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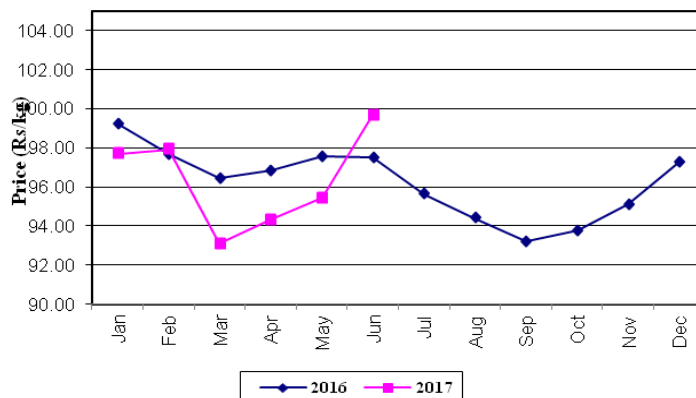
RICE:

An increasing trend of rice prices has been observed throughout the month of June. Consequently, prices of both local and imported rice varieties have increased notably. The highest rice price increment of Rs.8.00/kg was reported for local nadu grade II and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg. Further, a price increment of Rs.5.00/kg was reported for local raw white, local raw red and local samba grade II.

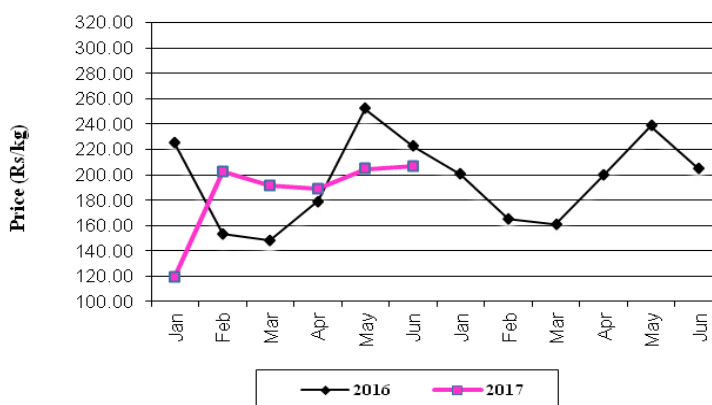
VEGETABLES:

As the initial phase of the *Yala* harvesting season approaches, supplies had slightly increased from most of the upcountry and few lowcountry producing areas, hence prices decreased marginally compared to last month. Of the upcountry and low country varieties, the highest price decreases were reported for cabbage and cucumber as 21% and 26%, respectively.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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The information is analyzed and presented as, prevailing prices, price ranges, averages and comparison of monthly prices. The changes in prices reported are always in relation to price, which prevailed during the previous month unless otherwise stated.

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| 2. Dambulla | 13. Hambantota | 24. Jaffna |
| 3. Matara | 14. Divulapitiya | 25. Mullaitivu |
| 4. Kurunegala | 15. Dehiattakandiya | 26. Kilinochchi |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 16. Keppetipola | 27. Vavuniya |
| 6. Kandy | 17. Thambutthegama | 28. Kegalle |
| 7. Meegoda | 18. Anuradhapura | 29. Ampara |
| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Monaragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs and the drought situation prevailed in major producing areas lowered the prospects of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season. Dry weather prevailed in major producing areas like the North Central and Eastern provinces. However, rainy weather was experienced and the land preparation activities and paddy crop establishment were in progress in some of the producing areas by the end of the month, according to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture. The targeted extent declined to 400,020 ha. The cultivation progress up to end May is 254,967 ha and it is 64% of the target and is 36% lower compared to the average of last three year *Yala* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 0.988 million mt, 35 percent lower than the previous *Yala* season. A somewhat satisfactory progress was recorded from the Eastern province and the Mahaweli areas.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Yala* 2017 (As at End of June 2017)

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss in Affected Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast Adjusted to flood Damage in the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	28,800	8,022	28	28,744	-	-	28,744
Polonnaruwa	30,000	24,739	82	110,004	-	-	110,004
Ampara	57,096	38,259	67	175,110	-	-	175,110
Kurunegala	60,393	16,997	28	59,783	528	929	58,855
Hambantota	20,267	19,398	96	85,674	1,542	6,312	79,361
Colombo	1,906	762	40	1,709	135	229	1,480
Gampaha	3,300	3,070	93	7,955	265	393	7,562
Kalutara	5,706	4,610	81	13,135	501	1,280	11,855
Galle	5,785	4,683	81	10,422	413	806	9,616
Matara	14,780	13,522	91	39,066	1,874	5,414	33,652
Ratnapura	8,453	5,054	60	16,302	280	759	15,543
Kegalle	8,675	1,817	21	5,419	-	-	5,419
Puttalam	18,082	2,124	12	6,636	-	-	6,636
Kandy	8,828	5,548	63	15,698	-	-	15,698
Matale	10,438	5,709	55	22,665	-	-	22,665
N' Eliya	3,029	603	20	1,187	-	-	1,187
Badulla	7,642	4,943	65	19,084	-	-	19,084
Moneragala	19,656	15,041	77	59,708	-	-	59,708
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	1,608	1,617	101	6,348	-	-	6,348
Vavuniya	470	496	106	2,083	-	-	2,083
Mullaitivu	5,268	856	16	3,357	-	-	3,357
Mannar	2,762	340	12	1,416	-	-	1,416
Trincomalee	13,640	9,554	70	41,672	-	-	41,672
Batticaloa	27,955	27,914	100	102,522	-	-	102,522
Udawalawa	5,815	5,155	89	27,444	-	-	27,444
System H	6,776	8,220	121	34,029	-	-	34,029
System H1	1,810	2,137	118	8,847	-	-	8,847
System B	9,836	9,729	99	40,275	-	-	40,275
System C	9,017	11,669	129	48,307	-	-	48,307
System G	1,050	1,978	188	8,188	-	-	8,188
System D	255	242	95	1,002	-	-	1,002
Rambakenoya	397	136	34	563	-	-	563
System L	525	23	4	95	-	-	95
Sri Lanka	400,020	254,967	64	1,004,450	5,538	16,122	988,329

Source: Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2017 Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices continue throughout the month in all major producing areas due to the limited supplies of paddy to the markets as a result of crop failure in last *Maha* season. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 2%-4% in major producing areas and the lowest increase was recorded from Anuradhapura. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.49.00-55.00/kg and Rs.44.00-55.00/kg in major producing areas and the lowest prices were recorded in Anuradhapura followed by Ampara. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have increased by less than 7% and the prices ranged between Rs.44.00-49.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province and the lowest price was recorded in Matara. According to the field information, it is expected that increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to the short supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase in prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 44%-57% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 50%-52% in all major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 34%-53% in all producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – June 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	May 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	50.00-52.00	47.00-52.00	51.30	49.78	36.89	1.52	3.05	14.41	39.06
Polonnaruwa	50.00-54.00	47.00-53.50	52.67	50.68	37.03	1.99	3.93	15.64	42.24
Kalawewa	54.70-55.00	50.00-54.78	54.78	52.81	37.98	1.97	3.72	16.80	44.22
Kurunegala	50.00-52.00	-	50.92	-	36.58	-	-	14.34	39.19
Dehiattakandiya	52.00-54.00	48.00-53.50	53.00	50.87	38.58	2.13	4.19	14.42	37.38
Nikaweratiya	55.00-56.00	50.00-55.00	55.63	52.88	36.42	2.75	5.19	19.21	52.73
Ampara	49.00-51.00	46.00-51.00	49.90	49.05	37.30	0.85	1.73	12.60	33.78
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	47.00-52.00	45.00-52.00	50.25	49.28	33.35	0.97	1.97	16.90	50.67
Polonnaruwa	50.00-53.50	48.00-52.50	52.46	50.34	34.88	2.11	4.20	17.58	50.39
Kalawewa	53.00-54.00	50.00-53.10	53.25	52.14	35.31	1.11	2.13	17.94	50.81
Kurunegala	50.00-51.00	-	50.67	-	35.30	-	-	15.37	43.54
Dehiattakandiya	52.00-53.00	47.00-53.00	52.50	50.62	34.27	1.88	3.71	18.23	53.20
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	33.70	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	54.00-55.00	50.00-55.00	54.75	52.88	34.88	1.87	3.54	19.87	56.97
Matara	44.00-48.00	45.00-46.00	46.75	45.33	35.33	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	33.65	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	44.00-49.00	40.00-47.00	47.08	44.22	31.33	2.86	6.47	15.75	50.28
Hambantota	45.00-48.00	44.00-50.00	47.00	46.60	31.00	0.40	0.86	16.00	51.61
Embilipitiya	45.00-48.00	44.00-52.00	46.60	45.54	30.80	1.06	2.33	15.80	51.30

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

An increasing trend of rice prices was observed throughout the month of June due to limited market arrivals of rice stocks. Consequently, prices of all the local rice varieties have increased notably during the month. The highest price increment of 7% was reported for local raw white. Furthermore, a 5% price increment was reported for local samba grade I, local nadu grade II and local raw red. Price of local samba grade II has also increased by 4%. Meanwhile, 15,640mt. worth of Rs.1,140mn. of rice had been imported to the country in the month of June. Compared to the previous month, total imports for the month of June has decreased by to fold. However, compared to the same period of last year, total imports have increased by almost eight times. Out of the total imports, 15,267mt comprised of raw white, nadu and *ponni* samba. Among these three rice varieties, majority (7,117mt) was *ponni* samba, and the rest comprised of raw white (5,231mt.) and nadu (2,919mt.). Further, 323mt. and 49 mt. had been imported as basmati and broken rice respectively. Price of imported samba has decreased by 2% during the month. However, the prices of imported nadu and imported raw white have increased by 7% and 3% respectively.

The highest portion which was 96% of the total imports of *ponni* samba was from India and the rest was imported from Myanmar and Vietnam. The CIF price for *ponni* samba ranged between Rs.51.00-69.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.68.00/kg. Likewise, the highest portion which was 80% of the total imports of raw white was from Myanmar and the rest was from India and Vietnam. The CIF price for raw white ranged between Rs.53.00-64.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.55.00/kg. Almost all imported nadu was from India and the CIF price was Rs.66.00/kg. Furthermore, the highest quantity of Basmati was imported from Pakistan and the average CIF price was Rs.125.00/kg. In addition, 49mt. of broken rice was also imported from Pakistan and the CIF price was Rs.132.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local rice varieties have increased in the range of 14%-51% and the highest price increase was reported for local raw red. Meanwhile, the price of imported samba has decreased by 32%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of both local and imported rice varieties have also increased notably during the month of June. The highest rice price increment of Rs.8.00/kg was reported for local nadu grade II and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg. The second highest rice price increment of Rs.5.00/kg was reported for local raw white, local raw red and local samba grade II. Price of local samba grade I, has increased by Rs.4.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-110.00/kg. Meanwhile, price of imported nadu has increased by Rs.4.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.75.00-90.00/kg. A price increment of Rs.2.00/kg was noted for imported raw white followed by slight price increment of *ponni* samba.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.100.00-110.00/kg and it was reported from Kandy and Hambantota markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.90.00-94.00/kg from Hanguranketha Market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.96.00-98.00/kg was reported from Kegalle and Kandy markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.83.00-85.00/kg from Mannar market. Likewise, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw red was reported from Nikaweratiya market, while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was reported from Hambantota market. Furthermore, the highest price of

Rs.90.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kurunegala market, while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was reported from Batticaloa market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 1%-35%. However, the price of *ponni* samba has decreased by 28%. It is expected that prices of local rice varieties will decrease in the coming month with the commencement of harvesting in the Eastern Province.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – June 2017

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	90.00-100.00	99.15	94.21	87.28	4.94	5.24	11.87	13.60
Samba 2	85.00-95.00	93.38	89.38	80.25	4.00	4.47	13.13	16.36
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	73.26	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	85.00-90.00	88.42	84.00	69.35	4.42	5.26	19.07	27.49
Raw red	79.00-88.00	82.57	78.78	54.58	3.79	4.81	27.99	51.28
Raw white	80.00-88.00	84.79	79.57	63.44	5.22	6.56	21.35	33.65
Imported Samba	73.00-80.00	77.18	78.59	113.06	-1.41	-1.79	-35.88	-31.74
Imported Raw White	68.00-79.00	71.79	69.38	-	2.41	3.47	-	-
Imported Nadu	70.00-80.00	76.57	71.43	-	5.13	7.19	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	100.00-110.00	103.41	99.74	102.32	3.67	3.67	1.09	1.06
Samba 2	92.00-98.00	95.95	91.16	92.71	4.79	5.26	3.24	3.50
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	93.46	80.90	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-100.00	95.48	87.12	74.90	8.36	9.59	20.58	27.47
Raw red	83.00-100.00	89.17	84.24	65.82	4.93	5.85	23.35	35.47
Raw white	85.00-100.00	90.65	85.58	72.63	5.07	5.93	18.02	24.81
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	80.00-95.00	86.08	85.82	121.14	0.26	0.31	-35.06	-28.94
Imported Raw White	70.00-90.00	77.35	75.88	-	1.47	1.94	-	-
Imported Nadu	75.00-90.00	83.04	79.22	-	3.82	4.83	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chillie in *Yala* 2017 was 5,272 ha and 54% target achievement was reported by the end of June which was around 2,845 ha. With respect to the cultivated extent, expected production was 12,407 mt which showed 57% production progress compared to *Yala*, 2016. The highest cultivation progress from the targeted extent was reported from Batticaloa and it was 108% achievement. However, the highest contribution to the total production will be from Puttlam which represents 25%. Furthermore, both Anuradhapura and Moneragala will provide 11% each to the total production and all the other major growing areas have less than 5% contribution each for the total expected production.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for Yala 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of June 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Puttalam	623	393	63	3,158
Anuradhapura	586	248	42	1,375
Moneragala	397	205	52	1,370
Kurunagala	318	145	46	249
Ampara	248	144	58	405
Batticola	200	216	108	543
Jaffna	125	60	48	237
Other areas	2,775	1,434	52	5,070
Total	5,272	2,845	54	12,407

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chillie had a decreasing trend throughout the month while Anuradhapura showed the highest producer price of Rs.467.00/kg in first week of June. However, Producer prices in Puttalam and Hambantota were comparatively low in the month of June. Average producer price was Rs.331.00/kg according to the field data.

The wholesale price of green chillie has increased by 60% due to the end of harvesting season and the average price was Rs.348.00/kg. However, wholesale price has decreased by 39% compared to the same period last year. In line with the wholesale price, the average retail price has increased by Rs.208.00/kg and the price has ranged between Rs.380.00- 800.00/kg. Same as the wholesale price, retail price has also decreased by 35% compared to last year. Considering outstation markets, comparatively higher average retail prices were recorded from Anuradhapura, Kalutara and Hambantota throughout the month while the lowest price was recorded from Batticaloa which was around Rs.265.00/kg.

Considering dried chillie, the average CIF price has increased by Rs.2.00/kg after a long consecutive period of price decrease. A quantity of 3,180 mt had been imported from India and the average CIF price was Rs.124.00/kg. Corresponding to the CIF price, wholesale price has increased by 3% and the average price was Rs.160.00/kg. Irrespective to the wholesale price, the retail price has decreased by 5% and the price has ranged between Rs.180.00- 280.00/kg. Moreover, both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 49% and 39% respectively compared to the same period last year.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	250.00-600.00	348.16	217.67	571.73	130.49	59.95	-223.57	-39.10
Dried Chillies	140.00-190.00	160.38	155.12	316.90	5.26	3.39	-156.52	-49.39
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	380.00-800.00	575.06	366.68	886.06	208.38	56.83	-311.00	-35.10
Dried Chillies	180.00-280.00	230.28	241.70	376.04	-11.43	-4.73	-145.77	-38.76

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
January to June 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	3,181	393.87	123.83	230.28	106.44
May	4,321	526.72	121.88	241.70	119.81
April	3,237	414.84	128.16	257.93	129.77
March	6,048	932.54	154.18	269.67	115.49
February	3,921	637.03	162.48	283.58	121.10
January	4,817	934.31	193.95	311.44	117.49

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – June 2017

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	320.00	-	-	-
Hambantota	310.00	390.00	213.33	-
Embilipitiya	386.00	406.00	332.00	290.00
Puttalam	310.00	358.00	244.00	244.00
A'Pura	466.67	366.67	363.33	360.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 529 ha which represent 16% of the total targeted extent of Matale district had been cultivated by the end of June. Cultivation of big onion for this *yala* season will be completed at the end of next month (July). Dambulla, Kimbissa, Galewela, Dewahuwa, Kongahawela and Naula are the main big onion cultivated areas in Matale district.

The targeted extent of big onion was 898 ha in Anuradhapura district and only 207 ha was cultivated by the end of June 2017 representing 23% of the targeted extent and most of the cultivation will take place in July 2017. When compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent of big onion in Anuradhapura district and system H₁ area has dropped by about 69% and 32% respectively due to unfavourable weather condition prevailed at the beginning of the season. Around 82% of the production will arrive at the market from Matale (54%), Anuradhapura (16%) and Mahaweli H₁ areas (12%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivation Progress at the end of June				Expected Production (Mt)	
			2017 Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the 2016 Target		
	2017	2016						
Matale	3,388	3,060	529	16	504	16	10,672	10,868
Anuradhapura	898	1,773	207	23	675	38	3,245	10,583
System H ₁	1,154	1,800	207	18	304	17	2,326	3,620
System H	500	650	130	26	61	9	1,461	726
Other areas	976	977	191	20	273	28	2,194	3,251
Total	6,916	8,260	1,264	18	1,817	22	19,898	29,048

Source: Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

The cultivated extent of red onion for *yala* 2017 at the end of June was 1,570 ha in Sri Lanka and it represents 35% of the targeted extent. The targeted extent of red onion was 2,225 ha in Jaffna district and 798 ha was cultivated by the end of this month representing 36% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent of red onion in Puttalam district, at the end of this month was 73% of the targeted (403 ha) and the compared to the same period of last year, the targeted extent of red onion has dropped by about 56% due to prevailed unfavourable weather condition. However, the harvesting of red onion in both Jaffna and Puttalam districts will start at the beginning of next month and a price decrease also could be expected by the end of July due to increased supply. The production forecast of red onion up to this month is 17,218 mt and out of which 80% is expected from Jaffna (43%) and Puttalam (37%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,225	798	36	7,352
Puttalam	551	403	73	6,378
Mullaitivu	431	73	17	802
Vavuniya	375	75	20	857
Trincomalee	249	31	12	307
Other areas	644	190	30	1,522
Total	4,475	1,570	35	17,218

Source: Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market during this month. A quantity of 22,746 mt of big onion was imported from India in June 2017 which was about 1,191 mt higher compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.30.41/kg and it has increased by Rs.1.72/kg compared to that of last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.1.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 27% and 16% respectively.

A limited supply of local red onion was recorded further from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas. Hence, wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about Rs.72.00/kg and Rs.93.00/kg. Stocks of sinnan were not available at both wholesale and retail markets.

A quantity of 1,039 mt of red onion was imported in June 2017 which was about 25 mt lower compared to previous month. About 89% of the red onion stock was imported from India, while the 11% was imported from Thailand. Average CIF price was Rs.170.17/kg and it has increased by Rs.15.71/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.64.00/kg and Rs.79.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 109% and 122% respectively.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
June 2017**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	160.00	101.88	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	230.00-400.00	325.60	254.07	141.21	71.53	28.15	184.39	130.58
Red Onion (Imported)	230.00-350.00	300.28	236.07	123.66	64.21	27.20	176.62	142.83
Big Onion (imported)	72.00-78.00	74.08	67.35	58.51	6.73	9.99	15.57	26.60
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	360.00-520.00	425.19	331.70	203.59	93.49	28.18	221.60	108.84
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-450.00	358.61	280.00	161.23	78.61	28.07	197.38	122.42
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	97.25	96.33	83.87	0.92	0.95	13.38	15.95
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	June 2017	30.41	74.08	97.25	43.67	23.17
	May 2017	28.69	67.35	96.33	38.66	28.98
	June 2016	31.40	58.51	83.87	27.11	25.36
Red onion	June 2017	170.17	300.28	358.61	130.11	58.33
	May 2017	154.46	236.07	280.00	81.61	43.93
	June 2016	89.35	123.66	161.23	34.31	37.57

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	June 2017	May 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2017	May 2017
Red Onion	1039	1014	176.77	156.60	170.17	154.46
Big Onion	22746	21555	691.60	618.46	30.41	28.69

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
January to June 2017**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
June	22,746	30.41	74.08	97.25	66.84
May	21,555	28.69	67.35	96.33	67.64
April	20,169	31.47	72.28	99.33	67.86
March	21,721	29.89	71.38	95.60	65.71
February	20,018	28.27	70.88	96.57	68.30
January	20,268	30.41	70.70	100.02	69.61

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2017 is 3,028 ha and about 648 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of June achieving 21% of the targeted extent. A total extent of 297 ha of potato was cultivated in the country during this month. In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 865 ha for this *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,145 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 321 ha and 327 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 37% and 15% of the targeted extent. In both districts, the cultivated extents were at a low level during this *yala* season compared to the same period of last *yala* season. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 10,606 mt for this *yala* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2017)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2016*	<i>Yala</i> 2017	<i>Yala</i> 2016*	<i>Yala</i> 2017	<i>Yala</i> 2017	
N'Eliya	1,285	865	514	321	37	5,632
Badulla	2,045	2,145	829	327	15	4,974
Sri Lanka	3,330	3,028	1,454	648	21	10,606

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.2, *Yala* 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.2, *Yala* 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 15,227 mt of potato had been imported in June which was 2,324 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were received from China (57%), Pakistan (19%) and India (17%) during this month. Compared to June, 2016 (13,471 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.42.00/kg in June.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Only stocks supplied from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. Wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 2%, while the retail price has not changed significantly. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.122.00/kg in June. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 14% and 5% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.115.00-140.00/kg and Rs.70.00-100.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of Nuwara Eliya (2%) potato has increased, while the retail price of imported potato (2%) has increased. Supply of local potato will be low till mid-August and the prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in July.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
January to June 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	15,227	643.34	42.25	115.84	73.59
May	12,903	473.86	40.27	121.48	81.22
April	10,587	340.24	32.14	117.58	85.44
March	11,898	354.90	29.83	110.06	80.23
February	11,700	321.71	23.13	105.61	82.48
January	33,163	1002.50	30.23	119.66	89.43

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	-	-	103.40	93.00	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-125.00	122.50	120.22	123.38	2.28	1.86	-0.88	-0.72
Imported – CIF	33.91-45.69	42.25	40.27	33.11	1.98	4.69	9.14	21.63
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	115.00-140.00	129.34	131.41	142.15	-2.07	-1.60	-12.81	-9.90
Imported	70.00-100.00	80.06	91.27	89.86	-11.21	-14.00	-9.80	-12.24
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-200.00	184.74	184.26	180.84	0.48	0.26	3.90	2.11
Imported	90.00-140.00	115.84	121.48	118.18	-5.64	-4.87	-2.34	-2.02
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	62.24	64.04	57.46	-1.80	-2.89	4.78	7.68
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	73.59	81.21	85.07	-7.62	-10.36	-11.48	-15.60
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	55.40	52.85	38.69	2.55	4.60	16.71	30.16
Imported	-	35.78	30.21	28.32	5.57	15.56	7.46	20.84

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the Crop Forecast by Department of Agriculture, only 18% achievement of green gram in extent from the target of *Yala* 2017 was reported by the end of June. However, it was reported as 98% extent achievement compared to last year. The highest cultivated extent was observed in Hambantota, representing 18% out of total cultivated land area while Kurunegala and Monaragala reported 15% and 12% contribution respectively to the total cultivated land extent. A quantity of 2, 894 mt of production is estimated for the normal season.

For the *Yala* season in 2017, the targeted extent of cowpea is 6,759 ha. Approximately, 2,536 ha had been cultivated by the end of June and the expected production was 3,411 mt. The highest targeted and cultivated extent (1,130 ha) was reported from Ampara which represent 45% from the total cultivated extent by June. Other major growing areas were Monaragala (530 ha), Kurunegala (146 ha), Batticaloa (83 ha) and System C (81 ha). Even though overall cultivation progress was 38%, Monaragala showed 70% cultivation progress by the end of month.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Yala 2017)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2017	Expected production
		*Yala 2016	Yala 2017	*Yala 2016	Yala 2017		
Green gram	Hambantota	1,832	7,153	699	431	6	716
	Kurunegala	833	644	579	375	58	281
	Moneragala	1,525	1,891	1,763	317	17	317
	Sri Lanka	8,709	13,762	5,336	2,449	18	2,894
Cowpea	Ampara	3,954	3,805	217	1,130	30	1,695
	Moneragala	807	762	843	530	70	665
	Anuradhapura	154	142	116	44	31	54
	Sri Lanka	6,890	6,759	2,314	2,536	38	3,411

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Yala, 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Approximately a Rs.268.00 million worth green gram stock had been imported in the month of June and the imported quantity had increased by 511 mt than the last month. Major importers were Uzbekistan (24%), Australia (17%), Myanmar (16%), Argentina (13%) and Turkey (12%). Among them, the highest CIF price was reported from Argentina which was Rs.178.00/kg and the lowest value of Rs.147.00/kg was recorded from the stock received from Uzbekistan. Overall, the average CIF price was Rs.158.00/kg which is the highest recorded CIF price over the last six months.

With the commencement of harvesting season, local green gram was supplied to the wholesale market, and as a result, the wholesale price was not increased drastically with respect to the increased CIF price. Rise of wholesale price was only 1% and the average price was Rs.224.00/kg. However, retail price has not changed significantly and it was in the range of Rs.220.00- 280.00/kg. Compared to the June, 2016, both wholesale and retail price of green gram have increased by 27% and 3% respectively.

A quantity of 359 mt of white cowpea had been imported in June and around 66% from the total stock was received from Myanmar and 20% was received from Malawi. Other 14% had been imported from China and Madagascar in equal amounts. Considering CIF prices, the highest price was reported from China (Rs.172.00/kg) while, the lowest was recorded from Malawi (Rs.136.00/kg). However, the average CIF price was Rs.140.00/kg and it has increased by 1%. Conversely, the wholesale price has decreased by 3% and the average price was Rs.226.00/kg. Meanwhile, the retail price has not changed significantly during the month of June and the price range was Rs.240.00- 360.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 7% and 19% compared to the same period last year.

With the starting of harvesting season, local cowpea has reached the market and due to that, the wholesale price of red cowpea has decreased by 6% and the average price was reported as Rs.267.00/kg. Consequently, retail price also dropped by 7% and the price ranged between

Rs.240.00- 380.00/kg. Compared to the same season last year, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 36% and 38% respectively.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
January to June 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	1,694	267.98	158.19	249.99	91.79
May	1,183	177.68	150.17	250.02	99.85
April	917	139.13	151.77	250.80	99.03
March	1,922	278.89	145.09	240.83	95.74
February	1,509	216.58	143.53	237.78	94.25
January	411	59.10	143.93	228.54	84.61

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
January to June 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	359	50.40	140.37	296.90	156.54
May	443	61.28	138.32	296.59	158.28
April	1,072	152.23	142.06	303.53	161.47
March	829	105.75	127.57	295.93	168.36
February	352	43.58	123.74	275.03	151.29
January	282	33.13	117.53	247.88	130.35

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	205.00-235.00	224.43	222.90	177.33	1.53	0.69	47.10	26.56
Cowpea (White)	215.00-250.00	225.54	231.89	211.33	-6.35	-2.74	14.21	6.72
Cowpea (Red)	225.00-300.00	266.97	285.36	196.56	-18.40	-6.45	70.41	35.82
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	249.99	250.02	243.50	-0.04	-0.01	6.48	2.66
Cowpea (White)	240.00-360.00	296.90	296.59	249.42	0.31	0.11	47.48	19.04
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-380.00	340.52	347.77	247.58	-7.25	-2.08	92.94	37.54

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.4.5: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram
And Cowpea**

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	June 2017	158.19	224.43	249.99	66.23	25.56
	May 2017	150.17	222.90	250.02	72.73	27.12
	June 2016	167.99	177.33	243.50	9.34	66.17
Cowpea (White)	June 2017	140.37	225.54	296.90	85.17	71.37
	May 2017	138.32	231.89	296.59	93.57	64.70
	June 2016	97.17	211.33	249.42	114.16	38.09
Cowpea (Red)	June 2017	-	266.97	340.52	-	73.55
	May 2017	-	285.36	347.77	-	62.41
	June 2016	-	196.56	247.58	-	51.02

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both whole type (9,014 mt) and split type (953 mt) red dhal had been imported in June which was worth more than Rs.1022 million. Considering whole type red dhal, approximately 79% had been imported from Australia and only 21% was received from Canada. The average CIF price of whole type red dhal was Rs.101.00/kg. The majority of split type red dhal had been imported from Canada representing 79% and the rest was from India (16%) and Australia (5%). The average CIF price was Rs.117.00/kg for split type red dhal. However, the wholesale price has not changed significantly and the average price was Rs.140.00/kg. Retail price has decreased by 2% and the price ranged between Rs.150.00-180.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 24% and 20% compared to the same period last year.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – June 2017

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	135.00-145.00	140.47	140.26	185.12	0.21	0.15	-44.65	-24.12
Retail Price	150.00-180.00	159.55	161.52	198.26	-1.97	-1.22	-38.71	-19.53

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
January to June 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
June	9,967	102.53	140.47	159.55	37.94	19.08
May	8,832	103.93	140.26	161.52	36.33	21.27
April	10,046	112.08	140.41	162.43	28.33	22.02
March	19,421	104.45	141.32	163.20	36.87	21.88
February	14,562	112.61	142.65	165.23	30.04	22.58
January	24,582	114.53	150.69	174.47	36.16	23.78

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

As a result of the torrential rainfall received during last month, land preparation was completed and crop establishment for the *Yala* season was underway in all the up and mid country areas. However, commencement of the season had been delayed, compared to last year, due to continued dry weather in April to mid-May in up country areas. Most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya, and Badulla reported a cultivation progress of 54% and 40% respectively for upcountry varieties, of the seasonal target, by the end of June. Yet, these figures were considerably low, compared to last years' cultivation progress reported by the end of June, which recorded as 88% and 94% for Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, respectively. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress reported for Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts were 32%, 32% and 52% respectively, by the end of June 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had improved for Jaffna and Kurunegala districts from its last month's figures, up to 37% and 41% respectively, by the end of June.

Meanwhile, crop establishment in most of the lowcountry areas continued the with onset of south west monsoonal rain. Anuradhapura and Hambantota, the two leading districts for lowcountry vegetable cultivation, reported 34% and 46% cultivation progress respectively, for *Yala* season by the end of June. These figures were also considerably low, compared to the same period of the last year's values, which recorded 73% and 96% for Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, respectively. Of all the lowcountry vegetable producing districts, the highest cultivation progress was reported for Puttlam as 61% of the seasonal target whilst the lowest figure was recorded for Kurunegala district as 28%, by the end of June, 2017.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the initial phase of the *Yala* harvesting season approaches, supplies had slightly increased from most of the upcountry and few lowcountry producing areas, whereby prices decreased marginally compared to last month. The total daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) had recorded a value of 900 mt in June, which remained unchanged compared to the previous month.

As the harvesting season approaches slowly supplies from upcountry areas had slightly increased hence prices of upcountry varieties decreased marginally. Regarding the price behaviour of upcountry vegetables, the highest price decrease was recorded for cabbage 21% followed by both beetroot and radish as 14% and knolkhol as 3%, due to increasing trend in market supplies from upcountry areas. Meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties had increased by less than 5%, compared to last month.

Meanwhile, prices of both tomato and capsicum had increased by 22% and 11%, respectively compared to last month, as a result of low supplies from lowcountry areas.

Supplies of few domestic vegetable varieties had also increased slightly, with the commencement of the *Yala* harvesting season. The highest price decrease was recorded for cucumber as 26%, followed by drumsticks as 18% and ladies fingers as 4%. However, prices of pumpkin reported an increase of 86% compared to last month. Next, prices of brinjal increased by 45%, followed by long beans as 36% and luffa as 25%. Further, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had increased by less than 14%, compared to last month, due to receiving of low supplies from Anuradhapura, Monaragala and Kurunegala, as a result of comparatively low cultivation progress in those districts.

Meantime, prices of green chilies had further increased, by recording a 60% price increase as a result of decreased supply from Jaffna and Anuradhapura. Next, prices of lime also started an increasing trend, recording a 27% price increase in June.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also slightly increased in June. The highest price increase was reported for pumpkin as 36%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-160.00	127.30	126.83	147.18	0.47	0.37	-19.89	-13.51
Carrot	150.00-280.00	220.00	210.28	187.62	9.72	4.62	32.38	17.26
Leeks	40.00-70.00	60.00	44.75	138.54	15.25	34.08	-78.54	-56.69
Beetroot	70.00-130.00	100.56	117.52	129.18	-16.96	-14.43	-28.62	-22.16
Knolkhol	60.00-110.00	86.36	89.08	115.59	-2.72	-3.05	-29.23	-25.29
Radish	45.00-70.00	59.37	68.92	65.54	-9.55	-13.85	-6.17	-9.41
Cabbage	60.00-120.00	92.38	116.90	111.33	-24.52	-20.98	-18.95	-17.02
Tomato	70.00-120.00	91.95	75.37	155.66	16.58	22.00	-63.71	-40.93
Ladies Fingers	50.00-85.00	71.56	74.44	58.37	-2.88	-3.87	13.19	22.60
Brinjal	70.00-160.00	115.17	79.59	86.44	35.58	44.70	28.73	33.23
Capsicum	170.00-230.00	201.46	181.45	219.50	20.01	11.03	-18.04	-8.22
Pumpkin	70.00-120.00	93.75	50.33	83.15	43.42	86.27	10.60	12.75
Cucumber	20.00-100.00	44.79	60.83	53.13	-16.04	-26.37	-8.34	-15.70
Bittergourd	140.00-200.00	171.91	156.37	186.19	15.54	9.94	-14.28	-7.67
Snakegourd	100.00-150.00	128.35	117.12	116.47	11.23	9.59	11.88	10.20
Drumstick	80.00-200.00	121.46	148.48	211.81	-27.02	-18.20	-90.35	-42.66
Luffa	90.00-130.00	110.83	88.83	141.14	22.00	24.77	-30.31	-21.47
Long Beans	80.00-130.00	100.83	74.08	103.64	26.75	36.11	-2.81	-2.71
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	62.61	62.83	70.23	-0.22	-0.36	-7.63	-10.86
Green Chillies	250.00-600.00	348.16	217.67	571.73	130.49	59.95	-223.57	-39.10
Lime	40.00-80.00	51.08	40.10	189.89	10.98	27.39	-138.81	-73.10

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	140.00-320.00	206.45	204.61	222.68	1.84	0.90	-16.23	-7.29
Carrot	200.00-400.00	310.61	289.60	279.28	21.01	7.26	31.33	11.22
Leeks	100.00-280.00	148.67	123.39	224.61	25.28	20.49	-75.94	-33.81
Beetroot	120.00-320.00	196.94	210.35	248.77	-13.42	-6.38	-51.84	-20.84
Knolkhol	120.00-280.00	187.70	178.91	232.43	8.79	4.91	-44.73	-19.24
Radish	80.00-240.00	141.54	147.27	163.15	-5.73	-3.89	-21.61	-13.25
Cabbage	120.00-320.00	191.08	213.59	211.99	-22.51	-10.54	-20.91	-9.86
Tomato	100.00-240.00	167.48	146.83	242.30	20.65	14.06	-74.82	-30.88
Ladies Fingers	90.00-240.00	149.79	148.11	148.42	1.68	1.13	1.37	0.92
Brinjal	100.00-320.00	192.58	151.99	173.88	40.59	26.70	18.70	10.75
Capsicum	240.00-450.00	326.49	293.55	321.24	32.94	11.22	5.25	1.64
Pumpkin	100.00-240.00	161.24	118.38	146.06	42.86	36.21	15.18	10.39
Cucumber	50.00-200.00	119.75	132.69	133.91	-12.94	-9.75	-14.16	-10.57
Bittergourd	180.00-380.00	268.07	257.84	279.23	10.23	3.97	-11.16	-4.00
Snakegourd	150.00-320.00	201.42	185.09	195.98	16.33	8.82	5.44	2.77
Drumstick	120.00-400.00	226.97	213.47	461.55	13.50	6.32	-234.59	-50.83
Luffa	120.00-320.00	201.61	179.16	234.06	22.45	12.53	-32.46	-13.87
Long Beans	130.00-400.00	192.46	161.66	190.03	30.80	19.05	2.43	1.28
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	134.42	132.06	129.74	2.36	1.79	4.68	3.61
Green Chillies	380.00-800.00	575.06	366.68	886.06	208.38	56.83	-311.00	-35.10
Lime	80.00-300.00	172.52	164.16	523.79	8.36	5.09	-351.27	-67.06

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the previous month, prices of all the fruit varieties except banana varieties Ambul and Seeni had increased. The flood situation and the high demand during the Ramazan festive season had contributed to price increases of most of the fruit varieties. A price increase of 20% was observed for banana (Kolikuttu) and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-150.00/kg. Prices of Ambun and Anamalu had increased by 21% and 8% respectively and price ranges recorded were Rs.8.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.7.00-12.00/fruit respectively. According to the data in previous years, prices of all the banana varieties could further increase in the coming month due to decreased supply. Price of papaw also had increased by 7% due to limited supply with the end of the harvesting season and the price ranged between Rs.30.00-90.00/kg. According to the data in previous years, papaw prices could further increase in the coming month due to limited supply with the off-season. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had increased in the range of 15%-20% and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.112.90/fruit, Rs.158.34/fruit and Rs.200.45/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-250.00/fruit. According to market information, prices of pineapple could further increase in the coming month. In addition, prices of all the mango varieties had increased significantly in the range of 75%-146% due to decreased supply with the off-season. The price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.45.00-100.00/fruit. According to market information, mango prices could further increase in the coming month due to the off-season.

Further, prices of passion fruit, avocado and slime apple had increased by 41%, 24% and 9% respectively and according to market information, it is expected to have increased prices for passion fruit, avocado and slime apple in the coming month. In addition, prices of oranges, wood apple and imported grapes had increased by 8%, 3% and 1% respectively. According to the data in previous years, increased prices could be expected for wood apple and oranges in the coming month.

However, prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Seeni, had decreased and it was 10% decrease for Ambul. Price of Seeni had not decreased significantly. Price ranges recorded for Ambul and Seeni during the month were Rs.30.00-60.00/kg and Rs.40.00-80.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for mango (Vilad) as 76%.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased. Retail prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 66%-123%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.80.00-120.00/kg, Rs.120.00-230.00/kg and Rs.90.00-140.00/kg respectively. The price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.14.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Further, price of papaw had increased by 4% and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-140.00/kg. Prices of all the mango varieties too had increased in the range of 52%-72% and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.45.00-180.00/fruit.

However, prices of large and medium sized pineapple had decreased by 1% and 3% respectively while, the price of small sized pineapple had not changed significantly. The retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.120.00-350.00/fruit.

In addition, prices of avocado, passion fruit and oranges had increased by 39%, 9% and 8% respectively. Prices of slime apple and imported grapes had increased by 6% and 2% respectively. However, price of wood apple had decreased by 6%.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for mango (Karthakolomban) as 47%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received an increased price for papaw compared to the previous month and the price had increased by 76%. Further, producer price of papaw ranged between Rs.22.33-55.00/kg. However, they had received a decreased price for Ambul and it was 13% price decrease. Producer price for Kolikuttu had not changed significantly. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had decreased for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 531.5mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs.87mn. Of the exported quantity, 79% were papaw and 19% and 1% were fresh pineapple and fresh mangoes respectively. In addition, a small quantity of fresh avocados (1.9mt) and fresh oranges (1.8mt) also had been exported. In the month of May, 2017, the quantity exported was 489mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 9%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,280mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.573mn. Of the imported quantity, 62% were apple and 18%, 12% and 9% were oranges, grapes and mandarin respectively. The main importing countries of apple were New Zealand, South Africa and China. Egypt, Australia and South Africa were the importing countries of oranges. In addition, grapes had been imported from Australia, India and China while, mandarin had been imported from Australia. In the month of May, 2017, the quantity imported was 3,873mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 15%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-60.00	42.00	46.95	55.65	-4.95	-10.54	-13.65	-24.52
Kolikuttu (Kg)	80.00-150.00	117.10	97.20	175.16	19.90	20.47	-58.06	-33.15
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-80.00	62.10	62.27	48.52	-0.17	-0.28	13.58	27.98
Anamalu (Fruit)	7.00-12.00	9.83	9.06	9.60	0.76	8.44	0.23	2.34
Ambun (Fruit)	8.00-20.00	14.02	11.63	13.56	2.39	20.57	0.46	3.41
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	160.00-250.00	200.45	174.67	181.75	25.78	14.76	18.70	10.29
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-200.00	158.34	131.71	155.73	26.63	20.22	2.61	1.67
Small (Fruit)	100.00-150.00	112.90	95.45	118.75	17.45	18.28	-5.85	-4.93
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	13.00-30.00	20.66	11.83	14.13	8.83	74.64	6.53	46.21
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	45.00-100.00	72.74	35.87	46.43	36.87	102.79	26.31	56.67
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-42.00	34.76	14.14	19.80	20.62	145.85	14.96	75.57
Kohu (Fruit)	10.00-20.00	14.96	7.66	12.87	7.30	95.30	2.09	16.24
Papaw (Kg)	30.00-90.00	55.77	52.27	74.04	3.50	6.70	-18.27	-24.68
Passionfruit (Fruit)	9.00-17.00	13.24	9.38	16.33	3.86	41.15	-3.09	-18.92
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	35.60	34.69	47.79	0.91	2.62	-12.19	-25.51
Orange (Fruit)	7.00-20.00	12.00	11.10	47.61	0.90	8.06	-35.62	-74.81
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	40.97	32.90	29.88	8.07	24.54	11.09	37.12
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00-55.00	39.22	36.10	25.65	3.12	8.64	13.57	52.90
Grapes Imported (Kg)	422.00-589.00	520.14	514.92	582.06	5.22	1.01	-61.93	-10.64

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	80.00-120.00	98.56	111.63	85.39	85.39	76.49	13.17	15.42
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	120.00-230.00	175.80	177.23	218.10	218.10	123.06	-42.30	-19.39
Seeni (Rs/kg)	90.00-140.00	113.46	124.05	82.53	82.53	66.53	30.93	37.48
Anamalu	14.00-25.00	19.67	20.40	18.55	18.55	90.93	1.12	6.05
Ambun	15.00-30.00	23.29	21.62	19.79	19.79	91.54	3.50	17.70
Pineapple								
Large	220.00-350.00	266.98	270.63	218.27	-3.65	-1.35	48.71	22.31
Medium	160.00-240.00	201.04	207.93	161.08	-6.89	-3.31	39.96	24.81
Small	120.00-180.00	142.65	141.84	128.11	0.81	0.57	14.54	11.35
Mango								
Betti	25.00-70.00	40.97	26.99	34.79	13.98	51.78	6.18	17.75
Karthakolomban	45.00-180.00	93.20	54.28	63.45	38.92	71.70	29.75	46.88
Vilad	25.00-70.00	47.58	30.07	39.83	17.51	58.21	7.75	19.45
Kohu	-	-	13.00	17.50	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00-140.00	96.07	92.74	125.70	3.33	3.59	-29.63	-23.57
Passionfruit	13.00-27.00	20.80	19.17	25.70	1.63	8.50	-4.90	-19.07
Woodapple	40.00-100.00	77.00	81.79	81.30	-4.80	-5.86	-4.30	-5.30
Orange	20.00-50.00	31.73	29.26	71.17	2.47	8.44	-39.44	-55.42
Avocado	40.00-120.00	76.56	54.97	59.53	21.59	39.27	17.03	28.60
Slime Apple	40.00-120.00	78.90	74.42	59.45	4.48	6.02	19.45	32.71
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	700.00-900.00	800.87	785.87	800.68	15.00	1.91	0.19	0.02

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	19.67-43.75	31.22	35.88	31.62	-4.66	-12.99	-0.40	-1.27
Kolikuttu	50.00-110.00	83.05	83.09	118.08	-0.04	-0.05	-35.03	-29.67
Papaw	22.33-55.00	37.98	21.52	45.49	16.46	76.49	-7.51	-16.51
Pineapple	-	-	-	58.63	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
April – June 2017**

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	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	104.01	37.53	360.84	79.03	34.69	438.94	76.74	19.73	257.11
Papaw	418.91	46.01	109.84	404.90	49.63	122.57	274.98	24.48	89.04
Fresh Mango	4.85	1.81	373.01	5.02	1.37	273.62	9.67	4.72	488.49
Oranges, fresh	1.81	0.60	329.76	0.05	0.01	211.90	-	-	-
Avocados, fresh	1.90	0.63	332.67	-	-	-	0.05	0.02	423.23

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
April – June 2017**

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	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	2,031	344.88	169.77	2,536	416.40	164.21	2,612	418.97	160.39
Grapes	400	140.12	350.63	597	197.84	331.13	570	193.16	338.60
Oranges	591	67.64	114.38	592	56.57	95.48	1,056	84.53	80.06
Mandarin	258	20.14	77.94	148	9.02	61.11	271	11.96	44.13

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.140.00/kg and Rs.1,253.00/kg in June 2017. Prices of most fish types have increased during this month compared to the last month. The highest price increase of 21% was noted for Thora, followed by 14% for Thalapath, and 11% for Kelawalla. Prices of both Paraw and Mora have increased by 2%, and price of shrimp has increased by 1%. Meanwhile, prices of Balaya and Salaya have decreased by 11% and 1%, respectively. Only Hurulla did not show any significant price variation during this month.

Weekly price observations indicated that fish prices have increased during the first two weeks of the month due to low supply that resulted in due to adverse rainy conditions in the coastal areas. However, prices have reduced during the third and the fourth weeks of the month, especially, due to the increased supply of small fish from Southern coastal areas. Even though June is a month during which fishing activities are carried out island-wide, the fish supply was limited due to the adverse rainy conditions. Fish prices may increase during next month, July being an off season for fishing in North-Western coastal areas such as Puttalam and Chilaw, hence limiting the supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all fresh fish types except Paraw and Balaya have increased in the range of 2%-39% during this month. The highest price increase of 39% was observed in Thalapath, followed by Kelawalla (26%) and Mora (16%). Price of paraw has decreased by 2%, and that of Balaya has not changed significantly during this month compared to the same period of last year.

Average retail prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.212.00/kg and Rs.1,551.00/kg during June 2017. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices have increased by 2%-15%. The highest price increase was noted for Thora as 15%, followed by Thalapath (12%). Prices of both Salaya and Paraw have increased by 4%. Similarly, prices of both Kelawalla and Mora have increased by 3%. The lowest price increase was noted for Balaya as 2%. Meanwhile, prices of Shrimp and Hurulla have decreased by 2% and 1%, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all fish types except Salaya have increased by 10% or more. The highest price increase of 30% was noted for Thalapath, followed by Kelawalla (22%) and Shrimp (20%).

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	80.00-170.00	139.50	140.40	136.25	-0.90	-0.64	3.25	2.39
Hurulla	200.00-470.00	358.00	357.01	345.00	0.99	0.28	13.00	3.77
Balaya	180.00-500.00	329.88	372.10	330.50	-42.23	-11.35	-0.63	-0.19
Kelawalla	500.00-850.00	657.04	591.54	520.50	65.50	11.07	136.54	26.23
Thora	1100.00-1400.00	1252.50	1039.00	1118.89	213.50	20.55	133.61	11.94
Paraw	480.00-800.00	616.75	604.35	630.75	12.40	2.05	-14.00	-2.22
Mora	500.00-700.00	589.33	578.55	506.97	10.78	1.86	82.36	16.25
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1000.00	857.50	852.86	757.00	4.64	0.54	100.50	13.28
Thalapath	700.00-950.00	845.68	744.25	610.25	101.43	13.63	235.43	38.58
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-400.00	211.98	203.93	213.12	8.05	3.95	-1.14	-0.53
Hurulla	230.00-700.00	438.42	442.13	398.05	-3.72	-0.84	40.37	10.14
Balaya	220.00-900.00	561.96	550.41	479.51	11.55	2.10	82.45	17.20
Kelawalla	580.00-1300.00	900.65	873.25	740.36	27.40	3.14	160.29	21.65
Thora	1300.00-2000.00	1551.47	1344.59	1338.88	206.88	15.39	212.59	15.88
Paraw	550.00-1400.00	915.05	880.92	786.90	34.13	3.87	128.15	16.29
Mora	580.00-1200.00	767.74	745.42	668.94	22.32	2.99	98.80	14.77
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1600.00	1075.87	1102.69	896.09	-26.82	-2.43	179.78	20.06
Thalapath	850.00-1400.00	1100.15	979.21	846.90	120.94	12.35	253.25	29.90

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.309.00/kg and Rs.1,103.00/kg in June 2017. Prices of most dried fish types have increased during this month. The highest price increase was noted for local Balaya (19%), followed by imported Maduwa (12%) and local Sprats (11%). Price of local Maduwa has increased by 8%, while prices of imported Balaya and local Salaya have increased by 7%. Moreover, prices of imported Sprats and Mora along with imported and local Kattawa and Thora have increased by 5% or less. Meanwhile, prices of local Anguluwa and local Mora have decreased by 2% and 1%, respectively. Interestingly, imported Anguluwa did not show any significant price variation.

Weekly price observations showed that dried fish prices have increased throughout the month except in the last week due to limited supply of local and imported stocks. In addition, quality of dried fish has deteriorated due to the rain, and vendors have had to discard those stocks, resulting in low stocks in the market. The quantity of Sprats imported this month has reduced compared to the previous month. Approximately 1,797 MT of Sprats have been imported during June 2017, and it is a reduction of 666 MT from the quantity imported during the previous month. The total value of imported Sprats was Rs.737 millions, and it is a reduction of Rs.295 millions compared to the value of Sprats imported in the previous month. Of the importation, the highest quantity was from Thailand (74%), followed by United Arab Emirates (20%). Percentages of Sprat quantities imported from Vietnam, Oman, and India were 3% or less. The CIF price was Rs.410.00/kg, and it, too, has decreased by Rs.9.00/kg compared to the previous month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most dried fish types have increased in the range of 1%-18% during this month. The highest price increase was noted for imported Sprats (18%), followed by local Sprats (16%) and imported Maduwa (13%). Prices of imported and local

Anguluwa, local Mora and Salaya, and imported Thora have increased by less than 10%. Prices of local and imported Balaya, local Thora and Maduwa, and imported Kattawa have decreased by 5% or less. Meanwhile, prices of local Kattawa and imported Mora have not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.589.00/kg and Rs.1,452.00/kg in June 2017. In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of all dried fish types except Thora and Anguluwa have increased by 1%-4%. The highest price increase was observed for Salaya (4%), followed by Kattawa (3%), Maduwa and both local and imported Sprats (2%). In addition, price increase of both Mora and Balaya was 1%. Interestingly, prices of Thora and Anguluwa have decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all dried fish types except Balaya and Salaya have increased by 1%-16% this month. Price of Balaya has decreased by 6%, and price of Salaya did not show any significant variation.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	800.00-1100.00	960.77	864.20	811.82	96.56	11.17	148.95	18.35
Sprats (imported)	400.00-650.00	548.46	520.28	472.20	28.18	5.42	76.26	16.15
Kattawa	780.00-960.00	846.43	822.00	845.00	24.43	2.97	1.43	0.17
Kattawa (imported)	750.00-850.00	789.86	784.85	807.25	5.01	0.64	-17.39	-2.15
Thora	1000.00-1220.00	1103.28	1064.31	1160.08	38.97	3.66	-56.80	-4.90
Thora (imported)	980.00-1100.00	1057.75	1025.99	1035.00	31.76	3.10	22.75	2.20
Mora	750.00-880.00	829.67	835.39	808.75	-5.73	-0.69	20.92	2.59
Mora (imported)	720.00-850.00	783.47	772.33	785.96	11.14	1.44	-2.49	-0.32
Balaya	450.00-600.00	534.71	447.70	559.30	87.01	19.43	-24.59	-4.40
Balaya (imported)	440.00-550.00	485.79	455.15	493.50	30.64	6.73	-7.71	-1.56
Anguluwa	700.00-850.00	783.11	798.50	774.11	-15.39	-1.93	9.00	1.16
Anguluwa (imported)	650.00-800.00	745.00	743.40	692.25	1.60	0.22	52.75	7.62
Maduwa	500.00-700.00	554.09	514.88	565.77	39.21	7.61	-11.68	-2.07
Maduwa (imported)	400.00-550.00	491.33	437.60	435.53	53.73	12.28	55.80	12.81
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-400.00	309.22	290.05	305.38	19.17	6.61	3.84	1.26
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-1000.00	792.77	778.68	683.62	14.09	1.81	109.15	15.97
Sprats	1000.00-1500.00	1125.07	1101.14	1032.85	23.93	2.17	92.22	8.93
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1232.61	1202.48	1188.22	30.13	2.51	44.39	3.74
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1452.38	1471.14	1377.06	-18.76	-1.28	75.32	5.47
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1098.56	1092.67	999.22	5.89	0.54	99.34	9.94
Balaya	700.00-1100.00	854.76	849.82	906.17	4.94	0.58	-51.41	-5.67
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1012.91	1020.15	1005.95	-7.24	-0.71	6.96	0.69
Maduwa	700.00-1000.00	803.54	791.15	713.69	12.39	1.57	89.85	12.59
Koduwa	-	-	-	925.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	589.09	564.85	588.62	24.24	4.29	0.47	0.08

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – January to June 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	1,797	737.15	410.30	792.77	382.48
May	2,463	1032.57	419.24	778.68	359.44
April	1,398	572.65	409.52	695.78	286.26
March	2,044	800.30	391.62	618.30	226.67
February	1,418	545.27	384.42	603.24	218.82
January	1,752	664.86	379.49	597.79	218.30

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

Eggs

The wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.10.50 and Rs.13.50 with an average of Rs.12.79 in June 2017. Similarly, the wholesale price of a white egg ranged between Rs.9.50 and Rs.12.50 with an average of Rs.11.59. Prices of both egg types (i.e., brown and white eggs) have increased during this month by 10% and 5%, respectively due to Ramazan festival season. Weekly price observations showed that prices have increased until the third week of the month; however, since then, prices have been stagnant. When compared with the same period of last year, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 5% and 7%, respectively. The following reasons may have resulted lower egg prices during this year: 1) introduction of the battery-cage system in poultry houses that leads to increased production per area, 2) emergence of new poultry farmers, and 3) introduction of layer farms by broiler farmers.

The average retail prices of a brown egg and a white egg were Rs.13.76 and Rs.12.67, respectively in June 2017. Prices of both egg types have increased by 5% and 3%, respectively compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 8% and 10%, respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	10.50-13.50	12.79	11.58	13.50	1.21	10.45	-0.71	-5.26
White (each)	9.50-12.50	11.59	11.02	12.50	0.57	5.13	-0.91	-7.32
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	11.00-16.00	13.76	13.14	15.01	0.62	4.74	-1.25	-8.31
White (each)	10.00-15.00	12.67	12.28	14.01	0.39	3.18	-1.34	-9.56

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Meat

Retail prices of all meat types except Mutton have increased by 1%-7% during June 2017. The highest price increase of 7% was noted for Broiler and Curry Chicken. The average price of a kilogram of Broiler Chicken was Rs.566.00, and that of Curry Chicken was Rs.515.00. Prices of beef and pork have increased by 2% and 1%, respectively. Interestingly, price of mutton has not changed significantly during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of beef and mutton have increased by 16% and 11%, respectively. Meanwhile, prices of Curry Chicken and Broiler Chicken have decreased by 2% and 1%, respectively. Price of pork has not changed significantly over the year.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-960.00	917.38	901.45	791.92	15.93	1.77	125.46	15.84
Chicken (Broiler)	500.00-640.00	565.80	526.83	569.91	38.97	7.40	-4.11	-0.72
Chicken (curry)	440.00-640.00	515.06	483.23	524.35	31.83	6.59	-9.29	-1.77
Mutton	1600.00-1800.00	1712.25	1711.19	1542.19	1.06	0.06	170.06	11.03
Pork	550.00-650.00	583.33	575.67	584.38	7.66	1.33	-1.05	-0.18

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Total imported quantity of wheat grain for the month of June was 103,969mt. worth of Rs.3,820mn. Compared to the previous month it has reduced by 93,057mt. World wheat prices have further increased during the month of June. Since the month of January, world wheat prices have gradually increased by 15% as a result of prevailing unfavorable dry weather conditions in the major wheat producing areas around the world. The highest quantity of wheat grain had been imported from Canada which was 38,988mt. worth of Rs.1,509mn. The rest 28% 19%, 8% and 7% was imported from Australia, United States, Russia and Denmark respectively. Few quantity was also imported from India as well. The CIF price ranged between Rs.31.00-40.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat grain was reported as Rs.37.00/kg. Despite of the world wheat price increase, CIF prices for the month of June remained unchanged compared to the month of May. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grains whilst, the lowest was recorded for the Denmark stocks. The CIF price of Rs.39.00/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks which imported from Canada.

Referring to wheat flour, imported quantity for the month of June has decreased by 85% compared to the previous month and the total imports during the month of June was 88mt. worth of Rs.6mn. The highest quantity which was 48mt. worth of 4mn. was imported from Italy and the rest was imported from China. The CIF price ranged between Rs.44.00-78.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat flour was reported as Rs.72.00/kg. Average CIF price for the month of June has increased by Rs.4.00/kg compared to the previous month. Further, the retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.89.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 4%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – June 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2017	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017		June 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	89.24	88.90	93.21	0.34	0.38	-3.97	-4.26
Sugar	95.00-110.00	106.87	106.95	113.46	-0.08	-0.07	-6.59	-5.81

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – January to June 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
June	88	6.34	72.25	89.24	16.99
May	603	41.05	68.07	88.90	20.83
April	93	6.32	68.17	89.87	21.70
March	312	18.96	60.83	89.25	28.42
February	258	17.34	67.24	89.12	21.88
January	178	12.37	69.62	89.20	19.57
Wheat Grain					
June	103,969	3819.93	36.74	89.24	52.50
May	197,026	7256.36	36.83	88.90	52.07
April	208,579	7304.23	35.02	89.87	54.85
March	232,040	8298.01	35.76	89.25	53.49
February	91,316	3312.29	36.27	89.12	52.85
January	164,269	6100.57	37.14	89.20	52.06

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 44,132mt. worth of Rs.3,527mn. of sugar was imported during the month of June. Compared to the last month imported quantity for the month of June has decreased by 10,743mt. World sugar prices have further decreased and since February and prices have fallen to 32%. The highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand which was 27% from the total imports. The rest was imported from United Arab Emirates (21%), India (15%), Brazil (10%), Guatemala (8%), Nicaragua (7%), Ukraine (4%) and Morocco (3%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Egypt, Mexico and Algeria. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Brazil, while the lowest for the Egypt stocks. The CIF price of Rs.81.00/kg was reported for the highest quantity of imports to the country which was from Thailand. Monthly average CIF price for sugar was Rs.80.00/kg. As a result of decreasing trend in world sugar prices, average CIF price for the month of June has also declined by Rs.5.00/kg with compared to the previous month.

The government has imposed the special commodity levy of Rs.10.00/kg for sugar with the effect from 07th June 2017, as a result of gradual decrement in world sugar prices. However, the retail price of sugar remained unchanged and the price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg. The average retail price for sugar was Rs.107.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year price has decreased by 6%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- January to June 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	44,132	3526.84	79.92	106.87	26.95
May	54,875	4649.86	84.74	106.95	22.21
April	30,689	2615.61	85.23	108.95	23.72
March	25,703	2237.27	87.04	105.36	18.32
February	14,604	1318.02	90.25	101.66	11.41
January	40,378	3588.22	88.87	102.20	13.33

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – June 2017

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	June 2017	May 2017		June 2017	May 2017		June 2017	May 2017	
Rice	15,640	33,146	-52.8	1,013.7	2,158.4	-53.0	64.81	65.12	-0.5
Red Onion	1,039	1,014	2.5	176.8	156.6	12.9	170.17	154.46	10.2
Big Onion	22,746	21,555	5.5	691.6	618.5	11.8	30.41	28.69	6.0
Potato	15,227	12,903	18.0	643.3	473.9	35.8	42.25	36.72	15.0
Dried Chillies	3,181	4,321	-26.4	393.9	526.7	-25.2	123.83	121.88	1.6
Masoor Dhal	9,967	8,832	12.8	1,021.9	917.9	11.3	102.53	103.93	-1.3
Green Gram	1,694	1,183	43.2	268.0	177.7	50.8	158.19	150.17	5.3
Cowpea	359	443	-19.0	50.4	61.3	-17.8	140.37	138.32	1.5
Garlic	2,255	2,240	0.7	358.0	628.2	-43.0	158.74	280.47	-43.4
Wheat flour	88	603	-85.5	6.3	41.1	-84.5	72.33	68.07	6.3
Wheat grain	103,969	197,026	-47.2	3,819.9	7,256.4	-47.4	36.74	36.83	-0.2
White crystalline cane sugar	44,132	54,875	-19.6	3,526.8	4,649.9	-24.2	79.92	84.74	-5.7
Maize (Seed)	61	-	-	38.4	-	-	635.12	-	-
Maize (Other)	125	1,300	-90.4	13.6	54.9	-75.3	108.31	42.21	156.6
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,797	2,463	-27.1	737.1	1,032.6	-28.6	410.30	419.24	-2.1

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

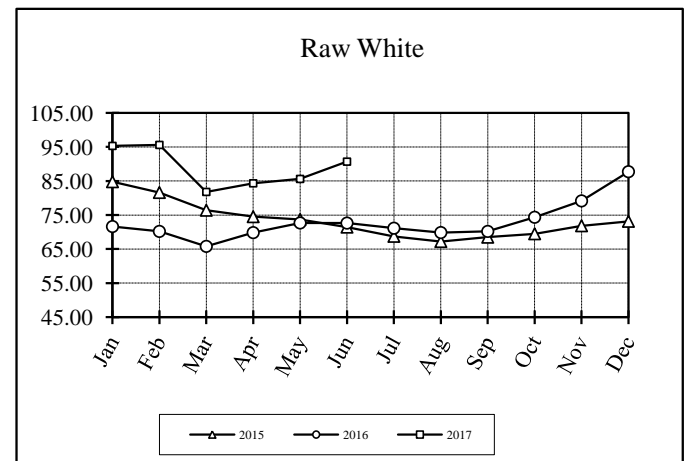
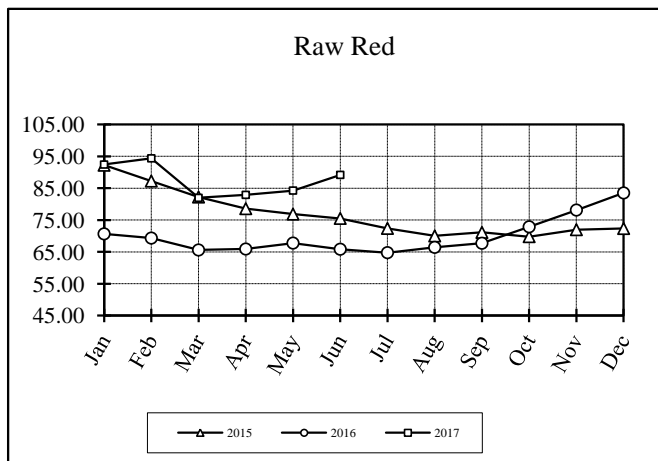
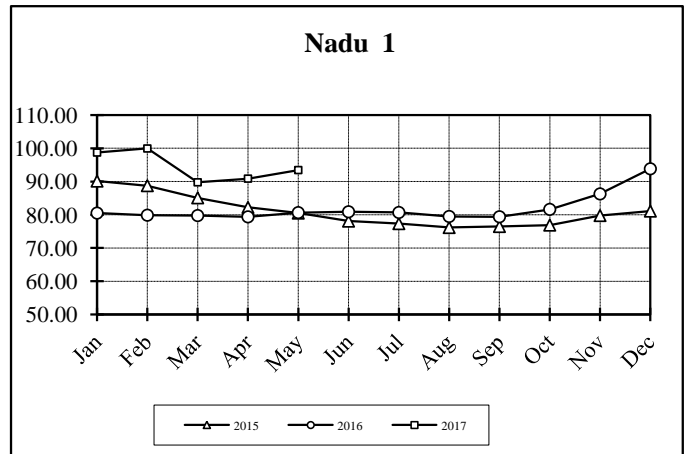
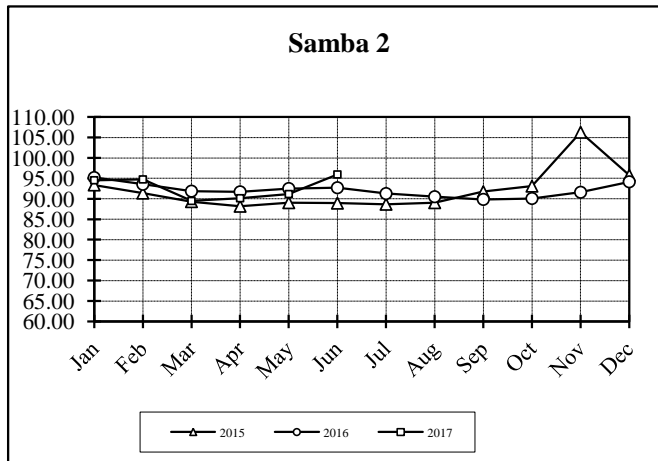
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – June 2017

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	8.6	9.4	3	2
Badulla	64.1	29.3	8	4
Bandarawela	131.5	36.6	7	4
Batticaloa	33.1	23.9	6	2
Colombo	141.5	184.9	22	16
Galle	94.3	188.2	20	17
Hambantota	22.1	59.0	9	6
Jaffna	10.8	16.1	1	1
Katugastota	78.4	131.9	15	15
Katunayaka	181.8	177.2	17	15
Kurunegala	171.3	153.0	16	14
Mahailuppallama	17.8	14.0	4	3
Mannar	7.7	4.6	1	1
Nuwara Eliya	56.4	171.9	17	16
Pottuvil	1.1	5.2	3	na
Puttalam	7.1	44.7	4	4
Ratmalana	192.4	198.4	19	16
Ratnapura	376.4	412.2	27	21
Trincomalee	1.4	25.4	1	2
Vavuniya	12.7	11.2	2	1
Polonnaruwa	0.7	na	1	na
Moneragala	8.1	na	4	na
Mattala	36.4	na	5	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

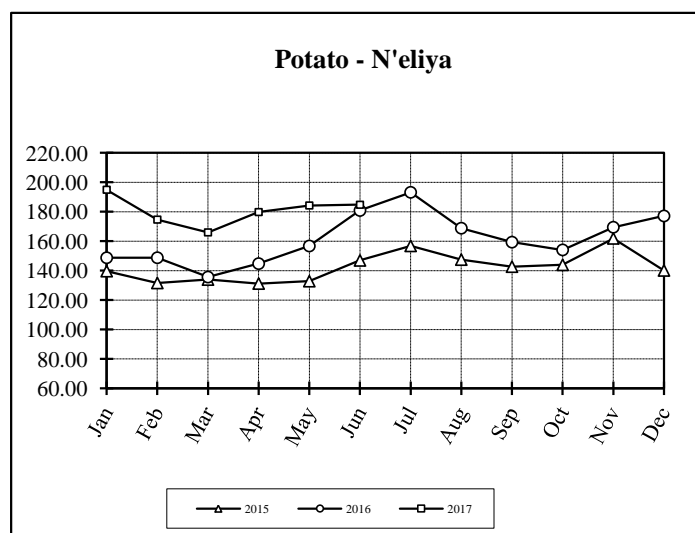
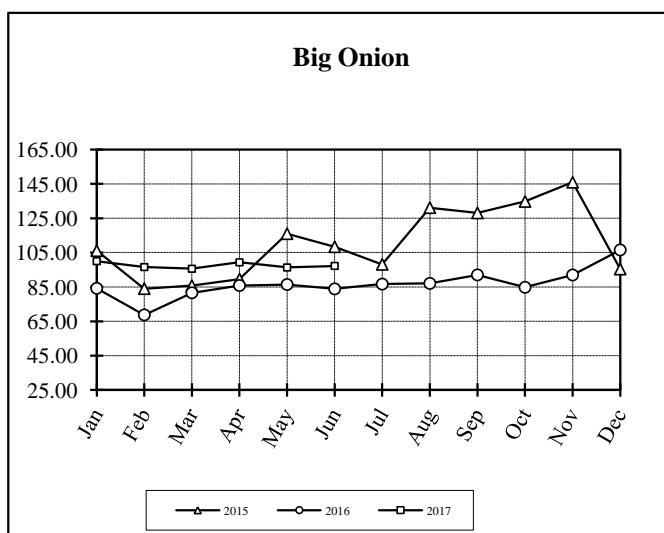
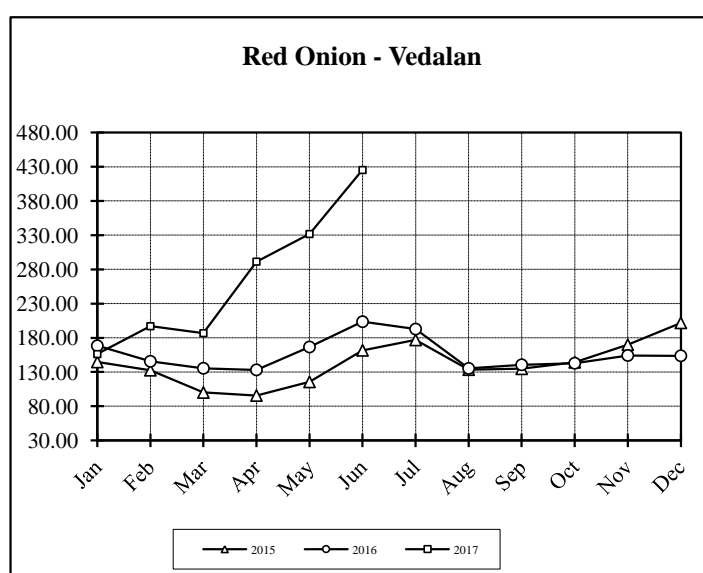
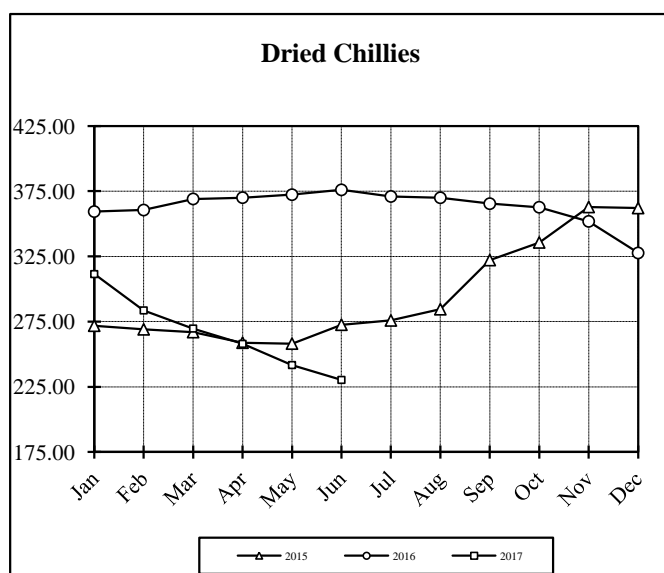
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	93.38	95.20	94.54	90.13	80.51	98.73	92.21	70.64	92.41	84.76	71.61	95.27
Feb	91.39	93.55	94.74	88.75	79.87	99.95	87.23	69.32	94.37	81.61	70.19	95.56
Mar	89.30	91.87	89.48	85.09	79.76	89.77	82.21	65.58	81.95	76.40	65.80	81.77
Apr	88.17	91.70	90.14	82.22	79.38	90.88	78.56	65.88	82.89	74.51	69.83	84.30
May	89.04	92.51	91.16	80.50	80.65	93.46	76.85	67.75	84.24	73.70	72.67	85.58
Jun	88.93	92.71	95.95	78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82	89.17	71.45	72.63	90.65
Jul	88.66	91.28		77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74		68.75	71.13	
Aug	89.04	90.51		76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41		67.22	69.85	
Sep	91.75	89.85		76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70		68.49	70.19	
Oct	93.10	90.08		76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86		69.49	74.34	
Nov	106.27	91.60		79.77	86.28		71.96	78.12		71.84	79.14	
Dec	95.76	94.16		81.10	93.83		72.33	83.50		73.15	87.71	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	271.85	359.36	311.44	144.64	168.42	156.25	106.11	84.20	100.02	139.63	148.73	194.94
Feb	269.09	360.56	283.58	132.59	145.71	197.00	83.99	68.73	96.57	131.58	148.75	174.64
Mar	266.95	369.06	269.67	100.10	135.49	186.80	85.73	81.58	95.60	133.91	135.62	165.97
Apr	258.81	370.07	257.93	95.65	133.19	291.30	89.56	85.83	99.33	131.19	144.75	179.77
May	258.15	372.34	241.70	115.55	166.64	331.70	115.99	86.42	96.33	132.82	156.73	184.26
Jun	272.61	376.04	230.28	161.67	203.59	425.19	108.39	83.87	97.25	146.91	180.84	184.74
Jul	275.90	370.97		176.85	192.81		98.14	86.66		156.77	193.18	
Aug	284.48	369.99		133.51	135.32		131.16	87.07		147.47	168.81	
Sep	322.19	365.44		134.69	140.64		128.09	92.01		142.68	159.34	
Oct	335.70	362.69		144.23	142.94		134.76	84.79		143.91	154.06	
Nov	362.89	351.86		169.84	154.23		145.93	91.96		161.86	169.46	
Dec	362.08	327.65		201.81	153.77		95.39	106.54		140.10	177.13	



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

Jun-17

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	122.50				Welimada				
A'pura	51.80	51.60	51.00	50.80	Badulla	102.00				N'Eliya	50.00			
P'naruwa	53.00	53.25	53.81	50.63	Welimada									
Kalawewa	54.70	54.70	54.70	55.00	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala	50.67	51.00	51.00	51.00	<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha	65.00	66.67	70.00	
Dehiattakandiya	53.00				Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	70.00			
Ampara	50.40	50.40	49.40	49.40	Kalawewa					Dambulla	95.00			
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	208.75	208.75	196.25	196.25	Kurunegala				
A'pura	50.80	50.40	49.80	50.00	Kurunegala					Welimada				
P'naruwa	52.88	53.25	53.19	50.50	A'pura					<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	53.50	53.00	53.00	53.50	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	50.67	50.67	50.67	50.67	A'pura					N'Eliya	77.50			
Dehiattakandiya	52.50				Galgamuwa					Welimada				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Matara	47.00	47.67	47.67	44.67	Embilipitiya	228.75	228.75	228.75	228.75	N'Eliya	37.50			
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada				
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	48.00	48.00	48.00	44.33	A'Pura					Hanguranketha	75.00	80.00	90.00	80.00
Hambantota	48.00	48.00	46.50	45.50	Kalawewa					N'Eliya				
Ampara					<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada				
Embilipitiya	47.60	47.60	45.60	45.60	A'Pura	130.00	148.33	150.00	145.00	Hambantota				
<u>Other Food Crops</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	90.00	103.00	86.00	72.00
<u>Dried Chillies</u>					<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	41.67	52.50	60.00	60.00
Galgamuwa					A'Pura					Welimada				
Kalawewa					<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota	75.00	105.00	87.50	92.50
<u>Red Onion</u>					<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	85.00			
Puttalam	274.00	292.00	276.00	368.00	Dambulla	120.00				<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Welimada					<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
Dambulla					Badulla	100.00	117.00	83.00	83.00	A'pura	53.33	65.00	58.33	68.33
Kalawewa					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	55.00			
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	160.00	225.00	205.00	196.67	Hambantota	77.50	97.50	75.00	72.50
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	182.50				Embilipitiya	96.00	104.60	70.00	64.00
					Welimada					Matara	65.00	65.00	71.67	75.00

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	115.00	115.00	103.33	75.00	Dambulla	73.50				Hambantota	37.50	40.00	52.50	52.50	
Dambulla	115.00				Hambantota	52.50	77.50	85.00	85.00	Embilipitiya	32.86	41.71	47.86	47.86	
Hambantota	110.00	115.00	75.00	55.00	Embilipitiya	70.00	126.25	126.25	104.00	Moneragala	16.00	23.33	21.25	25.75	
Embilipitiya	116.25	106.40	70.00	51.67	Matara	0.00				<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara		53.33	78.33	78.33	A'pura	90.00	95.00	108.33	96.67	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada					Moneragala	38.75	63.75	73.75	88.75	<u>Ambul</u>					
					<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	36.25	43.75	43.75	43.75
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	20.00	25.00	18.33	16.00	Embilipitiya	19.67	26.67	24.17	24.17	
Welimada					Dambulla	17.50				Hambantota	22.50	22.50	35.00	32.50	
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	17.50	40.00	45.00	27.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura	183.33	183.33	170.00	178.33	Matara	0.00				Moneragala	76.67	76.67	83.75	87.00	
Dambulla	120.00				<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	64.00	110.00	92.00	104.00
Hambantota	120.00	135.00	145.00	135.00	Dambulla	78.50				Hambantota	50.00	82.50	85.00	85.00	
Embilipitiya	155.00	155.00	140.40	136.00	Hambantota	82.50	95.00	75.00	85.00	<u>Papaw</u>					
					Embilipitiya	115.00	118.00	113.40	106.40	Moneragala					
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	70.00	68.33	81.67	88.33	Embilipitiya	22.33	30.33	39.40	41.80	
Dambulla	87.50				A'Pura	85.00	76.67	95.00	75.00	Hambantota	25.00	55.00	45.00	45.00	
Hambantota	0.00	137.50	100.00	90.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	107.00	89.00	95.00	98.75	Hambantota	45.00	61.00	52.50	52.50	Divulapitiya					
Matara	0.00	53.33	46.67		Embilipitiya	50.40	50.40	42.40	42.40						
A'pura	85.00	100.00	100.00	75.00	Matara	50.00	56.67	66.67	66.67						
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>										
Dambulla	82.50				Dambulla	320.00									
Hambantota	75.00	107.50	90.00	85.00	Hambantota	310.00	390.00	213.33							
Embilipitiya	97.00	109.00	90.00	87.00	Embilipitiya	386.00	406.00	332.00	290.00						
Matara	0.00				Puttalam	310.00	358.00	244.00	244.00						
A'pura	120.00	106.67	103.33	75.00	A'Pura	466.67	366.67	363.33	360.00						