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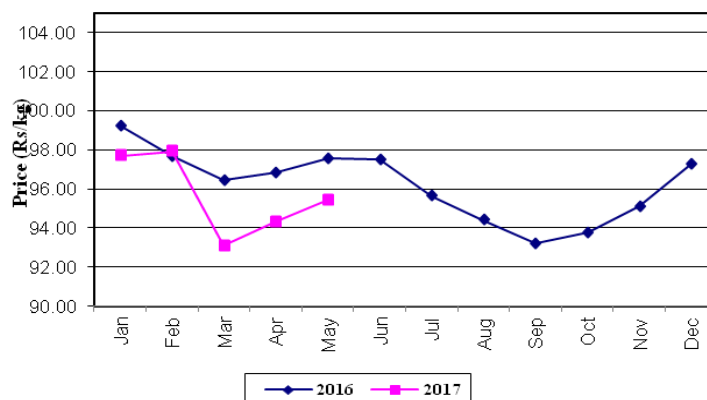
RICE:

As a result of limited supply of local rice stocks in the market, prices of all the local rice varieties have increased considerably. Accordingly, the price of local nadu grade I has increased by Rs.3.00/kg. Further, the prices of all other local rice varieties have increased by Rs.1.00/kg. Meanwhile, the prices of both imported nadu and raw white have also increased by Rs.3.00/kg and Rs.1.00/kg respectively.

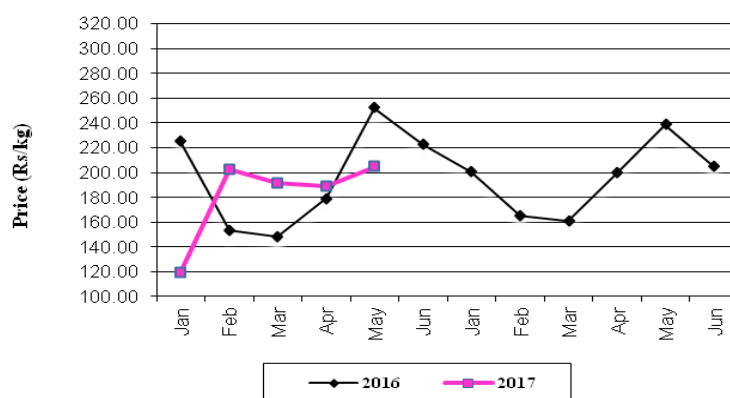
VEGETABLES:

Supplies of both up and lowcountry varieties of vegetables had dropped, thereby prices increased considerably for most of the types due to reaching of the peak-off season. Of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties, the highest price increases were reported for carrot and cucumber as 90% and 234% 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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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 12. Puttalama | 23. Batticaloe |
| 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

Early prospects of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season were not favorable in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs in major producing areas. Dry weather prevailed in major producing areas like the North Central and the Eastern provinces. However, rainy weather was experienced and land preparation activities and paddy crop establishment were 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 was downgraded as 400,020 ha. The cultivation progress up to end May is 201,332 ha and it is 50% of the target. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 0.789 million mt, 48 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 May 2017

District/Area	Target Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Effected Extent (ha)	Expected Production loss for Effected Area (mt)	Revised Production forecast Adjusted to flood Damage Within the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	28,800	6,896	24	24,709	-	-	24,709
Polonnaruwa	30,000	21,992	73	97,790	-	-	97,790
Ampara	57,096	35,225	62	161,225	-	-	161,225
Kurunegala	60,393	13,257	22	46,630	-	-	46,630
Hambantota	20,267	9,354	46	41,313	1,542	6,312	35,001
Colombo	1,906	443	23	992	135	229	764
Gampaha	3,300	2,256	68	5,844	33	86	5,758
Kalutara	5,706	2,381	42	6,783	501	1,280	5,503
Galle	5,785	2,096	36	4,665	413	806	3,859
Matara	14,780	6,964	47	20,121	1,874	5,414	14,707
Ratnapura	8,453	3,104	37	10,013	850	2,742	7,271
Kegalle	8,675	1,427	16	4,255	-	-	4,255
Puttalam	18,082	784	4	2,450	-	-	2,450
Kandy	8,828	3,393	38	9,601	-	-	9,601
Matale	10,438	4,615	44	18,321	-	-	18,321
N' Eliya	3,029	474	16	934	-	-	934
Badulla	7,642	3,672	48	14,174	-	-	14,174
Monaragala	19,656	9,152	47	36,332	-	-	36,332
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	1,608	1,617	101	6,348	-	-	6,348
Vavniya	470	430	91	1,805	-	-	1,805
Mullative	5,268	625	12	2,451	-	-	2,451
Mannar	2,762	100	4	416	-	-	416
Trincomalee	13,640	6,554	70	41,672	-	-	41,672
Batticaloa	27,955	27,914	100	102,522	-	-	102,522
Udawalawa	5,815	4,232	73	22,530	-	-	22,530
System H	6,776	6,623	98	27,417	-	-	27,417
System H1	1,810	2,137	118	8,847	-	-	8,847
System B	9,836	9,135	93	37,816	-	-	37,816
System C	9,017	11,080	123	45,868	-	-	45,868
System G	1,050	-	-	-	-	-	-
System D	255	242	95	1,002	-	-	1,002
Rambakanoya	397	136	34	563	-	-	563
System L	525	23	4	95	-	-	95
Sri Lanka	400,020	201,332	50	805,505	5,349	16,870	788,636

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

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices continued 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 8-16% in major producing areas and the lowest increase was recorded from Anuradhapura. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.46.00-55.00/kg and Rs.45.00-55.00/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 5-7% and the prices ranged between Rs.40.00-50.00/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 short supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 40%-52% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 46%-50% in all major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 31%-42% in all producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – May 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	47.00-52.00	40.00-50.00	49.78	45.51	36.56	4.27	9.38	13.22	36.16
Polonnaruwa	47.00-53.50	41.00-48.50	50.68	43.77	38.65	6.91	15.79	12.03	31.13
Kalawewa	50.00-54.78	42.00-51.00	52.81	47.59	37.27	5.22	10.97	15.54	41.70
Kurunegala	-	-	-	-	37.16	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	48.00-53.50	40.00-48.00	50.87	44.50	37.52	6.37	14.31	13.35	35.57
Nikaweratiya	50.00-55.00	44.00-50.00	52.88	47.50	37.47	5.38	11.32	15.41	41.11
Ampara	46.00-51.00	-	49.05	-	38.96	-	-	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	45.00-52.00	40.00-48.00	49.28	45.26	33.84	4.02	8.88	15.44	45.63
Polonnaruwa	48.00-52.50	41.00-48.00	50.34	43.48	35.67	6.86	15.78	14.67	41.13
Kalawewa	50.00-53.10	42.00-50.00	52.14	46.88	34.18	5.26	11.22	17.96	52.55
Kurunegala	-	-	-	-	35.52	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	47.00-53.00	40.00-48.00	50.62	44.50	34.26	6.12	13.75	16.36	47.74
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	33.58	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	50.00-55.00	42.00-50.00	52.88	46.69	36.04	6.19	13.25	16.84	46.71
Matara	45.00-46.00	40.00-42.00	45.33	41.33	33.20	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	43.00-44.00	-	-	34.78	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	40.00-47.00	41.00-44.00	44.22	42.22	30.27	2.00	4.74	13.95	46.09
Hambantota	44.00-50.00	42.00-45.00	46.60	43.57	30.95	3.03	6.95	15.65	50.57
Embilipitiya	44.00-52.00	43.00-44.00	45.54	43.40	30.96	2.14	4.93	14.58	47.09

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

An increasing trend in prices of all the local rice varieties and most of the imported rice varieties has been observed since the latter stage of the previous month; and it has continued throughout the month of May as well. As a result of limited availability of rice stocks in the market, prices of all the local rice varieties have increased drastically during the month. Accordingly, the highest price increment of 6% was reported for local nadu grade II, followed by samba grade I. Furthermore, a 5% of price increment was reported for local raw white and a 4% of price increment was reported for both samba grade II and local raw red. Meanwhile, total imports of rice in the month of May was 33,147mt. worth of 186mn. With compared to the previous month, imported quantity has increased slightly (4,284mt.) and compared to the same period of last year, this quantity has increased by more than nine times. Further, average imports of rice during the last five months were accounted as 65,952mt. The price of both imported nadu and raw white has increased by 5% and 4% respectively, aligning with the local rice prices. However, the price of *ponni* samba has decreased by 2%.

Out of total imports during the month of May, 32,805mt. were imported as *ponni* samba (19,948mt.), raw white (9,799mt.) and nadu (3,058mt.). *Ponni* samba mainly 97% was imported from India. Out of 9,799mt. of raw white, the highest quantity (47%) was imported from Myanmar and the rest from India, Pakistan and Vietnam. The highest quantity of nadu was imported from India and the rest was from Myanmar and Malaysia. Furthermore, 304mt. of Basmathi was imported from Pakistan (60%) and India (30%). Average CIF price for *ponni* samba, raw white and nadu was Rs.62.00/kg and the CIF price ranged between Rs.52.00/kg-72.00/kg. Among these three rice varieties the highest average CIF price of Rs.68.00/kg was reported for *ponni* samba. The average CIF price for Basmathi was Rs.144.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local rice varieties have increased in the range of 9%-44% and the highest price increase was reported for local raw red.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties and most of the imported rice varieties have increased. In order, the highest price increment of Rs.3.00/kg was reported for local nadu grade I and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg. Prices of all other local rice varieties have increased by Rs.1.00/kg. Meanwhile, the prices of both imported nadu and raw white have increased by Rs.3.00/kg and Rs.1.00/kg respectively. However, the price of *ponni* samba has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg.

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 market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.90.00-92.00/kg from Mullaitivu market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.95.00-97.00/kg was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.82.00-85.00/kg from Ampara and Mullaitivu markets. Likewise, the highest price of Rs.90.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.78.00/kg was reported from Galle and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.88.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kurunegala market, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Mannar market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties except, samba, have increased in the range of 16%-24%. However, the price of *ponni* samba has decreased by 27%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	89.00-100.00	94.21	89.06	86.33	5.15	5.78	7.88	9.12
Samba 2	85.00-95.00	89.38	85.67	79.13	3.71	4.33	10.25	12.95
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	74.58	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	80.00-88.00	84.00	78.98	69.95	5.02	6.35	14.05	20.08
Raw red	76.00-85.00	78.78	75.84	54.76	2.94	3.88	24.02	43.87
Raw white	74.00-88.00	79.57	75.81	65.26	3.76	4.96	14.31	21.93
Imported Samba	75.00-80.00	78.59	79.91	111.33	-1.32	-1.66	-32.74	-29.41
Imported Raw White	62.00-77.00	69.38	66.85	-	2.53	3.78	-	-
Imported Nadu	68.00-75.00	71.43	68.06	-	3.37	4.95	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-110.00	99.74	98.53	102.63	1.21	1.22	-2.89	-2.82
Samba 2	90.00-96.00	91.16	90.14	92.51	1.02	1.13	-1.35	-1.46
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-100.00	93.46	90.88	80.65	2.58	2.83	12.81	15.88
Nadu 2	85.00-90.00	87.12	84.74	75.04	2.38	2.81	12.08	16.10
Raw red	78.00-100.00	84.24	82.89	67.75	1.35	1.63	16.49	24.34
Raw white	80.00-100.00	85.58	84.30	72.67	1.28	1.51	12.91	17.76
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	80.00-95.00	85.82	86.50	118.17	-0.68	-0.79	-32.35	-27.38
Imported Raw White	70.00-85.00	75.88	74.54	-	1.34	1.80	-	-
Imported Nadu	72.00-85.00	79.22	76.38	-	2.84	3.71	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop Situation

By the end of May, 1,992 ha of chillie had been cultivated out of targeted extent of 5,272 ha and thereby the 38% target achievement was reported in Crop Forecast by the Department of Agriculture. Furthermore, 8,455 mt of harvest is expected according to the cultivated extent. So far, the highest cultivated land extent was shown in Puttalam in 2017 *Yala* season and it contributed to 14% out of the total cultivated land area. Other major chillie cultivated districts were Batticaloa (194 ha), Anuradhapura (185 ha), Badulla (132ha) and Ampara (123 ha).

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for Yala 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	586	185	32	1,026
Moneragala	397	99	25	662
Puttalam	623	274	44	2,197
Jaffna	125	28	22	111
Ampara	248	123	50	346
Other areas	3,293	1,283	39	4,113
Total	5,272	1,992	38	8,455

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As the latter stage of peak harvesting season reached, farm gate prices have significantly increased in major producing areas. In fact, producer prices have reached the range of Rs.306.00-500.00/kg by the end of month and the average producer price was highest in Anuradhapura and it was Rs.367.00/kg while the lowest producer price (Rs.263.00/kg) was reported from Dambulla.

In line with rise in producer price, the wholesale price of green chillie has increased by 49% and the average price was Rs.218.00/kg. Considering the retail prices, a 12% increase was recorded and the price was in the range of Rs.150.00- 700.00/kg. Referring to the retail prices of outstation markets, the highest price range of Rs.950.00- 1000.00/kg was reported in Kilinochchi in the last week of the month. In addition, Batticaloa showed the least retail price throughout the month and it ranged Rs.100.00- 200.00/kg. A further rise in price in upcoming months due to off season of green chillie is expected. However, compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 8% and 17% respectively.

With regard to dried chillie, 4,321 mt had been imported in May and the average CIF price decreased to Rs.122.00/kg. When considering about the past six months, it has reduced by 40%. Prices of dried chillie are likely to go down due to the price behavior in India, since India is the Sri Lanka's major importer. The decreased CIF price was reflected in both wholesale and retail prices which showed an 8% and 6% decrease respectively. The wholesale price was recorded as Rs.155.00/kg and the retail price was in the range of Rs.200.00- 300.00/kg. Furthermore, both wholesale and retail prices have decreased drastically by 49% and 35% in order, compared to the same period last year.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	100.00-500.00	217.67	146.46	236.02	71.21	48.62	-18.35	-7.78
Dried Chillies	145.00-165.00	155.12	169.17	306.80	-14.05	-8.30	-151.68	-49.44
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	150.00-700.00	366.68	328.46	443.00	38.22	11.64	-76.32	-17.23
Dried Chillies	200.00-300.00	241.70	257.93	372.34	-16.23	-6.29	-130.64	-35.09

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
Dec 2016 to May 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	4,321	526.72	121.88	241.70	119.81
Apr - 2017	3,237	414.84	128.16	257.93	129.77
Mar - 2017	6,048	932.54	154.18	269.67	115.49
Feb - 2017	3,921	637.03	162.48	283.58	121.10
Jan - 2017	4,817	934.31	193.95	311.44	117.49
Dec - 2016	3,928	800.10	203.68	327.65	123.97

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

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	99.00	125.00	147.40	229.00	454.00
Hambantota	125.00	90.00	290.00	285.00	320.00
Embilipitiya	75.83	137.00	283.00	289.00	432.00
Puttalam	106.00	168.00	246.00	236.00	306.00
A'Pura	170.00	170.00	316.67	313.33	500.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Around 40% of nursery preparation of big onion have been completed by the end of May 2017 in the Matale district and it is expected to finish next month (June). The targeted extent of big onion for this *yala* season was 3,388 ha in Matale and only about 24 ha have been completed by the end of May representing only 1% of the target extent. Compared to the same period of previous year, the cultivated extent of big onion dropped by 187 ha (89%) due to prevailed drought condition in Matale district. Higher cultivation could be expected during the coming months (June and July). The targeted extent of big onion for *yala* 2017 was 898 ha in Anuradhapura district and about 1,154 ha in Mahaweli-H area. However, at the end of May around 41 ha (5%) and 207 ha (18%) have been completed respectively.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Matale	3,388	23.4	1	472
Anuradhapura	898	40.5	5	635
System H ₁	1,154	207.0	18	2,326
Other areas	1,476	118.1	3	1,367
Total	6,916	389	6	4,800

Source: Crop Forecast No.4, maha 201/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

The targeted extent of red onion for this *yala* season was 4,475 ha in Sri Lanka out of which 721 ha were cultivated by the end of May. It represented 16% of the total targeted extent. In Jaffna district, the targeted extent of red onion for *yala* 2017 was 2,225 ha and 185 ha of cultivation had been completed by the end of this month representing 8% of the total targeted extent. The highest cultivated extent of red onion was reported from Puttalam at the end of May 2017 and 287 ha were cultivated representing 52% of the target.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,225	185	8	1,701
Puttalam	551	287	52	4,539
Trincomalee	249	20	8	192
Other areas	1,450	229	16	2,197
Total	4,475	721	16	8,629

Source: Crop Forecast No.4, maha 201/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The imported quantity of big onion during the month was about 21,555 mt and this was about 1,386 mt higher than the imported amount last month. Average CIF price was Rs.28.69/kg and it is a decrease of Rs.2.78/kg compared to that of the previous month. With the increase of imported stocks, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively. The gross margin between the CIF price and wholesale price of big onion was higher than that of the margin between wholesale and retail prices during this month.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onion from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas decreased through this month as it was the end of the *maha* harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.23.00/kg and Rs.72.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of vedalan has also increased by about Rs.40.00/kg and stocks of sinnan were not available at the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan increased by about 99%.

About 1041 mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 685 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.154.46/kg and it is an increase of Rs.20.89/kg compared to April. Wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.47.00/kg and average retail price of imported red onion was Rs.280.00/kg.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	130.00-175.00	160.00	137.22	90.10	22.78	16.60	69.90	77.58
Red Onion (Vedalan)	150.00-320.00	254.07	182.12	124.67	71.95	39.50	129.40	103.79
Red Onion (Imported)	170.00-285.00	236.07	189.17	108.80	46.90	24.79	127.27	116.98
Big Onion (imported)	64.00-72.00	67.35	72.28	62.04	-4.93	-6.83	5.31	8.55
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	220.00-400.00	331.70	291.30	166.64	40.40	13.87	165.06	99.05
Red Onion (Imported)	280.00-280.00	280.00	0.00	125.88	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	96.33	99.33	86.42	-3.00	-3.02	9.91	11.47
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	May 2017	28.69	67.35	96.33	38.65	28.98
	Apr 2017	31.47	72.28	99.33	40.81	27.05
	May 2016	29.65	62.04	86.42	32.39	24.38
Red onion	May 2017	31.47	236.07	280.00	204.60	43.93
	Apr 2017	133.57	189.17	-	55.60	-
	May 2016	72.31	108.80	125.88	36.49	17.08

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)	
	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017
Red Onion	1014	329	156.60	43.92	154.46	133.57
Big Onion	21555	20169	618.46	634.75	28.69	31.47

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
Dec 2016 to May 2017**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	21,555	28.69	67.35	96.33	67.64
Apr - 2017	20,169	31.47	72.28	99.33	67.86
Mar - 2017	21,721	29.89	71.38	95.60	65.71
Feb - 2017	20,018	28.27	70.88	96.57	68.30
Jan - 2017	20,268	30.41	70.70	100.02	69.61
Dec - 2016	20,737	33.03	81.82	106.54	73.51

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2017 is 3,013 ha, which is slightly lower than the targeted extent in *yala* 2016. About 351 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of May achieving 12% of the targeted extent. 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 241 ha and 110 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. In both districts, the cultivated extents were at a low level during this *yala* season compared to the same period of last *yala* season. In the Badulla district, new cultivation will be taken largely in June and July months. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 5,904 mt for this *yala* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2017)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2017	Expected Production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2016*	<i>Yala</i> 2017	<i>Yala</i> 2016*	<i>Yala</i> 2017		
N'Eliya	1,285	865	338	241	28	4,234
Badulla	2,045	2,145	169	110	5	1,670
Sri Lanka	3,330	3,013	507	351	12	5,904

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 12,903 mt of potato had been imported in May which was 2,316 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were received from India (35%), Pakistan (29%), Bangladesh (25%) and China (11%) during this month. Compared to May, 2016

(8,452 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.40.00/kg in May and it has increased by Rs.8.00/kg compared to April.

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. Supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has also decreased due to prevailed rainy weather condition. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 2% for each. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.120.00/kg in May. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported potato has decreased by 2%, while the retail price has increased by 3%. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.120.00-160.00/kg and Rs.70.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (15%) and imported (17%) potatoes have increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in June.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
Dec 2016 to May 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	12,903	473.86	40.27	121.48	81.22
Apr - 2017	10,587	340.24	32.14	117.58	85.44
Mar - 2017	11,898	354.90	29.83	110.06	80.23
Feb - 2017	11,700	321.71	23.13	105.61	82.48
Jan - 2017	33,163	1002.50	30.23	119.66	89.43
Dec - 2016	16,080	725.50	45.12	122.79	77.67

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	103.00-120.00	103.40	118.33	103.40	-14.93	-14.44	0.00	0.00
Nuwara Eliya	113.00-120.00	120.22	116.20	95.08	4.02	3.34	25.14	20.91
Imported – CIF	29.27-50.60	40.27	32.14	22.82	8.13	20.18	17.45	43.33
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	102.68	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-160.00	131.41	128.42	116.55	2.99	2.28	14.86	11.31
Imported	70.00-110.00	91.27	93.25	78.74	-1.98	-2.17	12.53	13.73
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	145.00	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-200.00	184.26	179.77	156.73	4.49	2.43	27.53	14.94
Imported	100.00-140.00	121.48	117.58	100.38	3.90	3.21	21.10	17.37
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	26.67	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		64.04	63.57	61.65	0.47	0.73	2.39	3.73
Imported (CIF-RP)		81.22	85.44	77.56	-4.22	-5.20	3.66	4.50
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	42.32	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		52.84	51.35	40.18	1.49	2.82	12.66	23.96
Imported		30.21	24.33	21.64	5.88	19.47	8.57	28.37

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of green gram in *Yala* 2017 was about 13,762 ha and out of that, only 1,620ha has been achieved by the end of May. Consequently, 1, 871 mt of harvest is expected and the highest production will be received from Hambantota representing 34% of the expected total production. In addition, other major growing areas were Kurunegala (318 ha), Monaragala (178 ha) and Ratnapura (146 ha) which will contribute approximately 30% to the total production. However, so far the highest cultivation progress could be observed from Ratnapura representing 69% whilst only 5% cultivation progress out of targeted extent was reported in Hambantota.

Considering cowpea, an extent of 6,759ha has been targeted for *Yala*, 2017 by the Department of Agriculture and approximately 3,350 ha were achieved by the end of May. Further, 4,785 mt of production is expected from all the major cultivated areas. According to the crop forecast, main cultivated areas were Ampara (2590 ha), Monaragala (253 ha) and Kurunegala (114 ha) which represent more than 88% of total cultivated extent in *Yala*, 2017. Compared to the same period last year, the cultivated extent has almost doubled by the end of May.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Maha 2016/17)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Estimated production
		<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	
Green gram	Hambantota	1,832	7,153	657	387	5	643
	Kurunegala	833	644	554	318	49	239
	Moneragala	1,845	1,891	1,763	178	9	178
	Sri Lanka	9,029	13,762	4,624	1,620	12	1,871
Cowpea	Ampara	3,954	3,805	177	2,590	68	3,885
	Moneragala	817	762	817	253	33	318
	Anuradhapura	154	142	65	33	23	40
	Sri Lanka	6,885	6,759	1,775	3,350	50	4,785

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, Maha 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

According to the market information, local green gram was not available in the market and to fulfill the demand, Sri Lanka has imported 1, 183mt of green gram in the month of May. Further, the average CIF price showed as Rs.150.00/kg. CIF price of green gram imported from Thailand has risen this month by Rs.7.00/kg and approximately 25% out of total stock had been imported from Thailand. The imported quantities from Uzbekistan and Turkey had increased and they contributed as 23% and 22% for the total imported quantity respectively. Only 14% was received from Myanmar since it had the highest CIF price of Rs.173.00/kg. Wholesale price of green gram has increased by 3% and the average price was Rs.223.00/kg. The retail price has not changed significantly and

it has ranged between Rs.220.00- 280.00/kg. Considering the outstation markets, the highest price range (Rs.270.00- 290.00/kg) of green gram was observed in Gampaha while the lowest price range (Rs.200.00- 220.00/kg) was reported from Mullaitivu throughout the month. Meanwhile, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 16% and 1% compared to May, 2016. With the commencement of harvesting season, local green gram will be available in the market next few months.

Comparatively a lower quantity of white cowpea was imported during May and it was 443 mt. A new importer was introduced from Malawi and 84% out of the total imported quantity was received from there. CIF price of imported green gram from Malawi was Rs.138.00/kg and the highest CIF price was noted in China which was Rs.174.00/kg. A quantity of 25 mt was received from China and other importers were Madagascar and Singapore from where 24 mt from each were imported. Corresponding to the decrease in CIF price by Rs.4.00/kg, wholesale price has decreased by 12% and the average price was Rs.232.00/kg. However, the retail price has decreased only by 3% and it was in the range of Rs.260.00-360.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale price has risen by 13%, while, the retail price has increased by 18%.

Red cowpea reflecting the price reduction in white cowpea the wholesale price has decreased by 5% with an average of Rs.285.00/kg. Nevertheless, retail price has not changed significantly and it has ranged between Rs.300.00- 380.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 41% and 40% respectively compared to the same period last year. Simultaneously, the highest price range of cowpea was observed in Gampaha among outstation markets as Rs.320.00-380.00/kg, whilst, the lowest price range of Rs.200.00-220.00/kg was reported in Trincomalee. Reaching of local production to the market next two months is expected.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
Dec 2016 to May 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	1,183	177.68	150.17	250.02	99.85
Apr - 2017	917	139.13	151.77	250.80	99.03
Mar - 2017	1,922	278.89	145.09	240.83	95.74
Feb - 2017	1,509	216.58	143.53	237.78	94.25
Jan - 2017	411	59.10	143.93	228.54	84.61
Dec - 2016	366	56.91	155.37	216.33	60.96

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
Dec 2016 to May 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	443	61.28	138.32	296.59	158.28
Apr - 2017	1,072	152.23	142.06	303.53	161.47
Mar - 2017	829	105.75	127.57	295.93	168.36
Feb - 2017	352	43.58	123.74	275.03	151.29
Jan - 2017	282	33.13	117.53	247.88	130.35
Dec - 2016	332	39.03	117.74	246.82	129.08

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	210.00-250.00	222.90	216.73	191.51	6.17	2.85	31.39	16.39
Cowpea (White)	220.00-265.00	231.89	263.04	204.90	-31.15	-11.84	26.99	13.17
Cowpea (Red)	250.00-300.00	285.36	301.20	202.28	-15.84	-5.26	83.08	41.07
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	250.02	250.80	248.05	-0.78	-0.31	1.97	0.79
Cowpea (White)	260.00-360.00	296.59	303.53	250.79	-6.94	-2.29	45.80	18.26
Cowpea (Red)	300.00-380.00	347.77	347.42	250.35	0.35	0.10	97.42	38.91

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	May 2017	150.17	222.90	250.02	72.73	27.12
	Apr 2017	151.77	216.73	250.80	64.96	34.07
	May 2016	166.44	191.51	248.05	25.07	56.54
Cowpea (White)	May 2017	138.32	231.89	296.59	93.58	64.70
	Apr 2017	142.06	263.04	303.53	120.98	40.49
	May 2016	103.14	204.90	250.79	101.76	45.89
Cowpea (Red)	May 2017	-	285.36	347.77	-	62.41
	Apr 2017	-	301.20	347.42	-	46.22
	May 2016	-	202.28	250.35	-	48.07

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 8,832 mt of red dhal had been imported during month of May and it showed a 12% reduction compared to last month. However, average CIF price has decreased to Rs.104.00/kg since CIF prices of both split type and whole type red dhal have decreased by 6-7%. Out of total imported quantity of whole type red dhal (7,790 mt), 75% was imported from Australia and 25% was received from Canada. Split type red dhal had been mainly imported from Canada (81%) and the rest were from India (12%) and Turkey (7%). Imported stocks of split type red dhal from India fetched low prices which was Rs.117.00/kg while stocks from Turkey showed a high price of Rs.137.00/kg.

According to market information, both wholesale and retail market prices have not changed significantly and the average prices were Rs.140.00/kg and Rs.162.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period last year, both prices have decreased and it was a 29% reduction for wholesale market and 18% reduction for retail market.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	137.00-143.00	140.26	140.41	197.20	-0.15	-0.11	-56.94	-28.87
Retail Price	150.00-180.00	161.52	162.43	196.58	-0.91	-0.56	-35.06	-17.83

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
Dec 2016 to May 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
May - 2017	8,832	103.93	140.26	161.52	36.33	21.27
Apr - 2017	10,046	112.08	140.41	162.43	28.33	22.02
Mar - 2017	19,421	104.45	141.32	163.20	36.87	21.88
Feb - 2017	14,562	112.61	142.65	165.23	30.04	22.58
Jan - 2017	24,582	114.53	150.69	174.47	36.16	23.78
Dec - 2016	22,873	120.28	156.46	176.77	36.18	20.30

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

With the onset of south west monsoon, a tropical cyclone entered Sri Lanka on 25th May, causing heavy rains and sever floods in the Southern, Sabaragamuwa and Western provinces of the island. As a result, during the month of May, above average rainfall received in most of the up and low country major producing areas. However, commencement of the *Yala* season had been delayed due to continued dry weather in April to mid-May in up country areas. Therefore, with the received rainfall, land preparation was completed and crop establishment for the *Yala* season was underway in all the up and mid country areas, by last week of May. In Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, the reported cultivation progress for upcountry varieties was 35% and 37% respectively of the seasonal target by the end of May. For Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts it was 23%, 23% and 38% respectively, by the end of May. Yet, cultivation progress in Jaffna and Kurunegala districts remained less than 15%, due to low rainfall received in those areas.

Meanwhile, crop establishment in most of the lowcountry areas continued with high progress with the onset of south west monsoonal rain. Anuradhapura, Hambantota and Monaragala districts reported 27%, 28% and 31% cultivation progress respectively, for *Yala* season by the end of May.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the off season reaches its peak, supplies had come down from both up and lowcountry producing areas whereby prices increased considerably, compared to previous month. The total vegetable production of Matale district reported 4,023 mt in May, which was a 63% drop, compared to the previous month. Furthermore, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) had recorded a value of 950 mt in May, which was a decrease of 31% compared to the previous month, as a result of low supply from Jaffna.

As the off season approached, supplies from upcountry areas had drastically decreased hence prices of all the up country vegetables increased. Regarding the price behaviour of upcountry

vegetables, the highest price increase was recorded for carrot as 90%, followed by cabbage as 81%, due to decreasing trend in market supplies from upcountry areas. Meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties had increased in the range of 15% - 22%, compared to previous month. As latter phase *Maha* supplies from Balangoda area gradually ended, prices of bean also increased by 22% compared to April.

Meanwhile, prices of both tomato and capsicum had decreased by 27% and 4%, respectively compared to last month, as a result of receiving supplies from early established *Yala* crops of Nuwara Eliya, Thalawakele and Kandy.

Supplies of most of the domestic vegetables had also decreased due to reaching of off season for vegetable harvesting and thereby prices increased for most of the lowcountry varieties. The highest prices increase was recorded for cucumber as 234%, followed by long beans as 65% and snakegourd as 48%. Prices of cucumber had increased by high margin in May compared to April, due to excessively low prices reported for cucumber during last month, (Rs18.00/kg) as a result of reaching low quality stocks to the market, during the latter phase of the former season. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties, except pumpkin, luffa and ash plantain had increased in the range of 14% - 38%. Nevertheless, prices of pumpkin, luffa and ash plantain had slightly decreased, by less than 22%, compared to last month, due to receiving supplies from early established *Yala* season.

In the meantime, prices of green chillies had further increased, by recording a 49% price increase as a result of decreased supply from Jaffna and Anuradhapura in the off season. However, prices of lime had further decreased by 3% in May.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also increased in May. The highest price increase was reported for carrot as 58% and price of cabbage had increased by 45%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – May 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	90.00-160.00	126.83	104.17	172.34	22.66	21.76	-45.51	-26.41
Carrot	150.00-250.00	210.28	110.73	96.00	99.55	89.91	114.28	119.04
Leeks	30.00-80.00	44.75	37.60	102.50	7.15	19.02	-57.75	-56.34
Beetroot	90.00-140.00	117.52	102.48	105.52	15.04	14.68	12.00	11.37
Knolkhol	70.00-100.00	89.08	72.81	68.83	16.27	22.35	20.25	29.43
Radish	60.00-80.00	68.92	56.53	58.50	12.39	21.91	10.42	17.81
Cabbage	80.00-150.00	116.90	64.73	66.90	52.17	80.60	50.00	74.74
Tomato	50.00-90.00	75.37	103.65	139.34	-28.28	-27.29	-63.97	-45.91
Ladies Fingers	50.00-80.00	74.44	65.21	78.50	9.23	14.16	-4.06	-5.17
Brinjal	30.00-135.00	79.59	57.51	76.44	22.08	38.39	3.15	4.12
Capsicum	150.00-220.00	181.45	189.62	115.50	-8.17	-4.31	65.95	57.10
Pumpkin	40.00-65.00	50.33	56.04	38.10	-5.71	-10.18	12.23	32.11
Cucumber	30.00-90.00	60.83	18.23	70.50	42.60	233.70	-9.67	-13.71
Bittergourd	100.00-200.00	156.37	115.28	141.47	41.09	35.65	14.90	10.54
Snakegourd	80.00-140.00	117.12	78.96	106.00	38.16	48.33	11.12	10.49
Drumstick	80.00-200.00	148.48	-	172.97	-	-	-24.49	-14.16
Luffa	70.00-110.00	88.83	113.65	102.53	-24.82	-21.84	-13.70	-13.36
Long Beans	40.00-120.00	74.08	44.95	103.17	29.13	64.81	-29.09	-28.19
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	62.83	64.27	44.30	-1.44	-2.24	18.53	41.84
Green Chillies	100.00-500.00	217.67	146.46	236.02	71.21	48.62	-18.35	-7.78
Lime	30.00-60.00	40.10	41.51	381.00	-1.41	-3.40	-340.90	-89.48

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – May 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	130.00-320.00	204.61	189.04	252.11	15.57	8.23	-47.50	-18.84
Carrot	200.00-400.00	289.60	182.84	195.26	106.76	58.39	94.34	48.32
Leeks	60.00-200.00	123.39	115.11	182.85	8.28	7.19	-59.46	-32.52
Beetroot	120.00-320.00	210.35	189.17	199.41	21.18	11.19	10.94	5.48
Knolkhol	120.00-320.00	178.91	151.26	187.41	27.65	18.28	-8.50	-4.53
Radish	80.00-240.00	147.27	129.70	150.61	17.57	13.54	-3.34	-2.22
Cabbage	140.00-360.00	213.59	146.64	153.63	66.95	45.66	59.96	39.03
Tomato	80.00-240.00	146.83	193.79	226.48	-46.96	-24.23	-79.65	-35.17
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	148.11	138.21	154.60	9.90	7.16	-6.49	-4.20
Brinjal	60.00-320.00	151.99	124.75	147.40	27.24	21.84	4.59	3.12
Capsicum	180.00-500.00	293.55	288.95	218.96	4.60	1.59	74.59	34.07
Pumpkin	70.00-220.00	118.38	124.31	100.68	-5.93	-4.77	17.70	17.58
Cucumber	60.00-200.00	132.69	95.72	139.24	36.97	38.63	-6.55	-4.70
Bittergourd	160.00-400.00	257.84	219.85	209.46	37.99	17.28	48.38	23.10
Snakegourd	120.00-280.00	185.09	157.06	175.82	28.03	17.85	9.27	5.27
Drumstick	160.00-400.00	213.47	-	345.62	-	-	-132.15	-38.23
Luffa	100.00-280.00	179.16	219.77	181.97	-40.61	-18.48	-2.81	-1.54
Long Beans	100.00-280.00	161.66	127.00	168.18	34.66	27.29	-6.52	-3.88
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	132.06	131.55	123.00	0.51	0.38	9.06	7.36
Green Chillies	150.00-700.00	366.68	328.46	443.00	38.22	11.64	-76.32	-17.23
Lime	60.00-300.00	164.16	165.70	674.13	-1.54	-0.93	-509.97	-75.65

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to previous month, prices of all the fruit varieties had decreased significantly. It was predicted in the previous month to have decreased prices for banana, pineapple, papaw, mango, passion fruit and avocado due to the harvesting season and decreased demand just after the festive season and increased prices for oranges, woodapple and slimeapple. However, prices of all the varieties had decreased significantly and the severe flood situation occurred in many districts in the country had also contributed to these price decreases.

Prices of all the varieties of banana had decreased in the range of 31%-52%. Price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.30.00-70.00/kg, Rs.70.00-120.00/kg and Rs.40.00-90.00/kg respectively. The price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.6.00-12.00/fruit and Rs.8.00-15.00/fruit respectively. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased in the range of 27%-29%. The monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.95.45/fruit, Rs.131.71/fruit and Rs.174.67/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-250.00/fruit. Price of papaw also had decreased by 35% and the price ranged between Rs.30.00-80.00/kg. In addition, prices of all the mango varieties had decreased in the range of 43%-56% and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.25.00-55.00/fruit. Further, prices of oranges, passion fruit and slime apple had decreased by 35%, 24% and 23% respectively. In addition, prices of wood apple, avocado and imported grapes had decreased by 22%, 14% and 9% respectively.

According to the data in previous years, it is difficult at this moment to predict the fruit prices for the next month due to the severe flood situation in the country.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for oranges as 69%.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of all the fruit varieties too had decreased. Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 8%-25%. The price range recorded for Kolikuttu was Rs.130.00-240.00/kg and it was Rs.80.00-150.00/kg for Ambul and Seeni. The price range recorded for Anamalu and Ambun was Rs.15.00-30.00/fruit. Prices of large, medium and small sized pineapple had decreased by 20%, 18% and 21% respectively. The retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.100.00-350.00/fruit. Further, price of papaw had decreased by 27% and the price ranged between Rs.45.00-150.00/kg. Prices of all the mango varieties too had decreased in the range of 36%-50% and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.30.00-100.00/fruit. In addition, prices of oranges, avocado and passion fruit had decreased by 30%, 28% and 23% respectively. Further, prices of wood apple, slime apple and imported grapes had decreased by 16%, 9% and 1% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase of 56% was noted for banana (Seeni).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the previous month. Prices of both Ambul and Kolikuttu had decreased by 43%, while price of papaw had decreased by 25%. The average monthly producer prices recorded for the month May were Rs.35.88/kg, Rs.83.09/kg and Rs.21.52/kg for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw respectively. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had increased for Ambul and had decreased for papaw and Kolikuttu (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 489mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.86mn. Of the exported quantity, 83% were papaw and 16% and 1% were fresh pineapple and fresh mangoes respectively. In addition, a small quantity of fresh oranges (0.05mt) also had been exported. In the month of April, 2017, the quantity exported was 361mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 35%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,873mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.680mn. Of the imported quantity, 65% were apple, while 30% were oranges (15%) and grapes (15%) and 4% were mandarin. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, China, and New Zealand. Mandarin had been imported from Pakistan and Australia. Oranges were from Egypt and the United States. In addition, Australia, India and South Africa were the importing countries of grapes. In the month of April, 2017, the quantity imported was 4,509mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 14%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – May 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-70.00	46.95	98.17	36.32	-51.22	-52.18	10.63	29.27
Kolikuttu (Kg)	70.00-120.00	97.20	173.98	138.70	-76.78	-44.13	-41.50	-29.92
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-90.00	62.27	90.74	36.50	-28.47	-31.37	25.77	70.61
Anamalu (Fruit)	6.00-12.00	9.06	13.23	7.36	-4.17	-31.54	1.70	23.06
Ambun (Fruit)	8.00-15.00	11.63	17.58	9.76	-5.95	-33.87	1.87	19.12
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	110.00-250.00	174.67	237.83	150.42	-63.16	-26.56	24.25	16.12
Medium (Fruit)	80.00-170.00	131.71	185.53	122.99	-53.82	-29.01	8.72	7.09
Small (Fruit)	50.00-140.00	95.45	133.50	95.63	-38.05	-28.50	-0.18	-0.19
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	7.00-17.00	11.83	21.85	10.76	-10.02	-45.88	1.07	9.90
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	25.00-55.00	35.87	82.55	37.65	-46.68	-56.54	-1.78	-4.72
Vilad (Fruit)	10.00-22.00	14.14	24.68	15.73	-10.54	-42.73	-1.59	-10.14
Kohu (Fruit)	5.00-11.00	7.66	16.51	7.91	-8.85	-53.61	-0.25	-3.18
Papaw (Kg)	30.00-80.00	52.27	80.47	51.36	-28.20	-35.05	0.91	1.77
Passionfruit (Fruit)	7.00-16.00	9.38	12.42	15.02	-3.04	-24.49	-5.64	-37.56
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	34.69	44.43	36.66	-9.74	-21.91	-1.97	-5.36
Orange (Fruit)	8.00-15.00	11.10	17.10	36.07	-6.00	-35.10	-24.97	-69.23
Avocado (Fruit)	12.00-60.00	32.90	38.14	38.50	-5.24	-13.73	-5.60	-14.53
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	36.10	47.04	24.13	-10.94	-23.25	11.97	49.62
Grapes Imported (Kg)	444.00-622.00	514.92	563.14	565.96	-48.22	-8.56	-51.04	-9.02

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – May 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	80.00-150.00	111.63	149.36	79.79	-37.73	-25.26	31.84	39.90
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	130.00-240.00	177.23	234.20	204.20	-56.97	-24.33	-26.97	-13.21
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00-150.00	124.05	135.25	79.45	-11.20	-8.28	44.60	56.14
Anamalu	15.00-30.00	20.40	25.07	17.77	-4.67	-18.62	2.63	14.82
Ambun	15.00-30.00	21.62	27.06	18.54	-5.44	-20.12	3.08	16.59
Pineapple								
Large	230.00-350.00	270.63	339.03	198.89	-68.40	-20.17	71.74	36.07
Medium	180.00-260.00	207.93	254.35	151.36	-46.42	-18.25	56.57	37.37
Small	100.00-180.00	141.84	179.96	101.85	-38.12	-21.18	39.99	39.26
Mango								
Betti	15.00-40.00	26.99	42.97	24.34	-15.98	-37.18	2.65	10.90
Karthakolomban	30.00-100.00	54.28	109.75	53.74	-55.47	-50.54	0.54	1.01
Vilad	20.00-40.00	30.07	46.98	34.06	-16.91	-35.99	-3.99	-11.71
Kohu	10.00-20.00	13.00	23.21	12.58	-10.21	-43.99	0.42	3.34
Papaw (Rs/kg)	45.00-150.00	92.74	127.65	104.98	-34.91	-27.35	-12.24	-11.66
Passionfruit	13.00-25.00	19.17	24.93	27.42	-5.76	-23.11	-8.25	-30.09
Woodapple	50.00-150.00	81.79	97.10	70.91	-15.31	-15.76	10.88	15.35
Orange	15.00-60.00	29.26	41.56	63.38	-12.30	-29.59	-34.12	-53.83
Avocado	30.00-100.00	54.97	76.68	64.38	-21.71	-28.31	-9.41	-14.62
Slime Apple	50.00-100.00	74.42	82.21	56.55	-7.79	-9.48	17.87	31.59
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	700.00-900.00	785.87	794.15	788.15	-8.28	-1.04	-2.28	-0.29

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – May 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	19.67-65.00	35.88	63.20	27.66	-27.32	-43.23	8.22	29.72
Kolikuttu	45.00-140.00	83.09	144.40	111.48	-61.31	-42.46	-28.39	-25.47
Papaw	12.50-31.40	21.52	28.83	22.54	-7.31	-25.37	-1.02	-4.53
Pineapple	-	-	-	59.00	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
March – May 2017**

Type of Fruit	May			April			March		
	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	79.03	34.69	438.94	76.74	19.73	257.11	75.75	19.31	254.87
Papaw	404.90	49.63	122.57	274.98	24.48	89.04	380.65	52.13	136.95
Fresh Mango	5.02	1.37	273.62	9.67	4.72	488.49	10.33	4.07	393.59
Oranges, fresh	0.05	0.01	211.90	-	-	-	0.18	0.07	407.41
Avocados, fresh	-	-	-	0.052	0.022	423.23	0.010	0.002	215.90

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
March – May 2017**

Type of Fruit	May			April			March		
	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	2,536	416.40	164.21	2,612	418.97	160.39	2,065	292.43	141.59
Grapes	597	197.84	331.13	570	193.16	338.60	573	161.62	282.24
Oranges	592	56.57	95.48	1,056	84.53	80.06	1,127	87.79	77.88
Mandarin	148	9.02	61.11	271	11.96	44.13	1,257	49.60	39.47

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.1039.00/kg during May 2017. Compared to the previous month, prices of all fish types except Salaya and Shrimp have increased during this month. The highest price increment was noted as 29% for Balaya, followed by Thalapath (12%). Prices of Mora, Kelawalla, and Paraw have increased by 9%, 7%, and 6%, respectively. Moreover, prices of Thora and Hurulla have increased by 2%. On the contrary, prices of Salaya and Shrimp have decreased by 6% and 5%, respectively.

Weekly price observations for May show alternate price increments and decrements. For example, prices of fish have increased on the first, third, and fifth weeks due to limited stocks and low demand, whereas the prices have decreased on the second and fourth weeks of the month due to

supplying of stocks. Many fish types, especially, Hurulla, Thora, Mora, Thalapath, and Kelawalla were not available in markets islandwide. Fish supply from Chilaw, Trincomalee, Kandakuliya, and Hambanthota has been very limited due to restricted fishing activities that resulted from extreme rainy conditions. If the rainy weather prevails, price increments of fish could be anticipated for the next month as well.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most fish types have increased by 5%-19% in May 2017. The highest price increment was noted as 19% for Thalapath, followed by Mora (13%). Prices of Kelawalla, Balaya, and Paraw have increased by less than 10%. Meanwhile, of price decreased fish types, the highest price decrement was observed as 17% for Thora. Prices of Shrimp, Salaya, and Hurulla have decreased by less than 5%.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.204.00/kg and Rs.1345.00/kg in May 2017. Interestingly, prices of all fresh fish types except Shrimp have increased compared to the previous month. The highest price increment was noted as 13% for Balaya, followed by Mora (9%), Kelawalla (8%), and Thalapath (7%). Prices of Paraw, Hurulla, Salaya, and Thora have increased by 5% or less. In the meantime, price of Shrimp has decreased by 2%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fresh fish types except Salaya and Thora have increased by 7%-17%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-180.00	140.40	149.89	143.60	-9.49	-6.33	-3.20	-2.23
Hurulla	250.00-420.00	357.01	351.25	363.73	5.76	1.64	-6.72	-1.85
Balaya	260.00-480.00	372.10	287.83	354.00	84.27	29.28	18.10	5.11
Kelawalla	500.00-700.00	591.54	552.58	543.38	38.96	7.05	48.16	8.86
Thora	900.00-1300.00	1039.00	1016.67	1250.08	22.33	2.20	-211.08	-16.89
Paraw	500.00-700.00	604.35	567.89	575.35	36.46	6.42	29.00	5.04
Mora	500.00-650.00	578.55	532.73	510.90	45.82	8.60	67.65	13.24
Shrimp (small)	750.00-950.00	852.86	898.75	892.75	-45.89	-5.11	-39.89	-4.47
Thalapath	600.00-900.00	744.25	664.92	627.00	79.33	11.93	117.25	18.70
Retail Prices								
Salaya	130.00-360.00	203.93	197.14	206.99	6.79	3.44	-3.06	-1.48
Hurulla	350.00-580.00	442.13	426.45	406.95	15.68	3.68	35.18	8.64
Balaya	320.00-850.00	550.41	489.22	498.20	61.19	12.51	52.21	10.48
Kelawalla	580.00-1200.00	873.25	809.86	774.67	63.39	7.83	98.58	12.73
Thora	1100.00-1800.00	1344.59	1315.85	1405.82	28.74	2.18	-61.23	-4.36
Paraw	600.00-1200.00	880.92	836.88	766.85	44.04	5.26	114.07	14.87
Mora	560.00-1100.00	745.42	683.40	652.85	62.02	9.08	92.57	14.18
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1500.00	1102.69	1121.44	1029.48	-18.75	-1.67	73.21	7.11
Thalapath	700.00-1400.00	979.21	913.79	839.08	65.42	7.16	140.13	16.70

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.290.00/kg and Rs.1064.00/kg in May 2017. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types have increased by less than 5%, and the highest price increment of 4% was observed in both

imported Maduwa and Sprats. Moreover, prices of local and imported Kattawa along with imported Mora have increased by 3%. Prices of local Sprats and Mora have increased by 2% or less. On the contrary, price of imported Balaya has decreased by 6%. Similarly, prices of local Thora, Anguluwa, Maduwa, and Salaya have decreased by 3% or less. Interestingly, prices of imported Thora, Anguluwa, and local Balaya have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, price increments as well as decrements were observed for dried fish. Of price increased dried fish types, prices have increased by 1%-13%; of price decreased dried fish types, prices have decreased by 1%-19%.

Weekly observations showed that prices of dried fish have increased continuously until the end of third week of May; in the fourth week, a slight decrease in prices was observed. However, prices have again risen in the fifth week. This price increment may have occurred due to the lack of local stocks in the market and the increment of the average CIF price of imported Sprats by approximately Rs.10.00/kg compared to the previous month. The CIF prices of imported Sprats this month ranged between Rs.307.00/kg and Rs.463.00/kg with an average of Rs.419.00/kg. The total quantity of Sprats imported this month has almost doubled compared to the previous month. The imported quantity in May was 2463 MT with a total worth of more than Rs.1 billion. The highest quantity of Sprats was imported from Thailand (73%), followed by United Arab Emirates (19%), Oman (6%), Vietnam (2%), and India (<1%).

Average retail prices of selected dried fish ranged between Rs.565.00/kg and Rs.1471.00/kg in May 2017. Consumers had to spend around Rs.400.00-2000.00 to purchase one kilogram of any dried fish type. Compared to the previous month, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increase was noted for imported Sprats as 12%. Prices of local Sprats, Mora, Maduwa, and Kattawa have increased by less than 5%. Meanwhile, prices of Thora, Balaya, and Salaya have decreased by 2%. Interestingly, price of Anguluwa has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all dried fish types except Salaya and Balaya have increased by 3%-19%, and the highest price increase was noted for imported Sprats.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	780.00-1000.00	864.20	845.45	814.11	18.75	2.22	50.09	6.15
Sprats (imported)	400.00-650.00	520.28	501.88	487.25	18.40	3.67	33.03	6.78
Kattawa	780.00-900.00	822.00	800.83	853.40	21.17	2.64	-31.40	-3.68
Kattawa (imported)	720.00-860.00	784.85	760.76	808.80	24.09	3.17	-23.95	-2.96
Thora	1000.00-1100.00	1064.31	1081.77	1169.10	-17.46	-1.61	-104.79	-8.96
Thora (imported)	90.00-1120.00	1025.99	1028.75	1063.35	-2.76	-0.27	-37.36	-3.51
Mora	800.00-900.00	835.39	826.08	823.10	9.31	1.13	12.29	1.49
Mora (imported)	700.00-820.00	772.33	750.17	777.00	22.16	2.95	-4.67	-0.60
Balaya	400.00-500.00	447.70	448.12	549.43	-0.42	-0.09	-101.73	-18.52
Balaya (imported)	360.00-540.00	455.15	485.14	470.38	-29.99	-6.18	-15.23	-3.24
Anguluwa	720.00-850.00	798.50	814.88	762.27	-16.38	-2.01	36.23	4.75
Anguluwa (imported)	680.00-800.00	743.40	741.91	656.40	1.49	0.20	87.00	13.25
Maduwa	400.00-600.00	514.88	532.55	587.76	-17.67	-3.32	-72.88	-12.40
Maduwa (imported)	400.00-520.00	437.60	421.31	419.20	16.29	3.87	18.40	4.39
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	290.05	294.45	276.44	-4.40	-1.49	13.61	4.92
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-1000.00	778.68	695.78	656.47	82.90	11.92	122.21	18.62
Sprats	800.00-1500.00	1101.14	1054.79	1052.40	46.35	4.39	48.74	4.63
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1202.48	1195.34	1166.86	7.14	0.60	35.62	3.05
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1471.14	1500.94	1336.51	-29.80	-1.99	134.63	10.07
Mora	800.00-1500.00	1092.67	1079.66	1008.63	13.01	1.21	84.04	8.33
Balaya	600.00-1000.00	849.82	869.40	848.07	-19.58	-2.25	1.75	0.21
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1020.15	1019.30	992.94	0.85	0.08	27.21	2.74
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	791.15	785.94	744.04	5.21	0.66	47.11	6.33
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	564.85	576.53	568.22	-11.68	-2.03	-3.37	-0.59

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – Dec 2016 to May 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mm)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	2,463	1032.57	419.24	778.68	359.44
Apr - 2017	1,398	572.65	409.52	695.78	286.26
Mar - 2017	2,044	800.30	391.62	618.30	226.67
Feb - 2017	1,418	545.27	384.42	603.24	218.82
Jan - 2017	1,752	664.86	379.49	597.79	218.30
Dec - 2016	2,131	798.09	374.57	587.29	212.72

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

Eggs

Compared to the previous month, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 10% and 12%, respectively in May 2017. New batches of egg layers have been introduced to poultry farms in the country. Since their eggs are quite small at the onset of laying, egg prices have decreased significantly. The wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.10.00 and Rs.12.70 with an average of Rs.11.58, and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.9.00 and Rs.12.20 with an average of Rs.11.02. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 15% and 13%, respectively.

The retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.10.50 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.14, and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.10.00 and Rs.14.00 with an average of Rs.12.38. In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 9% this month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 15% and 13%, respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	10.00-12.70	11.58	12.87	13.60	-1.29	-10.02	-2.02	-14.85
White (each)	9.00-12.20	11.02	12.53	12.60	-1.51	-12.05	-1.58	-12.54
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	10.50-15.00	13.14	14.47	15.38	-1.33	-9.19	-2.24	-14.57
White (each)	10.00-14.00	12.38	13.64	14.16	-1.26	-9.24	-1.78	-12.57

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to the previous month, prices of broiler chicken, curry chicken and pork have decreased by 7%, 4%, and 1%, respectively in May 2017. Price of broiler chicken ranged between Rs.450.00/kg and Rs.600.00/kg with an average of Rs.527.00/kg. Price of beef and mutton have increased by 2% and 1%, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of broiler and curry chicken have decreased by 8%, and price of pork has decreased by 4%. Prices of beef and mutton have increased by 16% and 10%, respectively.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – May 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	850.00-920.00	901.45	879.63	777.47	21.82	2.48	123.98	15.95
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-600.00	526.83	565.10	570.51	-38.27	-6.77	-43.68	-7.66
Chicken (curry)	400.00-600.00	483.23	505.35	524.92	-22.12	-4.38	-41.69	-7.94
Mutton	1600.00-1800.00	1711.19	1702.27	1551.39	8.92	0.52	159.80	10.30
Pork	550.00-650.00	575.67	584.17	599.00	-8.50	-1.46	-23.33	-3.90

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A quantity of 197,026mt. of wheat grain, worth of 7256mn. had been imported in May which was 11,553mt. lower than that of the previous month. When considering the world wheat prices, even though there was a slight price decrease in the month of April, prices have increased again this month by 7%. The highest quantity of imported stocks were received from Canada (47%) followed by Russia (31%) and Australia (14%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from the United States, Denmark and India. 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. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for the month of May has increased by Rs.2.00/kg. 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.40.00/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks imported from Canada.

With regards to wheat flour, the total imports of wheat flour for the month of May was 603mt. worth of Rs.41mn. Compared to the previous month, imports have increased by five times and compared to the average imports of last four months, the quantity has increased by 393mt. Main share of wheat flour had been imported from India and China. In addition, few quantities were also imported from Denmark. Monthly average CIF price for wheat flour was Rs.68.00/kg. 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 – May 2017

Items	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to			
	May 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017		May 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	88.90	89.87	92.74	-0.97	-1.08	-3.84	-4.14
Sugar	100.00-110.00	106.95	108.95	106.34	-2.00	-1.84	0.61	0.57

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – Dec 2016 to May 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
May - 2017	603	41.05	68.07	88.90	20.83
Apr - 2017	93	6.32	68.17	89.87	21.70
Mar - 2017	312	18.96	60.83	89.25	28.42
Feb - 2017	258	17.34	67.24	89.12	21.88
Jan - 2017	178	12.37	69.62	89.20	19.57
Dec - 2016	530	34.16	64.47	89.10	24.63
Wheat Grain					
May - 2017	197,026	7256.36	36.83	88.90	52.07
Apr - 2017	208,579	7304.23	35.02	89.87	54.85
Mar - 2017	232,040	8298.01	35.76	89.25	53.49
Feb - 2017	91,316	3312.29	36.27	89.12	52.85
Jan - 2017	164,269	6100.57	37.14	89.20	52.06
Dec - 2016	158,836	5798.21	36.50	89.10	52.60

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

Sugar

Total imports of sugar during the month of May was 54,875mt. worth of 4650mn. Compared to the previous month, sugar imports during this month almost doubled and it was 24186mt. A decreasing trend in the world sugar price had been experiencing since last February. Compared to the previous month, in the month of May world sugar price has decreased by 4%. Out of the total imports during the month of May, majority (28%) was imported from India. In addition, sugar had been imported from United Arab Emirate (21%), Brazil (19%), Thailand (13%) and France (8%). Furthermore, few quantities were also imported from Egypt, Ukraine, Poland, Guatemala, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Korea. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.79.00-93.00/kg. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of France, while the lowest for the Egypt stocks. The CIF price of Rs.83.00/kg was reported for the highest quantity of imports to the country which was from India. Monthly average CIF price for sugar was Rs.85.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, CIF price for sugar has decreased slightly. However, it was not a significant change.

The retail price of sugar ranged between Rs.100.00-110.00/kg and the average price was Rs.107.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average retail price of sugar has reduced by Rs.2.00/kg and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- Dec 2016 to May 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May - 2017	54,875	4649.86	84.74	106.95	22.21
Apr - 2017	30,689	2615.61	85.23	108.95	23.72
Mar - 2017	25,703	2237.27	87.04	105.36	18.32
Feb - 2017	14,604	1318.02	90.25	101.66	11.41
Jan - 2017	40,378	3588.22	88.87	102.20	13.33
Dec - 2016	29,466	2626.34	89.13	97.68	8.55

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – May 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
	May 2017	Apr 2017		May 2017	Apr 2017		May 2017	Apr 2017	
Rice	33146	28863	15	2158.4	1588.6	36	65.12	55.04	18
Red Onion	1014	329	208	156.6	43.9	257	154.46	133.57	16
Big Onion	21555	20169	7	618.5	634.7	-3	28.69	31.47	-9
Potato	12903	10587	22	473.9	340.2	39	36.72	32.14	14
Dried Chillies	4321	3237	34	526.7	414.8	27	121.88	128.16	-5
Masoor Dhal	8832	13823	-36	917.9	755.1	22	103.93	54.62	90
Green Gram	1183	917	29	177.7	139.1	28	150.17	151.77	-1
Cowpea	443	1072	-59	61.3	152.2	-60	138.32	142.06	-3
Garlic	2240	1268	77	628.2	296.0	112	280.47	233.38	20
Wheat flour	603	93	551	41.1	6.3	550	68.07	68.17	0
Wheat grain	197026	208579	-6	7256.4	7304.2	-1	36.83	35.02	5
White crystalline cane sugar	54875	30689	79	4649.9	2615.6	78	84.74	85.23	-1
Maize (Seed)	-	3	-	-	1.8	-	-	590.18	-
Maize (Other)	1300	1573	-17	54.9	67.3	-18	42.21	42.76	-1
Sprats, dried unsalted	2463	1398	76	1032.6	572.7	80	419.24	409.52	2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

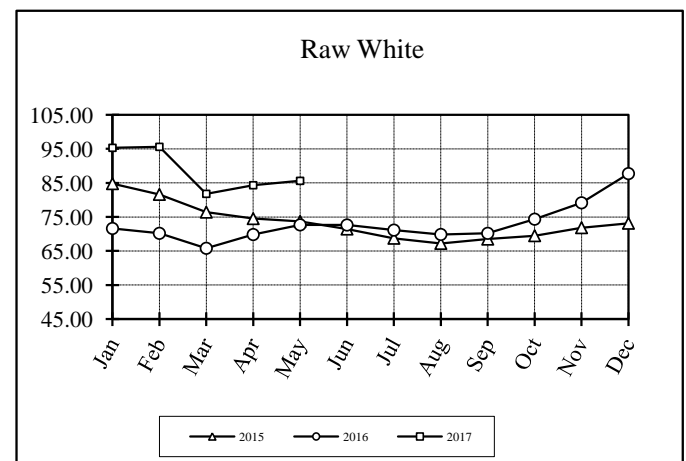
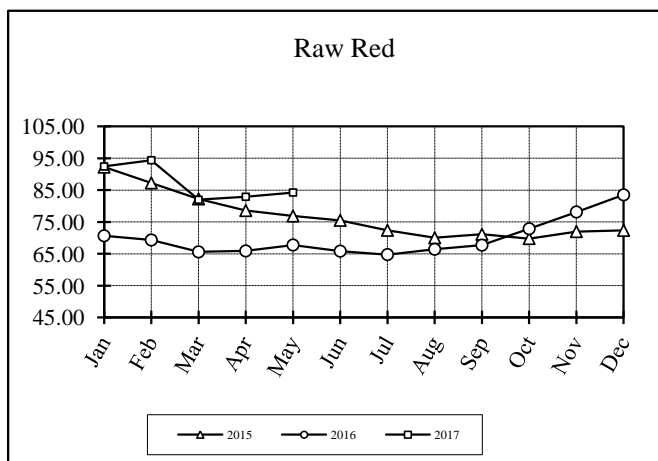
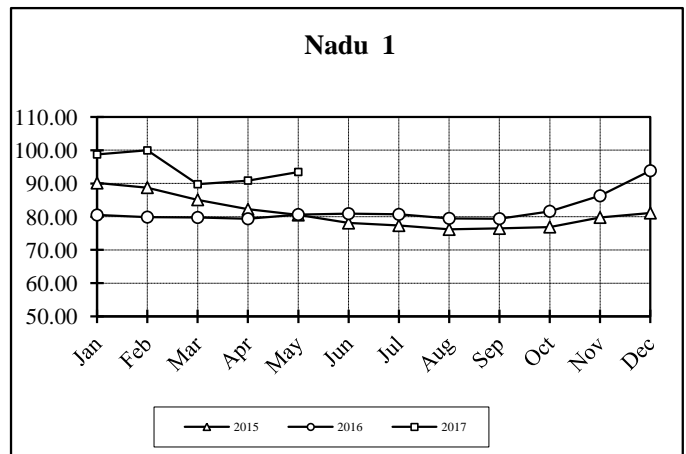
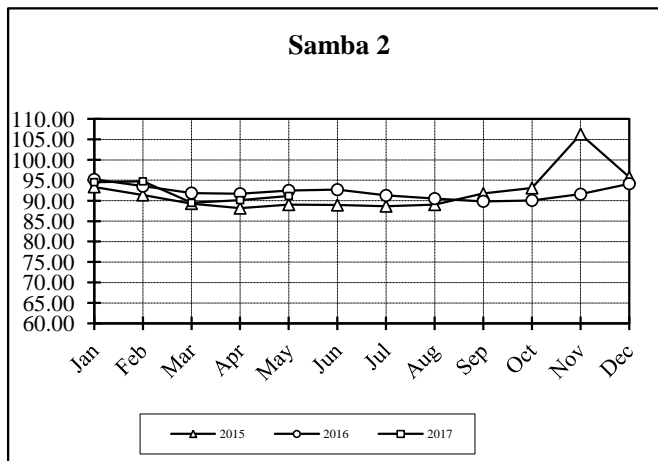
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – May 2017

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	224.1	84.3	8	6
Badulla	95.0	104.0	13	10
Bandarawela	184.9	104.2	17	9
Batticaloa	7.7	39.3	1	3
Colombo	343.4	392.4	19	16
Galle	350.5	290.4	20	16
Hambantota	141.9	85.1	8	7
Jaffna	29.6	46.7	5	3
Katugastota	147.7	144.0	17	11
Katunayaka	233.6	317.6	19	16
Kurunegala	151.0	188.3	12	12
Mahailuppallama	229.0	93.0	11	6
Mannar	19.7	44.7	2	3
Nuwara Eliya	167.7	175.9	17	13
Pottuvil	29.6	35.1	5	na
Puttalam	24.6	84.3	10	7
Ratmalana	323.1	360.6	22	17
Ratnapura	983.3	475.9	29	20
Trincomalee	40.0	50.2	2	4
Vavuniya	171.8	74.8	10	6
Polonnaruwa	70.1	na	3	na
Moneragala	187.8	na	12	na
Mattala	129.1	na	9	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

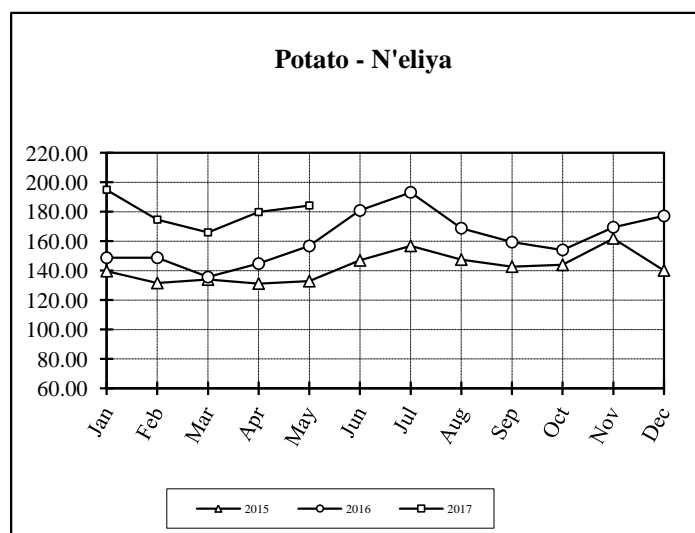
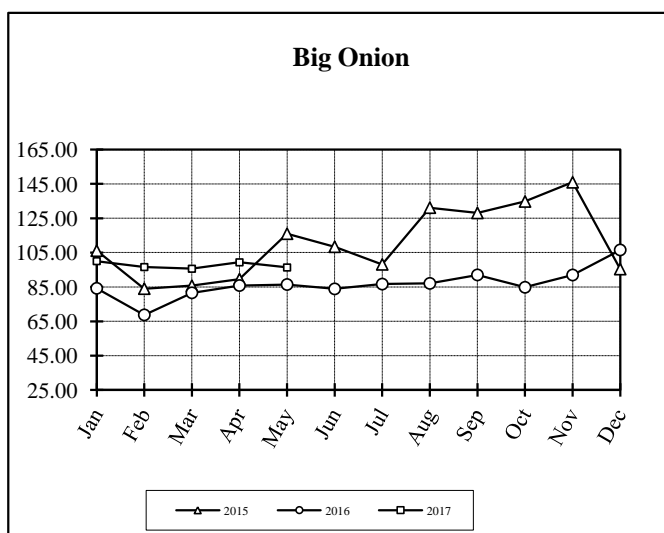
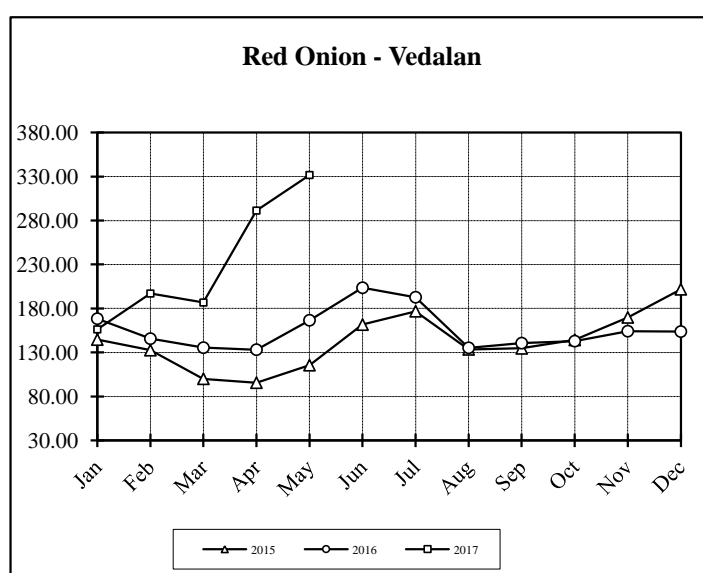
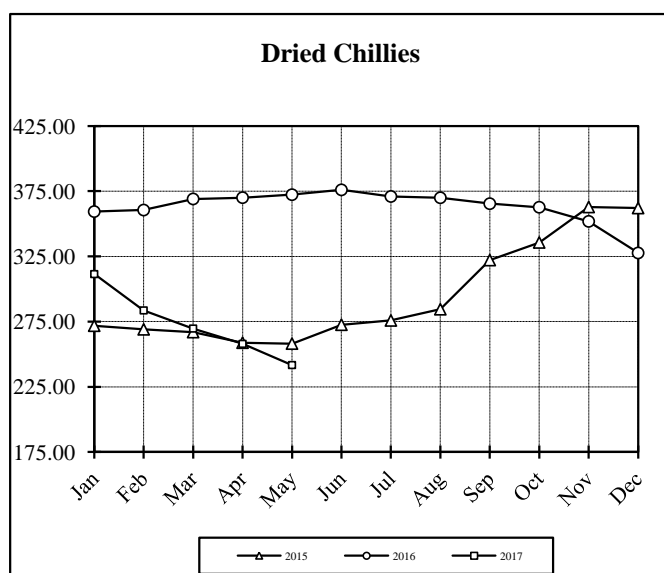
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82		71.45	72.63	
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		161.67	203.59		108.39	83.87		146.91	180.84	
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)**

May-17

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	
<u>Paddy</u>						<u>Potato</u>						<u>Leeks</u>						
<u>Short grain</u>						N'Eliya	116.80	115.80	118.00	118.00	132.50	Welimada						
A'pura	48.60	50.50	48.40	50.80	50.60	Badulla	108.00	95.00	110.00	101.00	103.00	N'Eliya	26.80	33.00	33.00	33.00	42.50	
P'narawa	47.50	48.80	51.35	52.65	53.10	Welimada						<u>Beetroot</u>						
Kalawewa	51.50	50.00	54.78	54.78	53.00	<u>Pulses</u>		120.22				Hanguranketha		55.00	90.00	80.00	90.00	
Kurunegala						<u>Green Gram</u>		103.40				N'Eliya	85.00	85.00	75.00	67.80	67.25	
Dehiattakandiya	48.67	49.75	50.50	52.67	52.75	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	104.00	97.40	97.00	93.40	92.80	
Ampara		46.00	50.00	50.00	50.20	Embilipitiya	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	Kurunegala						
<u>Long grain (White)</u>						Kurunegala						Welimada						
A'pura	48.20	50.20	47.40	50.00	50.60	A'pura						<u>Knokhol</u>						
P'narawa	48.40	49.75	49.75	51.55	52.25	<u>Cowpea</u>						Hanguranketha	45.00					
Kalawewa	51.50	50.00	53.10	53.10	53.00	A'pura						N'Eliya	56.00	67.00	57.00	57.00	57.50	
Kurunegala						Galgamuwa						Welimada						
Dehiattakandiya	47.67	48.50	51.50	52.67	52.75	Nikaweratiya						<u>Radish</u>						
Embilipitiya						Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	25.00	37.50		87.50		
Ampara						Embilipitiya	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	N'Eliya	28.00	33.00	33.00	38.00	37.50	
Matara						Kurunegala						Welimada						
Hambantota						<u>Maize</u>						<u>Cabbage</u>						
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>						A'Pura		68.75	80.00			Hanguranketha	57.50	80.00			95.00	
Matara	41.00		45.33	46.33		Kalawewa	77.50		70.00	70.00	60.00	N'Eliya	93.00	112.00	112.00	86.00	112.50	
Hambantota	45.00	44.50	45.50	49.00	49.00	<u>Gingelly</u>						Welimada						
Ampara						A'Pura			120.00			Hambantota						
Embilipitiya	44.60	44.60	45.40	45.70	47.40	Kalawewa	145.00		132.50	132.50		Badulla	117.00	92.00	92.00	90.00	90.00	
<u>Other Food Crops</u>						<u>Black Gram</u>						<u>Tomato</u>						
<u>Dried Chillies</u>						Kalawewa	180.00		160.00	160.00		Hanguranketha	70.00	47.50	55.00	85.00	55.00	
A'Pura						A'Pura						Welimada						
Galgamuwa						<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>						Hambantota	57.50	62.50	62.00	45.00	47.50	
Kalawewa						<u>Beans</u>						Dambulla	66.20	61.20	55.40	50.40	62.20	
<u>Red Onion</u>						Dambulla	94.00	90.40	105.00	135.00	117.00	<u>Low Country</u>						
Puttalam	186.00	232.00	226.00	260.00	294.00	Welimada						<u>Ladies Fingers</u>						
<u>Big Onion</u>						Badulla	74.00	93.00	76.00	85.00	93.00	A'pura	58.33	55.00	53.33	55.00	55.00	
Dambulla						<u>Carrot</u>						Dambulla	53.40	46.80	45.80	57.40	34.80	
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	107.50	140.00	150.00	170.00	196.67	Hambantota	60.00	55.00	81.00	82.50	72.50	
A'Pura						N'Eliya	196.00	156.00	204.60	235.00	205.00	Embilipitiya	74.00	65.00	90.40	93.20	80.00	
Kurunegala						Welimada						Matara	56.67		58.33	65.00		

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>						<u>Pumpkin</u>						<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	45.00	73.33	76.67	90.00	100.00	Dambulla	41.00	36.80	40.40	49.60	57.60	Hambantota	30.00	25.00	35.00	37.50	37.50
Dambulla	42.00	47.20	50.60	67.20	79.80	Hambantota	47.50	47.50	52.50	42.50	47.50	Embilipitiya	20.71	20.71	25.00	25.00	27.86
Hambantota	35.00	62.50	75.00	65.00	75.00	Embilipitiya	60.00	38.67	54.00	54.00	54.00	Moneragala	16.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	25.75
Embilipitiya	32.33	36.17	53.67	63.00	65.00	Matara						<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	38.33		43.33	36.67		A'pura	61.67	60.00	60.00	56.67	65.00	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada						Moneragala	51.67	51.67	51.67	34.50	40.00	<u>Ambul</u>					
<u>Capsicum</u>						<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	65.00	48.75	48.75	48.75	50.00
Welimada						A'pura	45.00	61.67	58.33	50.00	28.33	Embilipitiya	40.00	36.00	36.00	22.83	19.67
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>						Dambulla	44.20	50.60	42.80	32.67	18.83	Hambantota	27.50	27.50	22.50	22.50	22.50
A'pura	113.33	123.33	125.00	170.00	170.00	Hambantota	25.00	62.50	45.00	42.50	27.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
Dambulla	98.00	101.00	103.00	156.00	134.00	Matara						Moneragala	140.00	131.67	130.00	116.67	100.00
Hambantota	135.00	115.00	130.00	165.00	145.00	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	75.00	64.00	71.00	66.00	52.00
Embilipitiya	136.00	136.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	Dambulla	46.60	41.20	59.80	72.20	76.40	Hambantota	75.00	65.00	55.00	60.00	45.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>						Hambantota	57.50	75.00	70.00	75.00	75.00	<u>Papaw</u>					
Dambulla	61.80	72.60	76.80	92.80	83.20	Embilipitiya	66.67	65.00	88.00	87.00	88.00	Moneragala					
Hambantota	85.00	95.00	75.00	100.00	87.50	Matara	48.33		48.33			Embilipitiya	31.00	26.67	22.83	31.40	20.83
Embilipitiya	76.00	76.00	93.75	103.00	103.00	A'Pura	61.67	70.00	73.33	76.67	85.00	Hambantota	12.50	12.50	17.50	17.50	22.50
Matara	45.00					<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>					
A'pura	65.00	75.00	88.33	90.00	100.00	Hambantota	42.50	42.50	40.00	37.50	52.50	Divulapitiya					
<u>Luffa</u>						Embilipitiya	42.40	40.40	46.40	46.40	46.40						
Dambulla	81.80	80.00	71.40	78.80	79.40	Matara	41.67	0.00	48.33	48.33							
Hambantota	137.50	105.00	92.50	100.00	72.50	<u>Green Chillies</u>											
Embilipitiya	78.33	74.17	74.17	72.50	75.00	Dambulla	99.00	125.00	147.40	229.00	454.00						
Matara						Hambantota	125.00	90.00	290.00	285.00	320.00						
A'pura	83.33	73.33	90.00	75.00	90.00	Embilipitiya	75.83	137.00	283.00	289.00	432.00						
						Puttalam	106.00	168.00	246.00	236.00	306.00						
						A'Pura	170.00	170.00	316.67	313.33	500.00						