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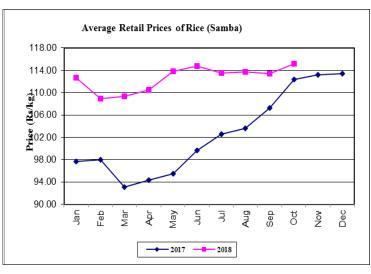
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RICE:

Supply of most of rice varieties has decreased with beginning of off-season. Hence, price of all the rice varieties except nadu grade I, has increased slightly and the highest price increase of 2.16% was for raw white. Further, price increase could be expected for most of rice varieties next month too due to off-season.



Supply of both up country and low country vegetables was limited in most of the markets because the harvesting of 2018- *Yala* was reaching to its end phase, Rainy weather condition which substantially disturbed harvesting and transporting too, As a consequent of that price of most of vegetables has increased during this month. The prices are expected to further increase next month too.





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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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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Rainy weather was experienced in all major producing areas throughout the month due to the onset of North East monsoons. Land preparation for paddy cultivation in 2018/19 *Maha* season was commenced in all major producing areas with the beginning of the rains. It was expected to that the prospects of the paddy crop in the season would be satisfactory due to the prevailing favorable weather condition and better water availability in irrigation tanks. According to the field information sowing activities of paddy crop progress in Akkareipatthu, Samanthurei, Embilipitiya, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala and producing areas in the wet zone. The targeted cultivated extent of paddy in Anuradhapura and Ampara districts was 98,000Ha and 76,000Ha respectively. The peak crop establishment activities could be expected during the next month.

Producer Prices

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - October 2018

	Price R	lange	Av	erage Pr	rice	C	hange C	ompared t	0
Commodity	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2		Oct 2	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	46.00-55.00	38.00-52.00	50.38	45.43	53.90	4.95	10.90	-3.52	-6.53
Polonnaruwa	45.00-54.00	43.00-48.00	49.97	45.17	55.51	4.80	-	-5.54	-9.99
Kalawewa	40.00-55.00	37.00-42.00	46.03	40.04	55.01	5.99	14.96	-8.98	-16.32
Kurunegala	45.00-52.00	40.00-52.00	49.47	46.84	50.15	2.63	5.60	-0.68	-1.36
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	46.00-51.00	41.00-47.00	49.72	44.65	53.16	5.07	11.35	-3.44	-6.47
Long Grain Whit	te								
Anuradhapura	38.00-44.00	32.00-43.00	41.54	37.94	51.76	3.60	9.50	-10.22	-19.74
Polonnaruwa	39.00-46.00	39.00-41.00	42.47	40.00	54.50	2.47	6.17	-12.03	-22.08
Kalawewa	36.00-46.00	33.00-38.00	39.77	35.17	53.76	4.60	13.08	-13.99	-26.03
Kurunegala	32.00-42.00	30.00-37.00	37.91	33.47	50.83	4.44	13.27	-12.92	-25.42
Dehiattakandiya	=	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	=	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	=	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	33.06	33.56	46.40	-0.50	-1.49	-13.34	-28.74
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	40.00-43.00	36.00-41.00	42.12	38.60	-	3.52	9.12	-	-
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Anuradhapura	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Matara	30.00-35.00	30.00-35.00	38.29	38.08	46.40	0.21	0.55	-8.11	-17.47
Hambantota	34.00-37.00	32.00-35.00	35.32	33.58	46.99	1.74	5.20	-11.67	-24.84
Embilipitiya	34.00-36.00	32.00-35.00	34.99	33.66	47.33	1.32	3.94	-12.34	-26.08

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The open market prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a stability during the first part of the month mainly due to the arrival of paddy to the markets from 2018 *Yala* harvest in most of the major producing areas. However, during the latter part of the month an increasing trend was recorded due to the gradually decline of supply. The monthly average prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 6% -15% in all major producing areas with the highest increase from Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 6% -13% in most of the major producing areas with the highest increase from Kurunegala. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red paddy have increased by less than 5% in producing areas in Southern Province.

The open market prices of long grain white and short grain were in the range of Rs.32.00-46.00/kg and Rs.40.00-55.00/kg respectively in most of the major producing areas. The lowest prices for long grain white were recorded in Kalawewa and Kurunegala. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-37.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. It was expected that the increasing trend of paddy prices would continue during the next month due to the limiting of supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, all the paddy varieties have shown a declining trend in all considered producing areas. The prices of short grain have decreased by less than 16% with the highest decline from Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white have decreased in the range of 20%-29% with the highest decline from Matara. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have decreased in the range of 17%-26% with the highest decline from Embilipitiya.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale price of most of the local rice varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 5% for raw white. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II have not changed significantly and prices ranged between Rs.105.00-112.00/kg and Rs.95.00-102.00/kg respectively. Decreasing trend of supply of raw red and raw white rice varieties was recorded during this month and prices have increased by 2% and 5% respectively. Wholesale price of imported samba ranged between Rs.125.00-135.00/kg and average price has increased by 7%.

According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 1421mt of rice has been imported during October 2018 and it has increased by 66% compared to the previous month. The total expenditure of imported rice was Rs.166.5milion in October.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 19% for raw white. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported samba has increased significantly by 68% compared to the same period of last year.

Retail Prices

Retail price of all the rice varieties, except *Nadu* grade I, has increased significantly in the range of 1.04-2.16%. The highest price increase of 2.16% was recorded for raw white. Retail prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs.115.00-125.00/kg and Rs.100.00-115.00/kg during this month and prices have increased less than 2%. Retail price of imported *ponni* samba ranged between Rs.130.00-150.00/kg and price has increased by 9% compared to the previous month.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the local rice varieties have decreased with highest price decrease of 13% for raw red. Retail price of imported samba has increased significantly by 54% compared to the same period of last year.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice - October 2018

	Price Range	Avo	erage Pri	ce	Cl	hange C	Compared	to
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2	2018	Oct	2017
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	105.00-112.00	108.29	108.09	106.41	0.20	0.19	1.88	1.77
Samba 2	95.00-102.00	98.48	99.52	102.04	-1.04	-1.05	-3.56	-3.49
Samba 3	-	ı	-	1	ı	1	1	-
Nadu 1	86.00-90.00	88.00	90.00	1	-2.00	-2.22	1	-
Nadu 2	74.00-82.00	79.54	77.10	92.83	2.44	3.16	-13.29	-14.32
Raw red	65.00-72.00	68.61	67.18	84.42	1.43	2.13	-15.81	-18.73
Raw white	70.00-80.00	75.58	71.90	89.04	3.68	5.12	-13.46	-15.11
Imported Samba	125.00-135.00	128.95	120.72	76.81	8.24	6.82	52.14	67.88
Imported Raw White	-	ı	-	67.92	ı	1	1	-
Imported Nadu	-	ı	-	72.36	ı	1	1	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-125.00	119.98	118.15	116.54	1.82	1.54	3.44	2.95
Samba 2	100.00-115.00	110.47	108.67	108.14	1.79	1.65	2.33	2.15
Samba 3	-	ı	-	1	ı	1	1	-
Nadu 1	94.00-95.00	94.97	95.11		-0.14	-0.15	94.97	-
Nadu 2	80.00-90.00	88.98	87.82	101.84	1.16	1.33	-12.86	-12.63
Raw red	75.00-90.00	80.08	79.26	92.38	0.82	1.04	-12.30	-13.31
Raw white	78.00-90.00	84.54	82.76	95.80	1.78	2.16	-11.26	-11.75
Imported Ponni Samba	130.00-150.00	138.08	126.98	89.79	11.09	8.73	48.28	53.77
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	78.14	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	- 11 .7 .		-	83.68	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from all major producing areas has dropped with the end of harvesting in this *Yala* season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about Rs.44.00/kg and Rs.74.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail price of green chillies were Rs.95.33/kg and Rs.255.71/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 76% and 56%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of green chillies are expected to be increasing in coming months.

Imported quantity of dried chillies was 5,034 mt and it was mainly imported from India during this month. It was an increase of 1,518 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.209.08/kg and it has not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies were Rs.242.02/kg and Rs.315.11/kg and both prices have increased by about 22% and 23% compared to the same period of last year.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli October 2018

	Price Range	Ave	rage Pric	e		Change C	ompared t	0		
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2018		Oct 2017			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Price	Wholesale Price									
Green Chilli	40.00-180.00	95.33	51.04	399.15	44.29	86.78	-303.82	-76.12		
Dried Chilli	235.00-250.00	242.02	239.88	198.41	2.15	0.89	43.61	21.98		
Retail Price	Retail Price									
Green Chilli	80.00-400.00	255.71	181.43	578.70	74.28	40.94	-322.99	-55.81		
Dried Chilli	280.00-350.00	315.11	311.60	256.20	3.51	1.13	58.91	23.00		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	5,034	1,052.59	209.08	315.11	106.03
Sep	3,516	737.02	209.60	311.60	102.00
Aug	5,448	1,129.65	207.37	323.56	116.20
July	5,292	1,161.19	219.40	325.59	106.18
June	2,618	592.23	226.18	313.87	87.70
May	4,968	1,065.91	214.54	306.67	92.13

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) - October 2018

Location	1st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4th week	5 th week
Dambulla	31.20	79.80	81.40	128.00	148.00
Hambantota	100.00	85.00	130.00	185.00	226.67
Embilipitiya	79.17	108.33	125.00	197.00	175.00
Puttalam	39.20	43.00	72.00	127.50	124.00
A'Pura	56.67	100.00	113.33	170.00	156.67

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

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, limited stock has reached to the market as the low production during this season. Wholesale price of local big onion has not changed significantly and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-75.00/kg. Local big onion stocks were not available in most of the retail markets.

A quantity of 14,592 mt of big onion was imported in October 2018 and this quantity was higher than the previous month by about 2,944 mt. Around 90% of big onion was imported from India and 10% from Pakistan. Average CIF price was Rs.45.94/kg for imported big onion and it was a slight decrease of Rs. 0.86/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively due to availability of limited stocks of local big onion at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 24%.

The supply of both sinnan and vedalan varieties had decreased from Puttalam and Jaffna areas as it was the latter part of the harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.14.00/kg and rs.6.00/kg respectively. Retail price of sinnan red onion

has decreased by about Rs.8.00/kg due to availability of low quality stocks at the market, while the retail price of vedalan has increased by about Rs.4.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan has decreased by about 57%.

About 275 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 225 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.113.44/kg and it was an increase of Rs.65.31/kg compared to last month. Limited stocks of imported red onion were available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.175.00-180.00/kg, while the stocks were not available at the retail market.

Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion October 2018

	Price Range		Average			Change Compared to			
Сгор	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2	2018	Oct 2	017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	70.00-150.00	96.61	82.30	262.64	14.31	17.39	-166.03	-63.22	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	80.00-160.00	106.41	100.62	306.39	5.80	5.76	-199.98	-65.27	
Red Onion (Imported)	175.00-180.00	177.00	-	259.82	-	-	-82.82	-31.88	
Big Onion (imported)	75.00-100.00	84.86	79.43	111.19	5.44	6.84	-26.33	-23.68	
Big Onion (Local)	70.00-75.00	73.33	73.50	109.07	-0.17	-0.23	-35.73	-32.76	
Retail Prices									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00-140.00	128.50	136.51	-	-8.01	-5.87	1	-	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-240.00	168.06	164.11	389.38	3.96	2.41	-221.32	-56.84	
Red Onion (Imported)			-	-	-	1	-	-	
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-140.00	111.28	109.70	147.37	1.58	1.44	-36.09	-24.49	
Big Onion (Local)			-	146.89	-	-	-	-	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.2: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin	(Rs/kg)
F		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
	Oct,2018	45.94	84.86	111.28	38.92	26.42
Big onion	Sep,2018	46.80	79.43	109.70	32.63	30.28
	Oct,2017	90.13	111.19	147.37	21.06	36.17
	Oct,2018	113.44	177.00	ı	63.56	ı
Red onion	Sep,2018	48.13	1	ı	1	-
	Oct,2017	129.44	259.82	-	130.38	=

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quanti	ty (mt.)	Value (Rs. mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)		
- F	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	
Red Onion	275	50	31.2	2.4	113.44	48.13	
Big Onion	14,592	11,648	670.4	545.1	45.94	46.80	

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Oct	14,592	45.94	79.43	109.70	63.76
Sep	11,648	46.80	79.43	109.70	62.90
Aug	21,741	49.21	86.70	115.74	66.52
July	18,938	49.05	86.44	115.02	65.96
June	20,070	39.88	82.56	108.62	68.74
May	15,702	36.10	73.88	99.21	63.11

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Maha cultivation of potatoes has commenced in major potato growing districts and Yala harvesting of potato was being taken place with the availability of ample stocks in the market. A quantity of 6,329 mt of potato, which was higher than that imported during the previous month by 686 mt, had been imported in October. Potatoes were imported mainly from Pakistan (86%) and China (13%) in October. Compared to October, 2017 (6,753 mt), the imports were slightly low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.32.00/kg in October.

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of the *Yala* harvest were available in the market. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes decreased by 4% and 2% respectively. Also, the retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes decreased by 8% and 4% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.87.00/kg in October. Meanwhile, wholesale and retail prices of imported potato increased by 6% and 1%. During this month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.80.00-105.00/kg, Rs.90.00-120.00/kg and Rs.60.00-90.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes have decreased by 8%, 8% and 7% respectively. As the peak harvesting season for potato will be over in November, the price of local potato is expected to increase in coming months.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	6,329	200.26	31.64	107.24	75.60
Sep	5,643	173.85	30.81	106.06	75.25
Aug	15,771	583.58	37.00	112.16	75.16
July	17,703	614.68	34.72	119.70	84.97
June	7,378	199.52	27.04	120.53	93.49
May	10,508	283.44	26.97	106.55	79.57

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – October 2018

	Price Range		Average		Cl	hange Cor	mpared to	1
Items	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2	018	Oct 2	2017
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	ı	ı	-	83.50	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	78.00-105.00	87.40	83.70	95.12	3.70	4.23	-7.72	-8.83
Imported – CIF	30.46-45.72	31.64	30.81	37.59	0.83	2.64	-5.95	-18.80
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	80.00-105.00	87.06	89.04	97.43	-1.98	-2.28	-10.38	-11.92
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-120.00	100.12	103.80	116.99	-3.68	-3.68	-16.87	-16.85
Imported	60.00-90.00	77.23	72.33	89.88	4.90	6.35	-12.64	-16.37
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	110.00-140.00	127.91	133.43	138.70	-5.52	-4.32	-10.79	-8.44
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-200.00	155.45	167.27	167.88	-11.81	-7.60	-12.42	-7.99
Imported	95.00-120.00	107.24	106.06	114.70	1.18	1.10	-7.46	-6.96
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	55.20	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		68.05	83.57	72.76	-15.51	-22.79	-4.70	-6.91
Imported (CIF-RP)		75.60	75.25	77.11	0.35	0.46	-1.52	-2.00
Gross Margin (RP -WP	')							
Welimada		40.85	44.39	41.27	-3.54	-8.66	-0.42	-1.02
Nuwara Eliya		55.34	63.46	50.89	-8.13	-14.69	4.45	8.04
Imported	·	30.00	33.72	24.82	-3.72	-12.40	5.18	17.27

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.215.00/kg with an average of Rs.200.80/kg in October 2018. The average price has increased by less than one percent compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has increased. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.244.45/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has increased but not a significant amount. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has not changed significantly.

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.207.93/kg and Rs.184.20/kg, respectively in October 2018. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.215.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.150.00/kg and Rs.220.00/kg. Compared to previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 2% while the price of red cowpea has reduced around 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 10% and 24%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.275.27/kg and Rs.267.60/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the price of white cowpea has decreased by around 1% and the price of red cowpea has decreased by 2%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased around 9% and 19%, respectively.

Quantity of 1,044 MT of green gram was imported during this month, and it was an increase of 49% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.141.05/kg while the retail price has not changed significantly compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.147.26 million and this value increased by 59% of the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Green gram has been imported from countries which were Argentina (25%), South Africa (24%), Australia (12%), Kenya (11%), Uzbekistan (11%), Myanmar (6%), Paraguay (5%), Brazil (2%), United Arab Emirates (2%) and India (1%).

Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	1,044	147.26	141.05	244.45	103.41
Sep	701	92.51	131.93	244.26	112.33
Aug	2,418	329.79	136.41	246.54	110.13
July	1,576	213.54	135.52	246.15	110.63
June	1,832	258.48	141.08	240.06	98.98
May	928	126.21	135.94	242.43	106.49

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

According to table 2.4.3, a quantity of 1,095 MT of white cowpea was imported during this month. When compared to the previous month, cowpea importation has increased. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was Rs.112.27/kg. The total cost for importing cowpea has increased and was near to three times of cost incurred in the previous import. The total value of the cowpea imported was noticed as approximately Rs.123 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (83%) and the rest was imported from Brazil (11%) and Myanmar (5%).

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	1,095	122.99	112.27	275.27	163.00
Sep	399	45.03	112.80	277.82	165.02
Aug	307	36.37	118.53	280.45	161.92
July	628	82.07	130.71	283.08	152.37
June	557	74.00	132.89	279.87	146.98
May	977	121.91	124.77	284.58	159.80

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – October 2018

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2018		Oct 2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	190.00-215.00	200.80	199.75	199.19	1.05	0.53	1.61	0.81	
Cowpea (White)	200.00-215.00	207.93	203.82	230.99	4.12	2.02	-23.05	-9.98	
Cowpea (Red)	150.00-220.00	184.20	193.16	242.52	-8.96	-4.64	-58.32	-24.05	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	220.00-280.00	244.45	244.26	245.00	0.19	0.08	-0.55	-0.22	
Cowpea (White)	220.00-320.00	275.27	277.82	301.20	-2.55	-0.92	-25.93	-8.61	
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-320.00	267.60	272.44	331.40	-4.83	-1.77	-63.80	-19.25	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale	Retail price	Gross M (Rs/K	
(Rs/kg) pr		price (Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP	
	Oct,2018	141.05	200.80	244.45	59.75	43.65
Green gram	Sep,2018	131.93	199.75	244.26	67.82	44.51
	Oct,2017	140.93	199.19	245.00	58.26	45.81
	Oct,2018	112.27	207.93	275.27	95.67	67.34
Cowpea (White)	Sep,2018	112.80	203.82	277.82	91.01	74.00
	Oct,2017	131.84	230.99	301.20	99.15	70.21
	Oct,2018	-	184.20	267.60	ı	83.40
Cowpea (Red)	Sep,2018	-	193.16	272.44	ı	79.28
	Oct,2017	-	242.52	331.40	-	88.88

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.100.00/kg and Rs.105.00/kg with an average of Rs.102.88/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.125.61/kg. Moreover, a difference between two prices is Rs.23/kg during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 22% and 20%, respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – October 2018

	Price Range	Average				Change Compared to				
Red Dhal	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep	2018	Oct 2	2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Price	100.00-105.00	102.88	97.40	132.17	5.48	5.63	-29.29	-22.16		
Retail Price	110.00-140.00	125.61	124.08	156.42	1.53	1.23	-30.81	-19.70		

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a quantity of 12,403 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.76.33/kg. Difference between average CIF prices of this month and the previous month was about Rs. 5.64. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 12,106 MT) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 297 MT) was of the split type. Of the quantity of the whole type red dhal, 83% from Australia, 15% from Canada and 2% from United States have been imported. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs. 921 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.76.10 per kilo and the split type red dhal, has been imported from Canada (81%) and

Australia (19%). The average CIF price of split type was noticed as Rs.85.73 per kilo and the total value of the import of split type was Rs.25.4 million.

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity	CIF Price	Wholesale price	Retail price	Gross Marg	gin (Rs/kg)
Month	(mt)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	CIF-WP	WP-RP
Oct	12,403	76.33	102.88	125.61	26.55	22.73
Sep	8,311	81.97	97.40	124.08	15.43	26.68
Aug	10,097	76.24	97.58	125.77	21.33	28.19
July	9,720	78.20	102.41	127.97	24.21	25.56
June	24,244	75.78	107.78	131.55	31.99	23.78
May	18,284	75.06	111.13	131.05	36.06	19.92

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

All the vegetable producing areas were experienced with rainy weather condition during the month of October. Among up country vegetables, highest cultivation progress of 121% was recorded for knolkhol, followed by leeks (114%) and carrot (105%). The mostly cultivated upcountry vegetable was beans (3309ha) followed by cabbage (1858ha), carrot (1517ha) and capsicum (1467ha). Considering low country vegetables, the highest cultivation progress of 110% was recorded for winged bean. The mostly cultivated low country vegetable was brinjal (3521ha) followed by mae (3142ha). (Field Information Network - Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI, Crop Forecasting Unit/Department of Agriculture).

Considering the district wise progress of up country vegetable cultivation, the highest cultivation progress of 104% was recorded in Nuwaraeliya followed by Badulla (93%). With regard to low country vegetable cultivation progress, the highest cultivation progress over 100% was recorded in Hambantota, Baticaloa, Puttlam, Mahaweli B, and Mahaweli C. (Field Information Network - Marketing, Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI, Crop Forecasting Unit/Department of Agriculture).

Price and supply/Demand situation

Supplies of up country vegetables from major supply areas such as Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Matale, Rathnapura and Kandy districts were limited in the markets due to two reasons. First, the harvesting of *Yala-2018* was approaching to its end phase. Second, harvesting and transporting of upcountry vegetables were affected by the unfavorable rainy weather condition prevailed in major producing areas. As a result, the prices of all the up country vegetables except carrot and cabbage have increased during the month. The highest price increase of 285% was reported for tomato followed by beans (121%)

Meanwhile, the price of carrot has decreased by 36% (65.91/kg) due to low quality stocks from Nuwaraeliya. The price of cabbage also has decreased by 31% (Rs.27.50/kg) because of low quality stocks from Nuwaraeliya and Puttlam. Supply of low country vegetable also showed a considerable decline from major producing areas such as Embilipitiya, Wadigala, and Ambalantota. Therefore, except a slight decrease in pumpkin prices (2%), the prices of all other low country vegetables have increased during the month. The highest price increase of 122% was reported for long beans followed by bitter guard (107%). The prices of green chilie have increased

by 87%, while lime prices increased by 296%. Compared to the month of October in 2017, the prices of most of vegetables have decreased at least by 1%. The highest price decrease of 52% was recorded for capsicum.

Retail prices of all the upcountry vegetables, except for carrot and cabbage have increased during the month. The highest price increase of 75% was recorded for tomato, followed by beans (69%). The prices of knolkhol and radish also increased by 31% and 36% respectively, while the prices of leeks and beetroot prices went up by less than 10%. In contrast, the prices of carrot and cabbage declined by 28% and 21% respectively. Similarly, the prices of all the low country vegetables also have increased during the month. The highest price increase of 60% was for bitter gourd while the lowest price decrease was about 1% for pumpkin.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of most of the vegetable varieties has decreased by 1%-56%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – October 2018

	Price Range		Average		С	hange Co	mpared to)
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2		Oct 2	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	70.00-200.00	149.83	67.71	118.83	82.12	121.29	31.00	26.09
Carrot	80.00-180.00	119.33	185.25	100.83	-65.91	-35.58	18.50	18.35
Leeks	25.00-80.00	48.52	45.21	141.67	3.31	7.32	-93.15	-65.75
Beetroot	40.00-150.00	76.23	63.39	70.43	12.83	20.24	5.80	8.23
Knolkhol	20.00-90.00	48.83	26.88	76.92	21.96	81.71	-28.08	-36.51
Radish	20.00-80.00	50.00	27.19	55.08	22.81	83.91	-5.08	-9.23
Cabbage	25.00-100.00	61.62	89.12	85.90	-27.50	-30.86	-24.28	-28.26
Tomato	20.00-200.00	81.08	21.04	131.47	60.04	285.35	-50.39	-38.33
Ladies Fingers	30.00-100.00	64.17	33.85	67.17	30.31	89.54	-3.00	-4.47
Brinjal	50.00-140.00	97.70	91.35	123.35	6.35	6.95	-25.65	-20.80
Capsicum	40.00-230.00	132.50	62.50	184.60	70.00	112.00	-52.10	-28.22
Pumpkin	30.00-50.00	39.83	40.62	40.67	-0.79	-1.95	-0.83	-2.05
Cucumber	20.00-70.00	48.00	27.29	40.08	20.71	75.88	7.92	19.75
Bittergourd	70.00-240.00	156.47	75.58	194.99	80.90	107.04	-38.52	-19.75
Snakegourd	60.00-150.00	106.67	53.51	96.96	53.16	99.34	9.71	10.01
Drumstick	60.00-180.00	109.17	62.92	140.83	46.25	73.51	-31.67	-22.49
Luffa	60.00-130.00	97.67	49.23	70.62	48.44	98.40	27.05	38.30
Long Beans	40.00-160.00	94.17	42.50	74.55	51.67	121.57	19.62	26.32
Ash Plantain	60.00-90.00	71.87	62.29	76.17	9.58	15.38	-4.30	-5.65
Green Chilli	40.00-180.00	95.33	51.04	399.15	44.29	86.78	-303.82	-76.12
Lime	200.00-500.00	386.50	97.50	216.83	289.00	296.41	169.67	78.25

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – October 2018

	Price Range		Average		Ch	nange Co	mpared to	
Items	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 20	018	Oct 2	017
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-320.00	217.49	128.71	187.08	88.78	68.98	30.42	16.26
Carrot	140.00-320.00	201.68	279.60	176.20	-77.93	-27.87	25.47	14.46
Leeks	70.00-200.00	131.62	123.29	231.59	8.34	6.76	-99.96	-43.16
Beetroot	70.00-200.00	132.25	121.40	143.08	10.85	8.93	-10.83	-7.57
Knolkhol	60.00-240.00	150.40	114.61	160.44	35.79	31.23	-10.05	-6.26
Radish	60.00-240.01	134.26	98.68	133.89	35.58	36.06	0.37	0.27
Cabbage	80.00-240.00	144.88	183.54	168.55	-38.67	-21.07	-23.67	-14.05
Tomato	50.00-280.00	130.30	74.38	204.31	55.93	75.19	-74.01	-36.22
Ladies Fingers	80.00-200.00	140.96	114.32	135.18	26.64	23.31	5.78	4.27
Brinjal	100.00-280.00	165.79	162.84	209.35	2.96	1.82	-43.56	-20.81
Capsicum	100.00-400.00	216.85	147.08	282.71	69.77	47.44	-65.85	-23.29
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	115.71	115.06	113.12	0.65	0.56	2.59	2.29
Cucumber	50.00-160.00	113.93	92.49	108.19	21.44	23.18	5.74	5.31
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	226.71	141.59	275.02	85.12	60.12	-48.31	-17.57
Snakegourd	80.00-240.00	170.51	125.13	170.77	45.38	36.27	-0.26	-0.15
Drumstick	100.00-400.00	201.87	144.00	259.41	57.87	40.18	-57.54	-22.18
Luffa	100.00-280.00	179.88	135.84	157.82	44.04	32.42	22.06	13.98
Long Beans	100.00-280.00	170.69	120.59	154.18	50.10	41.55	16.51	10.71
Ash Plantain	90.00-200.00	141.11	131.75	138.52	9.36	7.10	2.59	1.87
Green Chilli	80.00-400.00	255.71	181.43	578.70	74.28	40.94	-322.99	-55.81
Lime	350.00-1000.00	592.17	249.17	428.02	342.99	137.65	164.14	38.35

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in October compared to the prices in September. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased in the range of 24%-46% and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.137.81/fruit, Rs.205.10/fruit and Rs.265.75/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-300.00/fruit. Further, prices of avocado and orange had increased by 14% and 13% respectively. Prices of imported grapes and slime apple had increased by 7%. In addition, price of passion fruit had increased by 3%.

However, prices of banana varieties had decreased in the range of 5%-18%. Prices of banana varieties Ambul, Seeni and Kolikuttu had decreased by 12%, 7% and 5% respectively and price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.30.00-80.00/kg, Rs.50.00-80.00/kg and Rs.120.00-180.00/kg respectively. In addition, price decreases of 18% and 9% were noted for banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun respectively and price ranges recorded was Rs.10.00-18.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Further, prices of mango varieties, karthakolomban, betti and vilad had decreased by 36%, 34% and 19% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.40.00-120.00. Price of papaw had decreased by 44% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.70.33/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-140.00/kg. In addition, 13% price decrease was noticed for wood apple.

According to the data in previous years, prices of fruit varieties, papaw, pineapple, mango, wood apple, passion fruit, slime apple and all the banana varieties are expected to be decreased in the coming month while, prices of avocado and orange are expected to be increased.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for avocado as 56%.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased at the retail level too. Prices of banana varieties Kolikuttu and Ambul had increased by 6% and 1% respectively and prices were noted as Rs.160.00-240.00/kg and Rs.80.00-140.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 22%, 30% and 26% respectively. Further, price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.120.00-400.00/fruit. In addition, prices of slime apple, avocado, passion fruit and orange had increased by 25%, 14%, 13% and 1% respectively compared to the previous month.

However, prices of banana varieties Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun had decreased in the range of 3%-5% and price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.80.00-140.00/kg, Rs.15.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-25.00/fruit respectively. In addition, price of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 39% and 29% respectively and price ranges recorded for a fruit were Rs.60.00-250.00 and Rs.25.00-120.00 respectively. Price of papaw had decreased by 28% and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-200.00/kg. In addition, prices of imported grapes and wood apple had decreased by 5% and 4% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the banana varieties, wood apple, orange, avocado and imported grapes had decreased with the highest price decrease of 24% for banana variety Ambul while, prices of pineapple, mango varieties, papaw, passion fruit and slime apple had increased with the highest price increase of 54% for mango variety, Karthakolomban.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received an increased price for banana variety Kolikuttu and decreased prices for banana variety Ambul and for papaw compared to the prices in September, 2018. The prices had increased for Kolikuttu by 1% and had decreased for papaw by 44% and by 5% for Ambul. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.27.50-47.86/kg, Rs.75.00-170.00/kg and Rs.27.50 - 80.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to October, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 41% and for Kolikuttu by 1% and it was a price increase for papaw by 26% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 802mt of fresh fruits in October, 2018 to the value of Rs.119mn. Of the exported quantity, 90% were papaw, 5% were fresh pineapple, 3% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the month of September, 2018, the quantity exported was 704mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 14%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 5,235mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.945mn. Of the imported quantity, 57% were apple, 25% were oranges and 18% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were China, the United States, France and Chile. South Africa and Australia were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported from China, the United States, Italy, Thailand and India. In the month of September, 2018, the quantity imported was 3,583mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 46%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – October 2018

	Price Range		Average		(Change Co	mpared to)
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep	2018	Oct 2	2017
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-80.00	56.14	63.71	83.23	-7.58	-11.89	-27.10	-32.56
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-180.00	149.21	156.89	142.66	-7.68	-4.90	6.55	4.59
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	63.05	67.54	81.21	-4.49	-6.65	-18.17	-22.37
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-18.00	14.13	17.17	14.96	-3.04	-17.68	-0.83	-5.55
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	19.46	21.28	19.78	-1.82	-8.56	-0.32	-1.64
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-300.00	265.75	182.31	194.27	83.44	45.77	71.48	36.79
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-250.00	205.10	148.00	149.69	57.10	38.58	55.41	37.02
Small (Fruit)	100.00-180.00	137.81	111.47	104.44	26.34	23.63	33.37	31.95
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	28.00-30.00	29.00	44.00	-	-15.00	-34.09	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	68.00	106.18	62.92	-38.18	-35.96	5.08	8.08
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-45.00	35.83	44.19	28.94	-8.36	-18.91	6.89	23.81
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-140.00	70.33	125.43	70.95	-55.10	-43.93	-0.62	-0.88
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-18.00	12.60	12.25	10.11	0.35	2.86	2.49	24.64
Woodapple (Fruit)	6.00-12.00	8.09	9.32	11.19	-1.23	-13.24	-3.10	-27.74
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	20.73	18.28	30.21	2.45	13.41	-9.49	-31.40
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-70.00	46.02	40.21	29.50	5.81	14.44	16.52	56.01
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	33.78	31.59	27.20	2.19	6.93	6.58	24.19
Grapes Imported (Kg)	357.00-777.00	538.22	501.07	485.66	37.15	7.41	52.56	10.82

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - October 2018

	Price Range		Average		C	hange Co	mpared to)
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2	2018	Oct 2	2017
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-140.00	106.04	105.36	140.34	0.69	0.65	-34.29	-24.44
Kolikuttu (Kg)	160.00-240.00	207.20	195.76	206.61	11.45	5.85	0.59	0.29
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-140.00	114.89	118.01	138.20	-3.11	-2.64	-23.31	-16.87
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.75	18.75	22.52	-1.00	-5.34	-4.77	-21.20
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	22.15	23.26	25.44	-1.11	-4.77	-3.29	-12.91
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	260.00-400.00	321.23	254.26	277.59	66.97	26.34	43.64	15.72
Medium (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	236.01	181.66	205.24	54.34	29.91	30.76	14.99
Small (Fruit)	120.00-200.00	161.72	132.13	137.44	29.60	22.40	24.28	17.67
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban								
(Fruit)	60.00-250.00	130.89	216.23	85.00	-85.35	-39.47	45.89	53.98
Vilad (Fruit)	25.00-120.00	55.57	77.94	43.36	-22.37	-28.70	12.21	28.16
Kohu (Fruit)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-200.00	123.60	170.97	109.76	-47.37	-27.71	13.83	12.60
Passionfruit (Fruit)	16.00-30.00	24.18	21.39	18.76	2.79	13.04	5.42	28.90
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	35.30	36.78	38.96	-1.48	-4.04	-3.66	-9.40
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	44.20	43.77	49.99	0.43	0.99	-5.79	-11.58
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-120.00	63.34	55.51	64.50	7.84	14.12	-1.16	-1.80
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	83.18	66.35	75.93	16.84	25.38	7.25	9.55
Grapes Imported (Kg)	600.00-900.00	747.72	789.66	799.80	-41.94	-5.31	-52.08	-6.51

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – October 2018

	Price Range		Average			Change Co	ompared to	
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Oct 2018 Sep 2018 Oct 2017 Sep 2018 O		Sep 2018		Oct	2017
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg %		Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.50-47.86	37.50	39.67	63.90	-2.17	-5.46	-26.40	-41.31
Kolikuttu	75.00-170.00	121.12	120.00	123.00	1.12	0.93	-1.88	-1.53
Papaw	27.50-80.00	48.60	86.50	38.45	-37.90	-43.82	10.15	26.40
Pineapple	27.50-47.86	37.50	39.67	63.90	-2.17	-5.46	-26.40	-41.31

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits Aug to Oct 2018

		Oct			Sep		Aug			
Type of Fruit	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 Pineapple	42.88	24.31	566.95	37.54	14.75	392.77	63.53	16.35	257.31	
Papaw	725.08	81.42	112.29	637.83	56.43	88.47	625.85	64.12	102.45	
Fresh Mango	23.32	8.39	359.63	19.57	6.56	334.99	19.93	7.51	376.68	
Avocado, fresh	10.72	4.45	415.38	9.24	3.89	420.82	7.04	2.86	406.19	

Source: Sri Lanka Customs (FOB=Free On Board)

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
Aug to Oct 2018

Type of		Oct			Sep		Aug			
Fruit	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	2,967	487.57	164.34	1,860	275.75	148.23	1,019	154.92	152.06	
Grapes	954	293.59	307.64	680	186.65	274.52	701	201.59	287.60	
Oranges	1,314	163.84	124.69	1,043	131.21	125.79	587	72.87	124.04	

Source: Sri Lanka Customs (CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

When we compared to last month there was a significant price decrease in fresh fish in this month. This price decrease was in the wholesale market and the retail market prices. The average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish ranged between Rs.80.00- Rs.1400.00 (these prices for one kilogram only). Furthermore, when we compare the prices with last month wholesale market prices; Salaya by 31%, Hurulla by 23%, Balaya by 18%, Kelawalla by 27%, Tora by 14%, Paraw by 18%, and Mora by 19% prices has been decreased significantly. At the same time prices of Shrimp and Thalapath had decreased by 5%, and 10 % respectively.

At the same time, retail prices of selected fresh fish types had decreased this month significantly recorded by average between 2% - 32% respectively. However, the data indicates significant price decreased in both wholesale and retail market prices compared to last year. Thus, the retail prices decreased in a smaller amount.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - October 2018

	Price Range		Average			Change (Compared t	0
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2	2018	Oct 2	2017
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	S							
Salaya	80.00-150.00	110.80	161.31	132.80	-50.51	-31.31	-22.00	-16.57
Hurulla	150.00-250.00	187.38	244.20	229.96	-56.82	-23.27	-42.58	-18.52
Balaya	150.00-300.00	206.80	253.86	219.29	-47.06	-18.54	-12.49	-5.70
Kelawalla	350.00-500.00	423.56	582.46	577.76	-158.90	-27.28	-154.20	-26.69
Thora	900.00-1400.00	1084.44	1260.97	1148.00	-176.53	-14.00	-63.56	-5.54
Paraw	400.00-500.00	434.67	531.32	574.60	-96.65	-18.19	-139.93	-24.35
Mora	400.00-550.00	474.73	585.71	542.04	-110.98	-18.95	-67.30	-12.42
Shrimp (small)	650.00-850.00	755.67	795.83	907.30	-40.17	-5.05	-151.63	-16.71
Thalapath	600.00-800.00	697.03	769.97	830.00	-72.93	-9.47	-132.97	-16.02
Retail Prices								
Salaya	100.00-320.00	186.61	274.98	198.78	-88.38	-32.14	-12.17	-6.12
Hurulla	180.00-600.00	295.24	394.48	330.65	-99.24	-25.16	-35.42	-10.71
Balaya	200.00-800.00	409.94	582.74	411.70	-172.80	-29.65	-1.75	-0.43
Kelawalla	450.00-1200.00	801.43	959.77	862.77	-158.33	-16.50	-61.33	-7.11
Thora	1100.00-2000.00	1514.44	1707.04	1481.32	-192.60	-11.28	33.11	2.24
Paraw	450.00-1200.00	870.48	996.45	901.35	-125.96	-12.64	-30.86	-3.42
Mora	500.00-1000.00	790.67	852.98	787.11	-62.31	-7.31	3.56	0.45
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1600.00	1001.68	1080.75	1124.09	-79.07	-7.32	-122.42	-10.89
Thalapath	750.00-1400.00	1078.60	1098.29	1101.05	-19.69	-1.79	-22.45	-2.04

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.217.00 /kg and Rs.1294.00 /kg during October. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types had decreased by 1% -21%. Highest price decrement was observed in local Balaya (21%), and the rest reported as local Salaya (20%), Imported Balaya (13%), local Maduwa (10%), imported Maduwa (7%), local Sprats (4%), local Tora (4%), local Mora (3%), imported Mora (1%), and local Anguluwa (1%) respectively. At the same time prices of few dry fish types had increased; prices of local Sprats by 10%, imported Anguluwa by 5%, and imported Kattawa by 2% had increased respectively.

Interestingly, except the prices of local Sprats, imported Mora, imported Maduwa, and local Salaya all the other dried fish prices have been increased significantly compared to the last year prices. The main cause for this price increase could be high depreciation of local currencies since August in Sri Lanka.

At the same time average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between 604.00/kg and Rs.1640.00 /kg during this month. However, compared to the previous month, retail prices of most dried fish types had decreased by 2% - 6%, thus some dried fish prices had increased 1% - 3% (including local Kattawa, local Anguluwa, local Tora, and imported Sprats) in this month.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – October 2018

	Price Range		Average	!	Change Compared to				
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	Sep	2018	Oct	2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Dried fish – Wholesale									
Sprats	800.00-1000.00	871.80	910.39	899.25	-38.59	-4.24	-27.45	-3.05	
Sprats (imported)	450.00-600.00	520.40	471.5	3 438.64	48.82	10.35	81.76	18.64	
Kattawa	800.00-950.00	859.20	842.3	828.38	16.81	2.00	30.82	3.72	
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-850.00	773.09	759.5	5 758.80	13.53	1.78	14.29	1.88	
Thora	1150.00-1400.00	1293.75	1350.0	1181.07	-	1	112.68	9.54	
Thora (imported)	1200.00-1300.00	1256.25		- 1108.80	-	1	1	-	
Mora	750.00-900.00	824.60	849.9	821.60	-25.38	-2.99	3.00	0.37	
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	755.40	762.69	774.07	-7.29	-0.96	-18.67	-2.41	
Balaya	300.00-450.00	361.60	458.8	7 323.13	-97.27	-21.20	38.47	11.91	
Balaya (imported)	300.00-350.00	333.33	380.83	3 277.80	-47.50	-12.47	55.53	19.99	
Anguluwa	750.00-900.00	824.50	830.6	802.51	-6.17	-0.74	21.99	2.74	
Anguluwa (imported)	650.00-820.00	746.47	709.5	741.87	36.92	5.20	4.60	0.62	
Maduwa	500.00-650.00	542.17	599.5	3 536.23	-57.42	-9.58	5.94	1.11	
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-400.00	369.58	395.89	9 447.47	-26.31	-6.64	-77.88	-17.41	
Koduwa	-	-			-	-	-	-	
Koduwa(imported)	-	-			-	-	-	-	
Salaya	150.00-350.00	217.40	270.93	3 290.40	-53.53	-19.76	-73.00	-25.14	
Salaya (imported)	-	-			-	1	-	-	
Dried fish - Retail									
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	706.06	695.9	7 706.33	10.09	1.45	-0.27	-0.04	
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1200.99	1227.3		-26.31	-2.14	50.18	4.36	
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1242.81	1209.2	1180.92	33.56	2.78	61.88	5.24	
Thora	1400.00-2000.00	1639.88	1623.8	1 1551.72	16.07	0.99	88.16	5.68	
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1138.97	1166.0		-27.07	-2.32	49.77	4.57	
Balaya	480.00-1000.00	816.27	871.89		-55.62	-6.38	-7.51	-0.91	
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1075.56	1064.1:	5 1080.15	11.41	1.07	-4.59	-0.43	
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	811.25	861.4	825.57	-50.21	-5.83	-14.32	-1.73	
Koduwa	-	-			-	_	-		
Salaya	400.00-800.00	604.39	635.6	622.74	-31.20	-4.91	-18.35	-2.95	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Compared to the previous month, wholesale and retail prices of both egg types had decreased this month. Data indicates that the average wholesale price of a brown egg reported as Rs13.50 and white egg reported as Rs.12.50. At the same time the average retail prices reported as Rs.14.99 and Rs.13.99 respectively. However, compared to previous year, prices of both egg types had increased.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs - October 2018

	Price Range		Average		(Change Co	mpared	to	
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	ct 2018 Sep 2018 Oct		<u> </u>		Oct	2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Price									
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.00-15.20	13.50	16.61	10.75	-3.11	-18.74	2.75	25.55	
White (each)	11.00-14.20	12.50	15.62	9.50	-3.12	-19.97	3.00	31.54	
Retail Price									
Eggs- Brown (each)	12.500-18.00	14.99	18.02	12.37	-3.03	-16.84	2.62	21.18	
White (each)	11.50-17.00	13.99	16.96	11.10	-2.97	-17.51	2.88	25.98	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to the previous month, retail prices of most types of meat had decreased during October. The highest prices decrement was observed in Curry chicken as 14%, Broiler Chicken as 12%, and Mutton 0.2% respectively. However, compared to previous year prices of all types of meat had increased. The highest price increased was observed in Curry chicken and it recorded as 23%.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – October 2018

	Price Range		Average			Change	Compared	to	
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2017	7 Se	p 2018	Oct 2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/k	g %	Rs/kg	%	
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	966.95	965.31	954.17	1.63	0.17	12.78	1.34	
Chicken (Broiler)	400.00-640.00	518.52	588.57	477.70	-70.05	-11.90	40.82	8.55	
Chicken (curry)	450.00-750.00	575.43	669.38	466.61	-93.96	-14.04	108.82	23.32	
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1849.09	1852.08	1789.56	-2.99	-0.16	59.54	3.33	
Pork	650.00-760.00	695.43	673.25	516.67	22.18	3.29	178.76	34.60	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A quantity of 234,819 mt, worth 10,667 mn wheat grain had been imported in October 2018. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by 8%. Wheat grain for the month of October had been mainly imported from Canada (49%) and the CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from United States (76,677mt.) and Pakistan (28,274mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Russia (3%), United Arab Emirates (1%), Australia (1%) and Singapore (1%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.39.00-59.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.45.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by Rs.4.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst, the lowest recorded for Pakistan stocks.

A quantity of 1,083 mt of wheat flour, worth 75mn, had been imported in October 2018. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by nearly three times. This was the highest wheat flour quantity imported to the country since last January. The highest quantity of wheat flour for October 2018 had been imported from India (29%) and the CIF price was Rs.74.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from Pakistan (4%) and Indonesia (2%) as well. In addition, few quantities were also imported from China. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of October ranged between Rs.61.00-83.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.69.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has increased by Rs.4.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the China wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the Pakistan stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.95.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 6%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - October 2018

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Oct 2018	Oct 2018 Sep 2018		Oct 2017	Sep 2018		Oct 2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wheat Flour	90.00-100.00	95.42	95.51	89.98	-0.09	-0.09	5.44	6.05	
Sugar	110.00-120.00	110.63	107.97	111.37	2.66	2.46	-0.74	-0.66	

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain May to Oct 2018

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Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour	(1110.)	(145:1111)	(NS/NS)	(Norma)	(Norma)
Oct	1,083	74.54	68.84	95.42	26.58
Sep	395	25.78	65.21	95.51	30.30
Aug	218	15.75	72.16	90.32	18.16
July	252	16.40	64.98	89.58	24.60
June	657	43.83	66.71	90.04	23.33
May	341	24.93	73.09	89.78	16.69
Wheat Grain					
Oct	234,819	10,667	45.43	95.42	49.99
Sep	216,611	8,846	40.84	95.51	54.67
Aug	155,322	6,280	40.43	90.32	49.89
July	115,494	4,953	42.88	89.58	46.70
June	123,380	4,958	40.18	90.04	49.86
May	250,272	10,105	40.38	89.78	49.40

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Sugar

A quantity of 32,335 mt of sugar, worth 1,860 mn, had been imported to the country during October. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased by 23%. Sugar had been mainly imported from India (87%) and CIF price was Rs.56.00/kg in October 2018. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (9%). Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from Brazil (2%) and United Arab Emirates (2%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Korea. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.56.00-98.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.58.00/kg. The average CIF price has increased by Rs.2.00/kg during the month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Indian stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for October, price ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.110.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has further increased by Rs.3.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has decreased only by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- May to Oct 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	32,335	1860.0	57.52	110.63	53.11
Sep	42,366	2393.0	56.48	107.97	51.49
Aug	23,482	1391.7	59.27	104.36	45.09
July	42,781	2514.6	58.78	105.01	46.23
June	40,450	2281.7	56.41	105.38	48.97
May	32,623	1987.4	60.92	107.95	47.03

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – October 2018

	Quantit	ty (mt)	% Change	Value (F	Rs. mn)	% Change	CIF (R	s/kg)	% Change
Item	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Change Compa red to last month	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Compa Compa red to last month	Oct 2018	Sep 2018 1 132.00 4 48.13 4 46.80 4 30.81 8 209.60 3 81.97 5 131.93 7 112.80 7 76.78	Compar ed to last month
Rice	1,421	854	66	167	113	48	117.21	132.00	-11
Red Onion	275	50	450	31	2	1200	113.44	48.13	136
Big Onion	14,592	11,648	25	670	545	23	45.94	46.80	-2
Potato	6,329	5,643	12	200	174	15	31.64	30.81	3
Dried Chillies	5,034	3,516	43	1053	737	43	209.08	209.60	0
Masoor Dhal	12,403	8,311	49	947	681	39	76.33	81.97	-7
Green Gram	1,044	701	49	147	93	59	141.05	131.93	7
Cowpea	1,095	399	175	123	45	173	112.27	112.80	0
Garlic	3,108	1,853	68	312	142	119	100.37	76.78	31
Wheat flour	1,083	395	174	75	26	189	68.84	65.21	6
Wheat grain	234,819	216,611	8	10667	8846	21	45.43	40.84	11
White crystalline cane sugar	32,335	42,366	-24	1860	2393	-22	57.52	56.48	2
Maize (Other)	41,551	1,002	-80	1674	40	-76	40.28	40.20	18

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

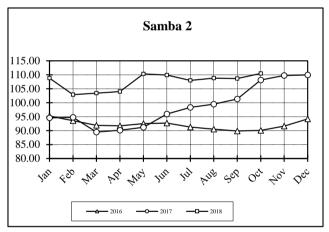
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – October 2018

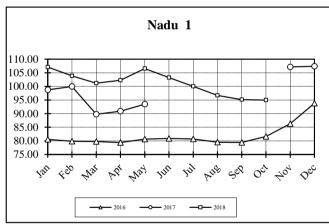
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	529.2	254.5	27	14
Badulla	401.8	230.4	24	15
Bandarawela	344.6	247.3	27	17
Batticaloa	200.4	180.0	14	11
Colombo	539.7	365.4	22	17
Galle	424.9	322.7	17	18
Hambantota	145.4	152.2	10	10
Jaffna	297.7	242.8	19	12
Katugastota	450.5	263.7	24	17
Katunayaka	460.9	389.7	21	18
Kurunegala	471.2	354.4	24	17
Mahailuppallama	416.8	258.1	25	14
Mannar	261.7	166.2	22	10
Nuwara Eliya	402.7	226.8	23	18
Pottuvil	103.1	109.6	15	-
Puttalam	320.8	232.1	23	13
Ratmalana	673.3	371.4	22	18
Ratnapura	438.8	436.8	25	21
Trincomalee	401.8	222.1	23	12
Vavuniya	417.6	248.4	26	15
Polonnaruwa	429.3	-	19	-
Moneragala	495.1	-	26	-
Mattala	385.1	-	21	-

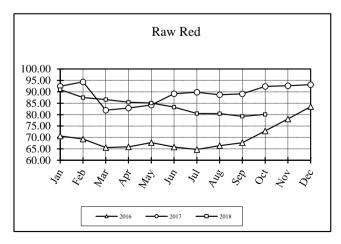
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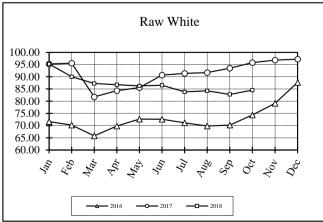
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month		Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red		J	Raw White	
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	95.20	94.54	108.80	80.51	98.73	107.10	70.64	92.41	90.96	71.61	95.27	95.24
Feb	93.55	94.74	102.88	79.87	99.95	103.88	69.32	94.37	87.49	70.19	95.56	90.00
Mar	91.87	89.48	103.40	79.76	89.77	101.20	65 . 5 8	81.95	86.63	65.80	81.77	87.25
Apr	91.70	90.14	104.00	79.3 8	90.88	102.24	65.88	82.89	85.43	69.83	84.30	86.74
May	92.51	91.16	110.30	80.65	93.46	106.56	67.75	84.24	85.08	72.67	85.58	86.25
Jun	92.71	95.95	109.91	80.90		103.22	65.82	89.17	83.32	72.63	90.65	86.52
Jul	91.28	98.34	108.00	80.69		99.99	64.74	89.80	80.52	71.13	91.36	83.80
Aug	90.51	99.45	108.80	79.49		96.68	66.41	88.70	80.42	69.85	91.71	84.25
Sep	89.85	101.30	108.67	79.40		95.11	67.70	89.11	79.26	70.19	93.51	82.76
Oct	90.08	108.14	110.47	81.62		94.97	72.86	92.38	80.08	74.34	95.80	84.54
Nov	91.60	109.73		86.28	107.14		78.12	92.67		79.14	96.81	
Dec	94.16	109.95		93.83	107.39		83.50	93.12		87.71	97.20	



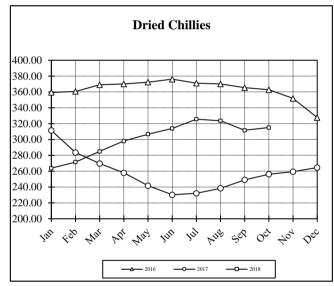


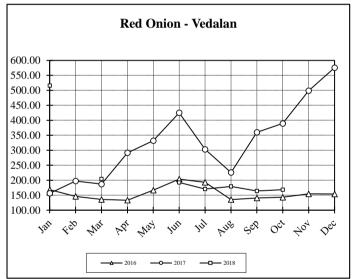


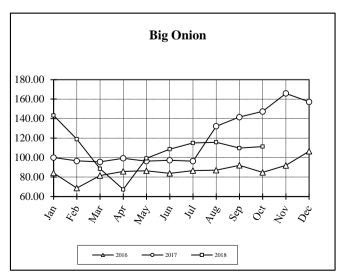


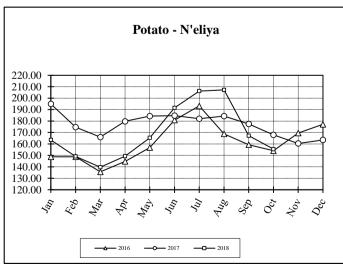
Appendix 02: Retail Prices of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	D	ried Chillie	s		Red Onion			Big Onion		Potato - N'Eliya			
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	
Jan	359.36	311.44	263.76	168.42	156.25	515.82	84.20	100.02	143.32	148.73	194.94	163.50	
Feb	360.56	283.58	271.41	145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57	118.86	148.75	174.64	149.12	
Mar	369.06	269.67	284.90	135.49	186.80	204.17	81.58	95.60	88.58	135.62	165.97	139.65	
Apr	370.07	257.93	298.03	133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33	67.31	144.75	179.77	149.37	
May	372.34	241.70	306.67	166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33	99.21	156.73	184.26	165.33	
Jun	376.04	230.28	313.87	203.59	425.19	192.53	83.87	97.25	108.62	180.84	184.74	191.52	
Jul	370.97	232.12	325.59	192.81	302.86	170.61	86.66	96.33	115.02	193.18	182.06	206.17	
Aug	369.99	238.44	323.56	135.32	225.63	179.06	87.07	132.19	115.74	168.81	184.34	207.29	
Sep	365.44	249.10	311.60	140.64	359.93	164.11	92.01	141.57	109.70	159.34	177.47	167.27	
Oct	362.69	256.20	315.11	142.94	389.38	168.06	84.79	147.37	111.28	154.06	167.88	155.45	
Nov	35 1.86	259.31		154.23	498.85		91.96	165.87		169.46	160.43		
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52		









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

October - 2018

Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	·	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	83.60	84.20	79.40	87.40	102.40	Welimada	21.00	19.00	21.20	40.40	73.00
A'pura	48.40	49.60	51.50	52.00	50.40	Badulla						N'Eliya					
P'naruwa	45.50	45.67	52.67	52.67	53.33	Welimada											
Kalawewa	40.67	40.67	46.25	49.25	53.33	Pulses						Beetroot	31.00	25.00	41.67	65.00	58.33
Kurunegala	48.60	47.75	50.33	50.33	50.33	Green Gram						Hanguranketha	37.80	37.80	37.80	48.80	97.00
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa						N'Eliya	39.60	35.80	41.00	51.40	86.00
Ampara	46.60	50.50	50.50	50.50	50.50	Kalawewa	150.00			155.00	155.00	Dambulla					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	172.40	158.86	172.50	175.00	165.00	Kurunegala					
A'pura	40.60	41.00	42.00	42.20	41.92	Kurunegala	145.00	145.00	200.00	230.00	190.00	Welimada					
P'naruwa	40.00	40.33	44.67	44.50	42.83	A'pura	165.00	165.00	162.50	170.00	170.00	<u>Knokhol</u>	12.33	15.00	35.00	36.67	35.00
Kalawewa	36.67	37.67	40.50	40.67	43.33	Cowpea						Hanguranketha	19.60	20.80	20.80	63.20	68.00
Kurunegala	34.20	36.33	38.67	39.67	40.67	A'pura	164.00	159.00	155.00	173.33	168.33	N'Eliya					
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa						Welimada					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Radish	9.00	12.50	21.00	21.00	25.00
Ampara	40.40	42.60	42.60	42.60	42.40	Kalawewa	165.00	165.00	172.50	175.00	165.00	Hanguranketha	23.20	23.20	23.00	37.00	58.00
Matara	31.25	33.50	33.50	34.00		Embilipitiya	147.40	153.75	200.00	230.00	190.00	N'Eliya					
Hambantota						Kurunegala	156.25	156.25	162.50	170.00	170.00	Welimada					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						<u>Cabbage</u>	21.00	22.50	32.50	31.00	45.00
Matara	35.67	39.00	39.00	39.50		A'Pura	46.80	48.00	48.00	48.75	50.00	Hanguranketha	29.00	29.00	33.00	67.00	78.00
Hambantota	34.50	35.00	35.60	35.33	36.17	Kalawewa						N'Eliya					
Ampara	36.60	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	Gingelly						Welimada					
Embilipitiya	35.14	34.71	34.71	34.86	35.50	A'Pura	206.67	211.00	213.33	213.75	222.50	Hambantota	29.00	29.00	34.00	46.00	58.00
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa	190.00	190.00	145.00	140.00	185.00	Badulla					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Tomato	12.50	9.00	35.00	51.67	83.33
A'Pura						Kalawewa		170.00		170.00	170.00	Hanguranketha					
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	162.50	175.00	145.00	140.00	185.00	Welimada	19.00	22.50	55.00	75.00	145.00
Kalawewa						Vegetables (U	p Count	ry)				Hambantota	15.20	33.20	50.00	58.00	129.00
Red Onion						Beans						Dambulla					
Puttalam	64.00	66.00	66.00	67.00	67.00	Dambulla	64.20	90.00	169.00	172.00	176.00	Low Country					
						Welimada						Ladies Fingers	35.00	40.00	75.00	72.50	53.33
Big Onion						Badulla	90.00	97.00	178.00	186.00	186.00	A'pura	33.40	39.00	58.80	58.80	53.00
Dambulla	62.60	67.20	71.80	72.20	81.20	Carrot						Dambulla	45.00	45.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Kalawewa						Hanguranketh	65.00	61.67	110.00	100.00	110.00	Hambantota	51.50	49.00	53.17	60.00	73.67
A'Pura						N'Eliya	77.60	77.60	97.00	120.80	198.00	Embilipitiya	46.67	46.67	56.67	56.67	
Kurunegala						Welimada						Matara					

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1^{St}	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
•	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	·	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	V	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	52.00	40.00	76.67	145.00	131.67	Dambulla	20.20	24.00	41.00	31.60	39.00	Hambantota	225.00	287.50	290.00	290.00	475.00
Dambulla	36.00	44.40	60.80	100.00	118.00	Hambantota	27.50	37.50	30.00	41.67	55.00	Embilipitiya	312.50	312.50	365.00	492.50	510.00
Hambantota	75.00	45.00	72.50	95.00	95.00	Embilipitiya	30.50	32.50	35.00	42.33	55.50	Moneragala	140.00	141.67	241.67	385.00	385.00
Embilipitiya	50.33	67.00	72.40	95.00	105.00	Matara						Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	46.67	53.33	53.33			A'pura	34.25	33.33	39.00	60.00	53.33	Banana					
Welimada						Moneragala	23.33	31.67	41.67	35.00	46.67	Ambul					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	36.67	43.33	43.33	43.33	31.67
Capsicum						A'pura	23.33	28.33	50.00	62.50	36.25	Embilipitiya	47.86	41.43	27.86	27.86	29.17
Welimada						Dambulla	25.20	36.60	52.40	39.60	37.00	Hambantota	47.50	47.50	37.50	27.50	30.00
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	22.50	22.50	32.50	42.50	42.50	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	71.25	86.67	186.67	210.00	206.67	Matara						Moneragala	100.00	103.33	110.00	110.00	93.33
Dambulla	61.80	72.80	120.00	159.00	172.00	Long beans						Embilipitiya	149.17	125.00	122.00	122.00	122.00
Hambantota	66.67	95.00	135.00	160.00	150.00	Dambulla	35.40	53.40	91.25	103.00	101.00	Hambantota	170.00	170.00	135.00	110.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	82.50	105.00	134.00	176.00	197.00	Hambantota	57.50	65.00	75.00	85.00	95.00	Papaw					
						Embilipitiya	66.25	79.00	75.00	103.33	132.83	Moneragala					
Snake Gourd						Matara	36.67	43.33	46.67			Embilipitiya	75.00	56.00	35.00	30.00	30.00
Dambulla	37.80	43.60	78.40	106.00	100.00	A'Pura	52.50	76.67	123.33	140.00	145.00	Hambantota	80.00	80.00	45.00	27.50	27.50
Hambantota	52.50	57.50	72.50	72.50	75.00	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	53.40	57.40	64.00	68.00	95.00	Hambantota	47.50	47.50	42.50	42.50	52.50	Divulapitiya					
Matara	36.67	43.33	53.33	53.33		Embilipitiya	42.40	44.40	44.40	44.40	53.67						
A'pura	47.50	51.67	110.00	110.00	120.00	Matara	33.33	33.33	43.33	46.67							
<u>Luffa</u>						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	50.40	60.20	91.00	101.00	92.00	Dambulla	31.20	79.80	81.40	128.00	148.00						
Hambantota	65.00	65.00	65.00	115.00	95.00	Hambantota	100.00	85.00	130.00	185.00	226.67					1	
Embilipitiya	74.00	73.00	75.00	97.00	105.00	Embilipitiya	79.17	108.33	125.00	197.00	175.00					1	
Matara	43.33	46.67	70.00	76.67		Puttalam	39.20	43.00	72.00	127.50	124.00					1	
A'pura	67.50	76.67	113.33	140.00	140.00	A'Pura	56.67	100.00	113.33	170.00	156.67					<u> </u>	