959.05	886.94	1096.83	72.11	8.13	-137.79	-12.56

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the price variation in fresh fish prices, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties also experienced a slight increase compared to last month. This is due to the comparison of prices against August, which recorded a high price drop. The highest price increase at the wholesale level was recorded for salaya as 11%. Additionally, prices of balaya had decreased at 8%. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties had dropped by less than 4%, except for kattawa (imported), mora and maduwa. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for kattawa (imported) at 13%.

In line with the wholesale price variation, prices of 50% of the dried fish varieties had increased at the retail market. The highest price increases were reported for salaya at 8% and balaya at 4% at the retail level. However, prices of sprats dropped by 3% followed by maduwa and kattawa at 2% at the retail level. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for both balaya and kattawa at 15%.

Eggs - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024		Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	31.000	- 47.00	39.39	42.91	45.97	-3.52	-8.20	-6.58	-14.32
Eggs - White(each)	29.000	- 43.50	36.49	40.22	44.28	-3.73	-9.28	-7.79	-17.60
Retail Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	32.000	- 47.00	41.50	44.74	47.34	-3.24	-7.24	-5.83	-12.33
Eggs - White (each)	30.000	- 46.00	40.03	42.64	45.83	-2.62	-6.14	-5.81	-12.67

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Due to the combined effects of high supply and reduced demand (following the election and curfew), egg prices dropped significantly in September 2024 compared to the previous month. At the wholesale level, the price of brown eggs decreased by 8% per egg, while the price of white eggs dropped by 9% per egg. At the retail level, the price of a brown egg decreased by 7%, and the price of a white egg decreased by 6%. The average retail prices were Rs. 41.50 per brown egg and Rs. 40.00 per white egg. Compared to the same period last year, the retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 12% and 13%, respectively.

Meat - Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - September 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024		Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	2500	- 2600.00	2,536.42	2,523.61	2333.33	12.81	0.51	203.09	8.70
Chicken (Broiler)	1050	- 1200.00	1,160.34	1,220.14	1310.32	-59.80	-4.90	-149.98	-11.45
Chicken (curry)	1000	- 1450.00	1,182.49	1,236.55	1350.22	-54.07	-4.37	-167.73	-12.42
Mutton	3300	- 3600.00	3,421.97	3,429.70	3243.06	-7.73	-0.23	178.91	5.52
Pork	1200	- 1500.00	1,348.50	1,388.45	1552.86	-39.95	-2.88	-204.36	-13.16

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to August, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly dropped at the retail market due to discontinued demand as a result of election and curfew. The highest price drop was noted for chicken (broiler) at 5% followed by chicken (curry) at 4% and pork at 3%. Pork prices continued to decrease due to wide spreading swine flu. Compared to last year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for chicken (broiler) and chicken (curry) at 12%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024		Sep 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	188.63-193.83	191.90	208.25	211.74	-16.35	-7.85	-19.84	-9.37
Sugar	257.19-262.44	259.00	279.16	256.11	-20.16	-7.22	2.89	1.13

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain- Apr 2024- Sep 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
September - 2024	22,746.00	2624.00	115.38	191.90	76.52
August - 2024	19,508.00	2257.00	115.60	195.71	80.11
July - 2024	31,827.00	3675.00	115.47	208.25	92.78
June - 2024	5,567.00	664.00	119.28	205.93	86.65
May - 2024	4,594.00	545.00	118.64	206.14	87.50
April - 2024	9,048.00	1050.00	116.07	208.30	92.23
Wheat Grain					
September - 2024	131512	11588	88.11	195.71	107.60
August - 2024	92128	8213	89.15	195.71	106.56
July - 2024	78,271.00	7,634.00	97.54	208.25	110.71
June - 2024	31,817.00	3,074.00	96.60	205.93	109.33
May - 2024	173,536.00	14,258.00	82.16	285.02	202.86
April - 2024	143,130.00	12,893.00	90.08	208.30	118.22

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery -Apr 2024- Sep 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
September - 2024	27,637.00	5,220.00	188.87	259.00	70.13
August - 2024	59,591.00	11,258.00	188.92	262.00	73.08
July - 2024	66,798.00	13158.00	196.99	279.16	82.17
June - 2024	44,557.00	9013.00	202.27	286.23	83.96
May - 2024	22,901.00	4709.00	205.62	285.02	79.40
April - 2024	17,304.00	3639.00	210.27	281.53	22.80

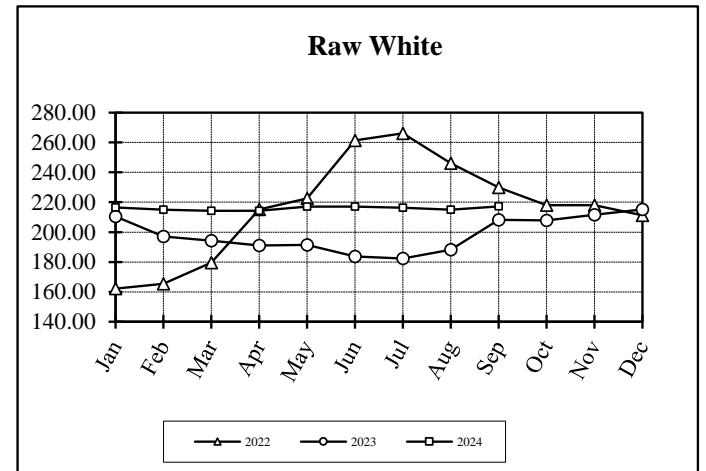
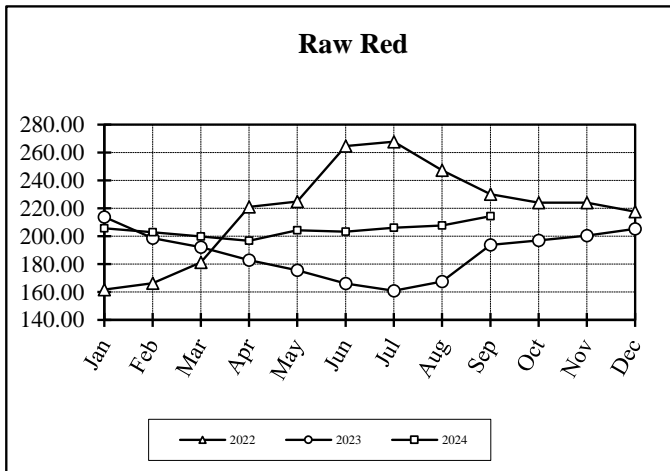
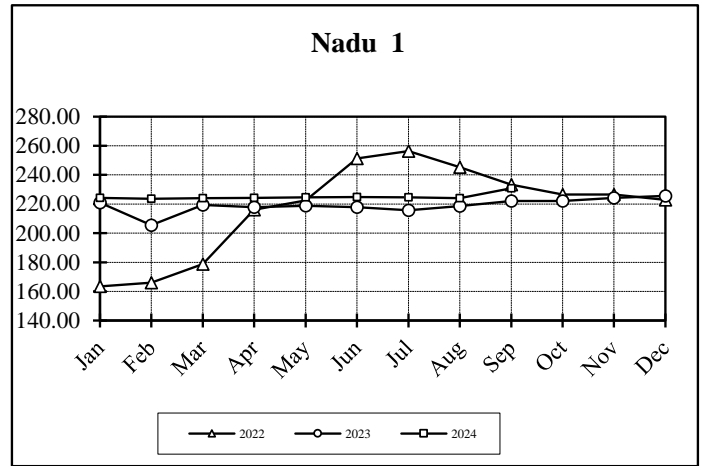
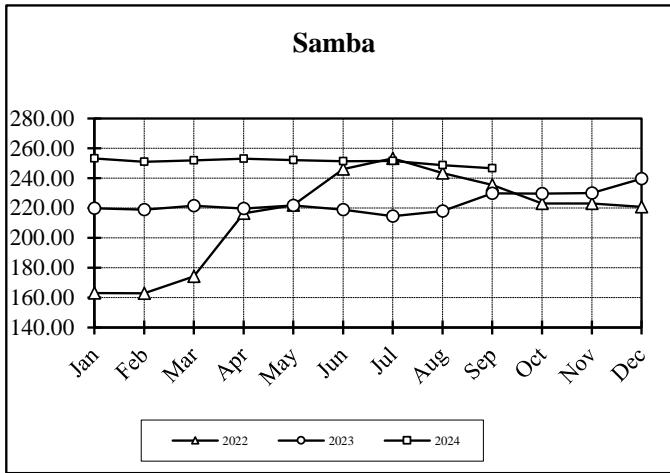
Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items -September 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	Sep	Aug		Sep	Aug		Sep	Aug	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	2120.00	2122.00	-0.09	689.00	594.00	15.99	324.86	279.96	16.04
Dried Chillies	2854.00	3637.00	-21.53	1520.00	1974.00	-23.00	532.65	542.83	-1.88
Red Onion		71.00			11.00			157.10	
Big Onion	12164.00	20499.00	-40.66	1779.00	2959.00	-39.88	146.21	144.36	1.28
Potato	9510.00	22427.00	-57.60	905.00	2176.00	-58.41	95.16	97.04	-1.94
Masoor Dhal	12455.00	12881.00	-3.31	2905.00	2906.00	-0.03	233.23	225.57	3.40
Garlic	1953.00	3161.00	-38.22	852.00	1260.00	-32.38	436.52	398.77	9.47
Wheat flour	22746.00	19508.00	16.60	2624.00	2257.00	16.26	115.38	115.69	-0.27
Wheat grain	131512.00	92128.00	42.75	11588.00	8213.00	41.09	88.11	89.15	-1.17
Sugar & sugar confectionery	27637.00	59591.00	-53.62	5220.00	11258.00	-53.63	188.87	188.92	-0.03
Maize (Other)	35138.00	33076.00	6.23	2779.00	2642.00	5.19	79.09	79.87	-0.98

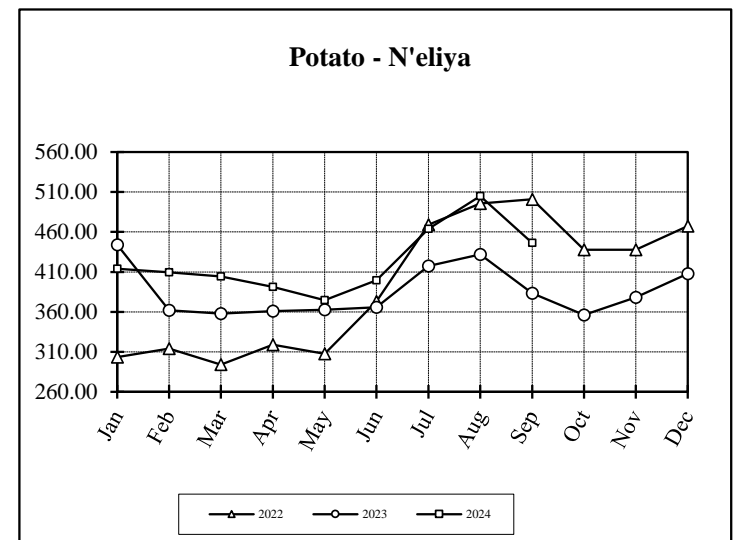
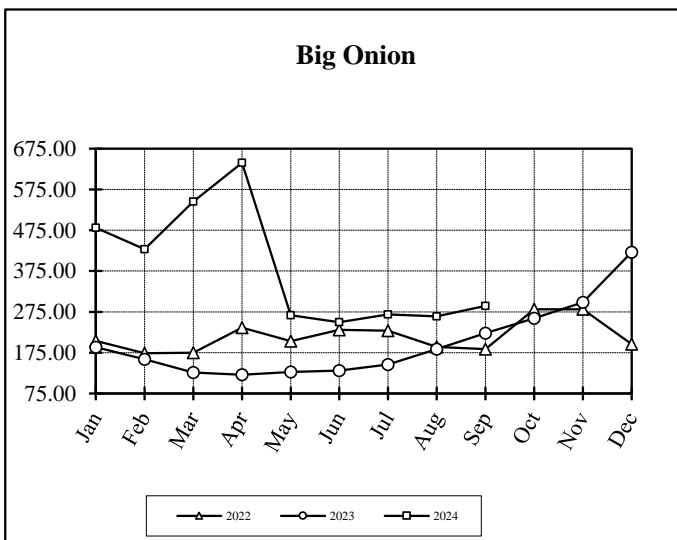
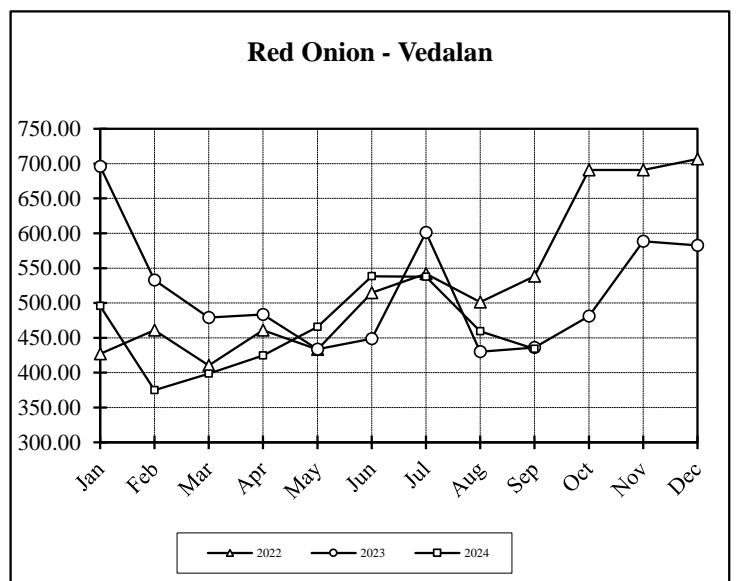
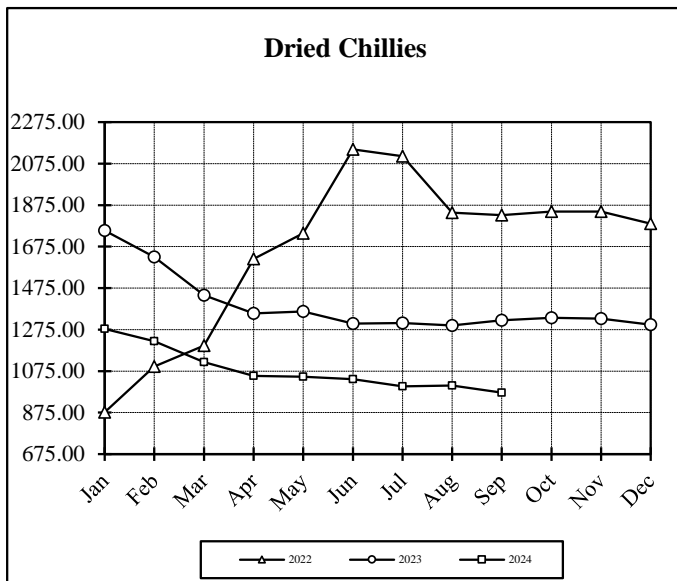
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	163.05	219.81	253.23	163.43	220.92	224.25	161.74	213.83	205.60	162.13	210.47	216.55
Feb	162.91	218.90	251.06	165.94	205.48	223.59	166.21	198.52	202.86	165.39	197.12	214.99
Mar	174.23	221.53	251.88	178.69	219.37	224.07	181.30	192.21	199.83	179.60	194.29	214.31
Apr	216.46	219.71	253.08	216.03	217.91	224.20	221.05	182.80	196.71	215.19	191.02	214.28
May	221.87	221.71	252.21	222.47	218.80	224.62	224.78	175.69	204.19	222.45	191.48	217.06
Jun	246.00	218.83	251.44	251.20	217.79	224.81	264.53	166.19	203.30	261.37	183.70	217.02
Jul	253.30	214.56	251.51	256.35	215.78	224.66	267.75	160.92	206.14	266.15	182.31	216.31
Aug	243.37	218.05	248.69	245.23	218.62	223.92	247.19	167.50	207.65	246.15	188.16	215.02
Sep	235.46	229.85	246.65	233.33	222.08	230.82	230.02	193.71	214.34	229.95	208.29	217.20
Oct	223.04	229.65		226.45	222.17		224.05	197.08		218.10	207.77	
Nov	223.04	230.00		226.45	224.19		224.05	200.36		218.10	211.66	
Dec	220.88	239.69		222.77	225.59		217.65	205.36		211.26	215.19	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	876.68	1752.35	1278.28	426.78	696.10	495.78	203.69	188.50	481.26	303.42	443.97	414.09
Feb	1096.90	1625.09	1218.47	461.00	532.96	374.83	173.63	158.70	428.49	314.05	361.86	409.60
Mar	1197.17	1439.94	1117.92	410.30	479.02	398.69	175.30	126.33	545.50	294.04	357.69	404.35
Apr	1615.64	1352.77	1051.26	461.12	483.63	424.48	236.52	120.91	640.30	319.03	361.12	391.11
May	1739.46	1361.98	1047.46	433.13	433.52	465.70	203.29	127.64	266.88	307.54	362.70	374.63
Jun	2143.50	1303.59	1036.27	514.80	448.76	538.28	230.89	131.09	249.64	373.16	365.72	399.66
Jul	2110.93	1307.02	1002.13	541.94	601.36	537.38	228.96	146.26	268.42	468.93	417.37	464.08
Aug	1838.64	1295.06	1005.85	501.24	430.04	459.43	189.33	183.45	264.29	495.71	431.92	504.84
Sep	1827.19	1319.49	971.26	538.53	435.98	433.93	183.42	222.62	289.43	500.91	383.36	446.36
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)**

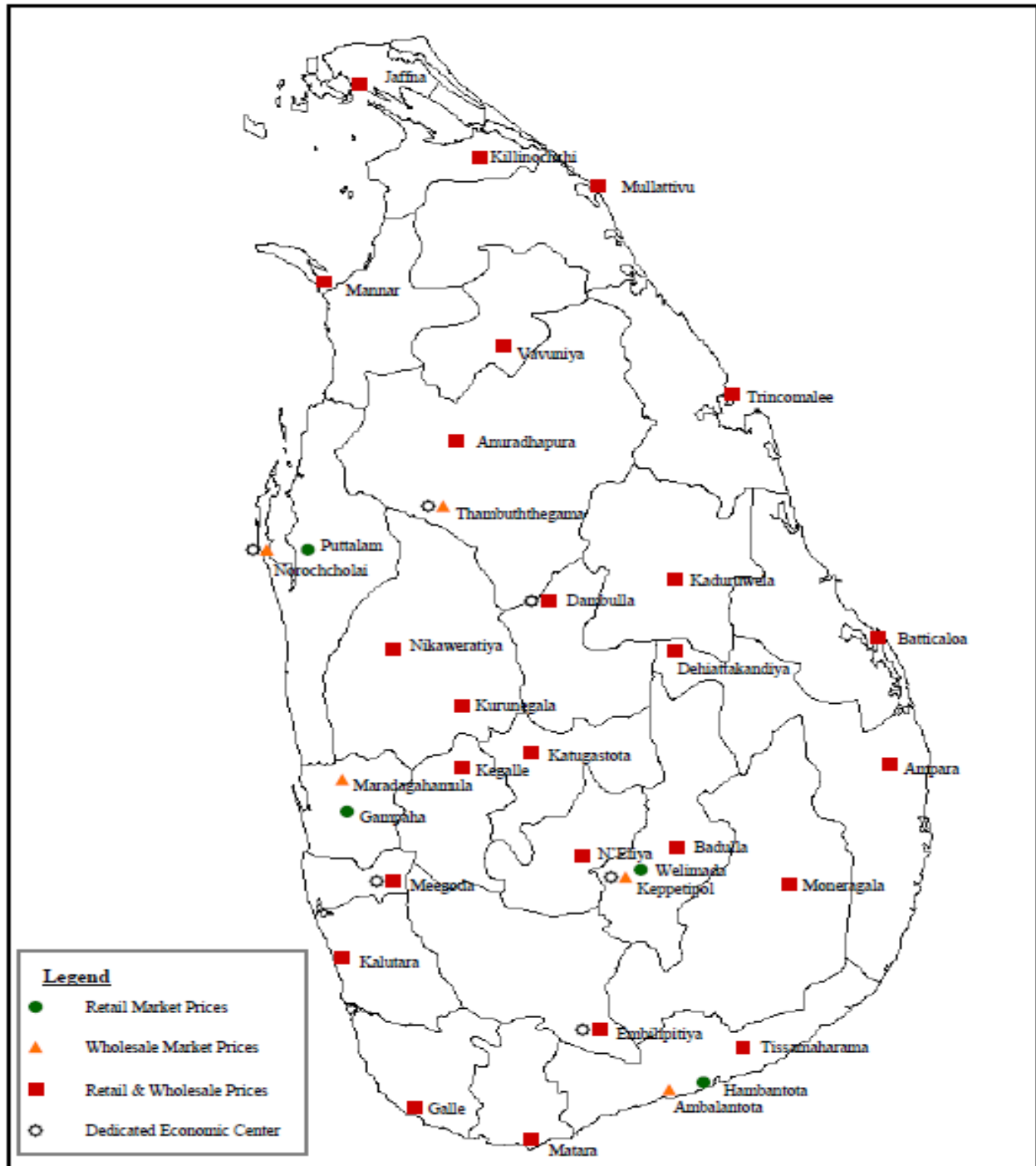
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	282.00	256.00	248.00		232.00	Welimada	159.00	151.00	170.00	172.00	114.00
A'pura	119.60	122.00	122.00	122.00	118.20	Badulla						N'Eliya	166.00	167.00	167.00		138.00
P'naruwa	109.25	112.58	120.00	120.00	119.00	Welimada	206.00	205.00	208.00	208.00	194.00	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	119.60	124.80	124.40	125.00	118.60	Pulses						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala			123.50	126.40	126.40	Green Gram						N'Eliya	66.00	35.00	39.00		78.00
Dehiattakandiya	114.67	114.67	122.33	120.00	113.50	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	54.80	56.20	50.00	89.25	90.20
Ampara	123.00	122.67	127.33	124.25	124.33	Kalawewa	578.00	596.00	562.00	520.00	500.00	Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	683.33	683.33	510.00	510.00	510.00	Welimada	62.00	55.00	49.00	88.00	
A'pura	122.40	127.00	127.00	127.00	122.00	Kurunegala						Knokhol					58.00
P'naruwa	118.25	120.50	127.00	127.00	122.00	A'pura	570.00	570.00	520.00	520.00	520.00	Hanguranketha					59.00
Kalawewa	125.20	126.70	125.80	126.80	121.40	Cowpea						N'Eliya	39.00	59.00	69.00		59.00
Kurunegala			123.50	129.00	129.00	A'pura						Welimada	32.00	36.00	54.00	96.00	59.00
Dehiattakandiya	124.00	125.33	125.33	125.33	117.67	Galgamuwa						Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya	783.33	633.33	650.00	650.00	650.00	Hanguranketha					
Ampara	122.50	127.00	129.00	126.50	123.67	Kalawewa	617.50	645.00	526.00	516.00	486.00	N'Eliya	24.00	23.00	22.00		27.00
Matara						Embilipitiya	710.00	710.00	610.00	610.00	610.00	Welimada	18.40	16.40	16.00	17.40	22.80
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha					144.00
Matara	126.75	124.25	130.00	126.25	126.75	A'Pura						N'Eliya	179.00	137.00	166.00		136.00
Hambantota	123.33	127.50	126.00	126.00	126.25	Kalawewa						Welimada	138.00	84.00	108.00	140.00	112.00
Ampara	119.67	124.00	126.33	126.67	122.67	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	124.50	124.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	A'Pura	508.00	488.00	508.00	488.00		Badulla				90.00	95.00
Keeri Samba						Kalawewa	587.50	800.00				Tomato					
A'pura	122.00	122.00	122.40	126.20	122.00	Black Gram						Hanguranketha					
Polonnaruwa	118.25	123.00	131.00	131.00	129.00	Kalawewa						Welimada	45.00	90.00	106.00	102.00	156.00
Kalawewa						A'Pura						Hambantota	60.00	110.00	110.00	143.33	213.33
Kurunegala			123.00	129.67	129.67	Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	72.60	107.00	109.00	99.00	187.00
Dehiattakandiya	123.67	126.33	129.17	129.33	123.33	Beans						Low Country					
						Dambulla	185.00	151.50	150.40	222.00	292.00	Ladies Fingers					
						Welimada	124.00	110.00	152.00	154.00	170.00	A'pura	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	88.00
						Badulla	95.00					Dambulla	43.20	37.60	42.00	39.60	52.00
Red Onion						Carrot						Hambantota	66.67	66.67	53.33	66.67	96.67
Big Onion						Hanguranketha						Embilipitiya	90.00	63.75	71.25	96.25	91.25
Dambulla	232.00	234.00	241.00	253.00	198.00	N'Eliya	189.00	121.00	119.00		61.00	Matara	61.25	56.25	56.25	81.25	63.75
Kalawewa						Welimada	131.00	98.00	105.00	112.00	51.00						

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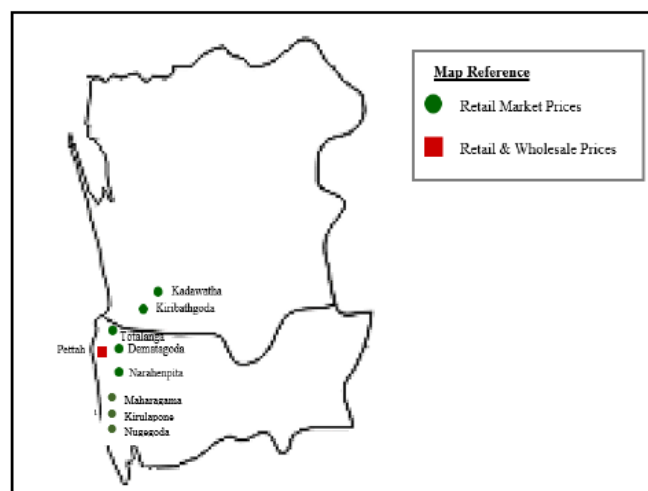
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Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	178.00	248.00	228.00	208.00	188.00	Dambulla	31.00	39.60	41.00	43.40	46.20	Hambantota					
Dambulla	145.00	245.00	242.00	212.50	122.00	Hambantota		55.00	55.00	60.00	53.33	Embilipitiya	212.50	192.50	192.50	207.50	207.50
Hambantota	126.67	165.00	165.00	193.33	103.33	Embilipitiya	66.25	61.25	56.25	68.75	51.67	Moneragala	178.00	208.00	208.00	338.00	270.00
Embilipitiya	195.00	235.00	250.00	197.50	122.50	Matara	53.75	37.50	33.00			Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	157.50	165.00	165.00	180.00	180.00	A'pura	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	Banana					
Welimada	119.00	172.00	156.00	154.00		Moneragala		44.00	44.00	54.00	44.00	Ambul					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	64.00	84.00	74.00	84.00	84.00
Capsicum						A'pura	44.00	34.00	54.00	54.00	44.00	Embilipitiya	140.00	130.00	130.00	123.75	55.00
Welimada	500.00	360.00	398.00	465.00	496.00	Dambulla	51.00	55.00	53.80	63.20	67.20	Hambantota	145.00	135.00	150.00	143.33	83.33
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	46.67	36.67	36.67	63.33	66.67	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	148.00	178.00	208.00	208.00	268.00	Matara	27.00	27.00	29.50		41.00	Moneragala	220.00	220.00	216.00	220.00	224.00
Dambulla	144.50	178.50	179.50	240.00	258.00	Long beans						Embilipitiya	302.50	365.00	402.50	327.50	227.50
Hambantota						Dambulla	104.00	101.00	88.80	84.80	140.00	Hambantota	390.00	390.00	435.00	390.00	206.67
Embilipitiya	220.00	227.50	210.00	230.00	285.00	Hambantota	80.00	80.00	85.00	96.67	96.67	Papaw					
						Embilipitiya	141.25	132.50	110.00	135.00	135.00	Moneragala	94.00	94.00	108.00	108.00	108.00
Snake Gourd						Matara	100.00	100.00	92.50	102.50	102.50	Embilipitiya	120.00	148.75	192.50	192.50	138.75
Dambulla	126.00	117.00	143.50	137.00	143.50	A'Pura	148.00	108.00	138.00	128.00	208.00	Hambantota	125.00	115.00	146.67	150.00	150.00
Hambantota	156.67	163.33	163.33	146.67	140.00	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	146.25	146.25	156.25	162.50	156.25	Hambantota						Divulapitiya					
Matara	150.00	150.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	Embilipitiya	136.25	127.50	127.50	131.25	128.75						
A'pura	108.00	128.00	148.00	128.00	168.00	Matara	136.25	112.50	123.75	123.75	123.75						
Luffa						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	143.50	178.50	177.50	185.00	210.00	Dambulla	148.00	216.00	166.00	204.00	153.50						
Hambantota	153.33	163.33	163.33	173.33	186.67	Hambantota	155.00	206.67	210.00	323.33							
Embilipitiya	146.25	186.25	192.50	215.00	241.25	Embilipitiya	250.00	240.00	225.00	265.00	265.00						
Matara	150.00	150.00	155.00	160.00	170.00	Puttalam	170.60										
A'pura	158.00	128.00	208.00	168.00	208.00	A'Pura	238.00	248.00	232.00	232.00	288.00						

Price Collecting Areas



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