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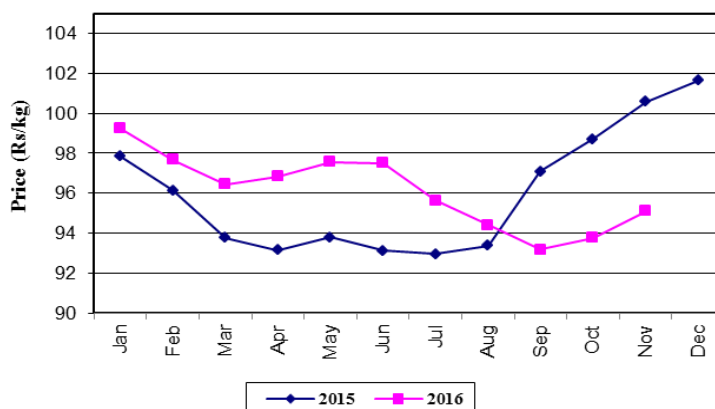
### RICE:

Due to further increase of paddy prices during this whole month, prices of all the local rice varieties have increased. Accordingly, the prices have increased by 11% for raw white, by 7% for nadu varieties, by 5% for both raw red and samba grade II and by 4% for samba grade I.

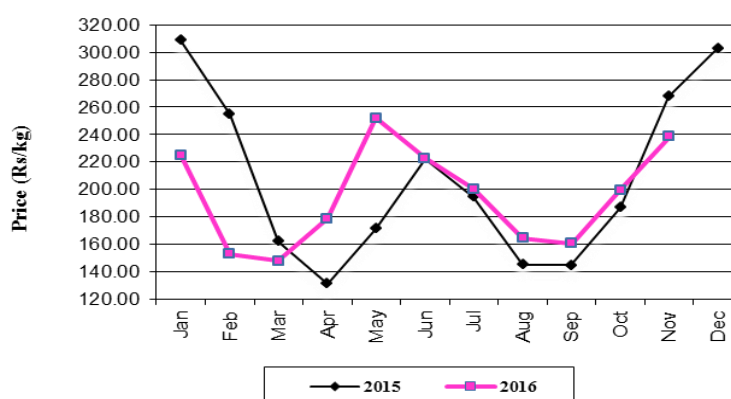
### VEGETABLES:

Supplies of both up and low country varieties of vegetables started to drop and thereby prices increased in most of the types due to slow cultivation progress in the *Maha* season. Reported average price increases were 11% and 24% respectively, for up and lowcountry varieties.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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## 1. Paddy

### Crop Situation

The prospects of the paddy crop in 2016/17 *Maha* season was not satisfactory in most of the major producing areas due to the absent of sufficient rains and the low water capacities in major reservoirs. The onset of North West monsoons was not satisfactory in most of the major producing areas and the rainfall received during the month was well below its historical mean values. Satisfactory progresses were recorded only in producing areas especially in Eastern province followed by Northern Province. According to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the target paddy extent is 808,579 ha. The cultivation progress up to end November is 326,781 ha and it is 40% of the target and it is already 55% lower compared to the average of last three *Maha* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Maha* season is 1.019 million mt, 63% lower compared to the average of last three *Maha* seasons.

**Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation : Maha 2016/17 As at end of November 2016**

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	95,748	12,237	13	43,134
Polonnaruwa	30,000	126	0	445
Ampara	75,168	73,206	97	246,630
Kurunegala	83,715	34,693	41	122,135
Hambantota	29,095	9,186	32	41,622
Colombo	3,608	2,053	57	6,160
Gampaha	11,500	6,970	61	20,142
Kalutara	13,500	5,775	43	17,047
Galle	15,382	2,990	19	8,891
Matara	16,414	264	2	707
Ratnapura	12,521	2,864	23	9,251
Kegalle	8,726	3,500	40	12,033
Puttalam	23,145	5,654	24	15,142
Kandy	13,728	1,623	12	4,789
Matale	20,710	712	3	2,958
N' Eliya	6,496	234	43	637
Badulla	23,246	1,729	7	6,409
Monaragala	33,606	9,537	28	6,863
Jaffna	11,550	10,226	89	20,055
Kilinochchi	23,532	23,438	100	83,439
Vavniya	19,810	11,640	59	24,170
Mullative	17,067	14,659	86	40,801
Mannar	21,000	6,500	31	30,597
Trincomalee	42,313	17,348	41	53,827
Batticaloa	63,526	62,906	99	168,783
Udawalawa	10,700	-	-	-
System H	22,300	750	3	3,608
System H1	9,350	207	2	996
System B	19,340	3,937	20	18,937
System C	23,306	1,027	4	4,940
System G	5,200	80	2	385
System D	500	40	8	192
Rambakanoya	1350	420	31	2,020
System L	1,425	251	18	1,207
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>808,579</b>	<b>326,781</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,019,491</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, maha 2016/17, Department of Agriculture

## Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices has continued in almost all of the major producing areas during the month especially for long grain white varieties. The prices of all the paddy varieties further remained at higher level in all major producing areas mainly due to the limited supply of paddy to the markets and the low progress of ongoing *Maha* season as a result of the emerging drought situation. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.42.00-47.50/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Anuradhapura. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.39.00-47.00/Kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya. The prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.38.00-46.00/kg. Prices of *keeri* samba paddy ranged between Rs.54.00-58.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya producing areas. According to the field information it is expected that an increasing trend of paddy prices would continue next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 15%-24% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 24%-26% in all major producing areas. However, the prices of short grain white paddy have decreased by less than 6% in most of the major producing areas.

**Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy – November 2016**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	42.00-47.00	36.00-45.00	44.65	40.66	44.68	3.99	9.81	-0.03	-0.07
Polonnaruwa	43.00-46.50	39.00-43.50	44.47	41.61	47.36	2.86	6.87	-2.89	-6.11
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	44.33	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	-	38.00-39.00	-	38.50	43.36	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	43.00-47.50	40.00-43.50	45.04	41.66	44.20	3.38	8.12	0.84	1.91
Nikaweratiya	45.00-47.00	39.00-42.00	45.58	40.47	46.12	5.11	12.63	-0.54	-1.17
Ampara	-	38.50-43.50	44.43	41.28	45.86	3.15	7.62	-1.44	-3.13
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	40.00-46.00	34.00-42.00	43.15	38.80	35.12	4.35	11.21	8.03	22.86
Polonnaruwa	41.50-47.00	38.00-41.50	43.58	39.79	37.29	3.79	9.53	6.29	16.88
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	35.47	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	-	36.00-38.00	-	37.40	34.45	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	41.00-47.00	38.00-41.50	43.19	39.90	34.80	3.29	8.24	8.39	24.10
Embilipitiya	41.00-46.00	36.00-42.00	43.38	39.04	35.52	4.34	11.10	7.86	22.11
Nikaweratiya	42.00-46.00	38.00-40.00	43.83	39.40	36.44	4.43	11.24	7.39	20.28
Matara	39.00-42.00	35.00-40.00	40.58	38.73	33.00	1.85	4.79	7.58	22.98
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	40.50-46.00	37.50-41.00	42.73	39.28	37.30	3.45	8.77	5.43	14.54
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	38.00-41.00	35.00-40.00	40.25	37.93	31.93	2.32	6.12	8.32	26.06
Hambantota	41.00-46.00	34.00-42.00	42.63	38.22	34.30	4.41	11.53	8.33	24.27
Embilipitiya	40.00-43.00	34.00-40.00	41.53	37.22	32.98	4.31	11.57	8.55	25.91

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## **Rice Demand and Supply Situation**

### **Wholesale Prices**

The paddy cultivation in 2016/17 *maha* season has been started in most of the major producing areas and that has not started in some of the producing areas even this month. Due to further increase of paddy prices during this whole month, prices of all the local rice varieties have increased. Accordingly, the prices have increased by 11% for raw white, by 7% for nadu varieties, by 5% for both raw red and samba grade II and by 4% for samba grade I. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month have increased by about 50% compared to last month. The imported amount was 1,887 mt. Furthermore, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by 4% due to the availability of insufficient stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have decreased in the range of 3%-4%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased in the range of 11%-15%.

### **Retail Prices**

In line with the increased prices in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the rice varieties have also increased. Accordingly, the prices have increased by Rs.5.00/kg for nadu varieties, raw red and raw white, by Rs.2.00/kg for samba grade II and by Rs.1.00/kg for samba grade I. Furthermore, the price of imported *ponni* samba has also increased by Rs.10.00/kg. The highest local rice price of Rs.105.00/kg was reported for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.70.00/kg was reported for both raw red and raw white.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.92.00-110.00/kg was reported in Kegalle market while the lowest samba price range of Rs.77.00-93.00/kg was reported in Anuradhapura, Ratnapura and Killinochchi markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.84.00-95.00/kg was noted in Jaffna and Kegalle markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.72.00-78.00/kg was noted in Rathnapura and Puttalam markets. Likewise, the highest prices of raw red and raw white were reported as Rs.83.00/kg and Rs.81.00/kg respectively in Kegalle market. Furthermore, the lowest price of raw red was observed as Rs.69.00/kg in Tissamaharama market and that of raw white was observed as Rs.72.00/kg in Ratnapura market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local samba varieties have decreased in the range of 4%-7%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased in the range of 8%-10%.

**Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – November 2016**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	87.00-95.00	92.18	88.82	96.42	3.35	3.78	-4.24	-4.40
Samba 2	83.00-92.00	86.86	82.63	89.61	4.23	5.12	-2.75	-3.07
Samba 3	-	-	-	85.63	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	78.00-90.00	82.47	77.31	74.39	5.15	6.67	8.08	10.86
Nadu 2	75.00-85.00	78.76	73.37	70.09	5.39	7.34	8.66	12.36
Raw red	68.00-75.00	70.69	67.34	61.59	3.35	4.97	9.10	14.77
Raw white	69.00-89.00	75.09	67.82	65.08	7.28	10.73	10.02	15.39
Ponni Samba (Imported)	130.00-130.00	130.00	124.60	111.41	5.40	4.33	18.60	16.69
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	95.00-105.00	98.64	97.48	106.27	1.16	1.19	-7.63	-7.18
Samba 2	88.00-95.00	91.60	90.08	94.92	1.52	1.69	-3.32	-3.50
Samba 3	85.00-86.00	85.55	85.45	90.73	0.10	0.12	-5.18	-5.71
Nadu 1	82.00-90.00	86.28	81.62	79.77	4.66	5.71	6.51	8.16
Nadu 2	78.00-85.00	81.56	76.68	74.92	4.88	6.37	6.64	8.87
Raw red	70.00-85.00	78.12	72.86	71.96	5.26	7.22	6.16	8.56
Raw white	70.00-88.00	79.14	74.34	71.84	4.80	6.46	7.30	10.16
Ponni Samba (Imported)	140.00-140.00	140.00	129.89	120.72	10.11	7.78	19.28	15.97
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chillies

#### Crop Situation

About 3,246 ha were targeted for chilli cultivation in Anuradhapura district for *maha* 2016/17 and about 2,051 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2016. This was about 63% of the targeted extent. The targeted extent of chilli for *maha* 2016/17 was 11,253 ha in Sri Lanka and around 5,146 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2016 representing 46% of the targeted extent. The total expected production of green chillies is 19,490 mt and 62% of that production could be expected from Anuradhapura (32%), Puttalam (15%) and Moneragala (15%).

**Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for Maha 2016/17**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of November 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,246	2,051	63	6,154
Moneragala	828	414	50	2,898
Puttalam	880	412	47	2,883
Jaffna	725	167	23	700
Ampara	575	279	49	747
Other areas	4,999	1,823	36	6,108
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,253</b>	<b>5,146</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19,490</b>

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from Anuradhapura, Puttalam and other producing areas had decreased slightly during this month. Hence, wholesale price of green chillies has increased slightly by about Rs.1.00/kg, while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.4.00/kg. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.52.90/kg and Rs.169.59/kg respectively and both prices are decreased by about 90% and 79% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 4,364 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was an increase of 114 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.238.03/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.23.77/kg compared to last month. Around 94% of the dried chillies stocks were imported from India while 6% from Pakistan. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.39.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively due to high imports and decreased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies had decreased by about 20% and 3% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies  
November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chillies	30.00-70.00	52.90	51.83	529.70	1.07	2.06	-476.80	-90.01
Dried Chillies	220.00-280.00	247.54	286.20	310.86	-38.66	-13.51	-63.32	-20.37
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chillies	70.00-300.00	169.59	173.99	817.77	-4.40	-2.53	-648.18	-79.26
Dried Chillies	300.00-400.00	351.86	362.69	362.89	-10.83	-2.99	-11.03	-3.04

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies  
June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	4,364	1,038.75	238.03	351.86	113.83
October	4,250	1,112.64	261.80	362.69	100.89
September	4,545	1,205.05	265.15	365.44	100.29
August	5,034	1,352.24	268.61	369.99	101.37
July	4,032	1,101.64	273.23	370.97	97.74
June	3,683	1,049.61	284.96	376.04	91.08

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

**Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – November 2016**

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	30.00	40.80	36.80	47.40
Hambantota	75.00	85.00	80.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	120.00	98.00	89.00	60.00
Puttalam	22.00	28.00	32.00	51.00
A'Pura	48.33	40.00	60.00	70.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

### Crop situation

*Yala* harvest of big onion in Matale district was almost over by the end of November 2016. About 428 ha of big onion were targeted for 2016/17 *maha* season and the highest targeted extent was reported from Hambantota district (67 ha), but the achievement was in a very low level (around 7 ha-10%) at the end of this month.

The targeted extent of red onion for *maha* 2016/17 was 4,884 ha in Sri Lanka and around 517 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2016 representing 11% of the targeted extent. About 2,100 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district for this *maha* season and out of that only 45 ha were cultivated by the end of November. This was about 2% of the targeted extent. Cultivation progress in Puttalam district was comparatively higher than the other districts and about 327 ha were cultivated by the end of November representing about 33% of the targeted extent. The total expected production of red onion is 5,832 mt at the end of November 2016 and 75% of that production could be expected from Puttalam (67%) and Jaffna (8%).

**Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Maha* 2016/17**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of November 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,100	45	2	495
Puttalam	1,006	327	33	3,918
Trincomalee	718	7	1	77
Other areas	1,060	138	13	1,342
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,884</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5,832</b>

*Source: Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI*

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of local big onion showed a decreasing trend from main producing areas due to reaching of the end of the harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion had increased by about Rs.4.00/kg. About 2,236 mt of big onion was imported from India (7,237 mt-93%) and Pakistan (505 mt-7%) during this month and it was an increase of 3,549 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.38.35/kg and it was an increase of Rs.2.47/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively due to limited stock position of local big onion and increased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of imported big onion and local big onion have decreased by about 37% and 34% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from main producing areas has decreased further due to end of the harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.4.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of vedalan has also increased by about Rs.11.00/kg, while the stocks of sinnan were not available at the retail markets.

About 2,236 mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 1,778 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.64.26/kg and it was an increase of Rs.7.07/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red



onion have increased by about Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively due to increased imported prices and low availability of local red onion at the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have decreased by about 9% and 17% respectively.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion  
November 2016**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	60.00-95.00	72.92	68.57	93.97	4.35	6.34	-21.06	-22.41
Red Onion (Vedalan)	75.00-115.00	94.28	88.25	116.45	6.03	6.83	-22.17	-19.04
Red Onion (Imported)	60.00-100.00	87.85	81.63	139.58	6.22	7.62	-51.74	-37.06
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-80.00	73.18	67.89	102.67	5.29	7.79	-29.50	-28.73
Big Onion (Local)	70.00-85.00	76.55	72.18	131.43	4.38	6.06	-54.87	-41.75
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	120.00-200.00	154.23	142.94	169.84	11.29	7.90	-15.61	-9.19
Red Onion (Imported)	100.00-140.00	122.83	115.32	148.49	7.51	6.51	-25.67	-17.28
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-100.00	91.96	84.79	145.63	7.17	8.45	-53.67	-36.86
Big Onion (Local)	80.00-120.00	104.56	100.24	158.72	4.32	4.31	-54.16	-34.12

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	Nov 2016	38.35	73.18	91.96	34.82	18.78
	Oct 2016	35.88	67.89	84.79	32.01	16.90
	Nov 2015	95.35	102.67	145.63	7.32	42.96
Red onion	Nov 2016	64.26	87.85	122.83	23.59	34.98
	Oct 2016	57.19	81.63	115.32	24.44	33.69
	Nov 2015	112.28	139.58	148.49	27.30	8.91

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)	
	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016
Red Onion	2236	458	143.66	26.21	64.26	57.19
Big Onion	7742	4193	296.93	150.44	38.35	35.88

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion  
June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
November	7,742	38.35	73.18	91.96	53.60
October	4,193	35.88	67.89	84.79	48.91
September	8,889	28.69	64.14	92.01	63.32
August	20,830	29.35	62.47	87.07	57.72
July	19,880	31.20	60.22	86.66	55.46
June	20,918	31.40	58.51	83.87	52.47

Source: Department of Customs

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2016/17 is 2,974 ha and about 730 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 24% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is at high level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 12,863 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,248 ha and about 326 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at high level during this *maha* season due to favourable weather condition. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,712 ha in the Badulla district and 405 ha have been cultivated by the end of November achieving 24% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at high level compared to the same period of last *maha* season. As the *yala* harvesting of potato was over in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in November.

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (Maha 2016/17)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17		
N'Eliya	1,200	1,248	78	326	26	6,577
Badulla	1,637	1,712	369	405	24	6,287
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12,863</b>

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

A quantity of 8,423 mt of potato had been imported in November which was 992 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been reduced up to Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 10/11/2016. Imported stocks were received from Pakistan, India and China. About 49% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed by India (29%) and China (22%). Compared to November, 2015

(11,892 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg in November.

With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 20% and 21% respectively. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 7% and 10%. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.110.00/kg in November. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 18% and 6% respectively. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.110.00-148.00/kg, Rs.95.00-120.00/kg and Rs.85.00-120.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (4%) potato has decreased, while the prices of Nuwara Eliya (5%) and imported (2%) potatoes have increased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes  
June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	8,423	406.77	48.29	120.83	72.54
October	7,631	253.58	33.23	113.77	80.54
September	4,408	148.12	33.61	113.98	80.37
August	16,445	476.69	28.99	115.55	86.56
July	14,863	491.10	33.04	114.10	81.06
June	13,020	431.11	33.11	118.18	85.07

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

**Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	120.00-120.00	120.00	-	96.21	-	-	23.79	24.73
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-123.00	110.90	91.12	106.21	19.78	21.71	4.69	4.42
Imported – CIF	36.59-73.59	48.29	33.23	36.86	15.06	45.32	11.43	31.02
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	95.00-120.00	107.78	89.40	105.36	18.38	20.55	2.42	2.30
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-148.00	126.33	104.70	121.20	21.63	20.66	5.13	4.23
Imported	85.00-120.00	101.07	85.27	87.46	15.80	18.53	13.62	15.57
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	120.00-160.00	138.82	129.83	144.67	8.98	6.92	-5.85	-4.05
Nuwara Eliya	150.00-200.00	169.46	154.06	161.86	15.40	9.99	7.60	4.69
Imported	100.00-140.00	120.83	113.77	118.25	7.06	6.21	2.58	2.18
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		18.82	-	48.46	-	-	-29.65	-61.17
Nuwara Eliya		58.56	62.94	55.65	-4.38	-6.97	2.90	5.22
Imported (CIF-RP)		72.54	80.54	81.39	-8.00	-9.93	-8.85	-10.88
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada		31.04	40.43	39.31	-9.39	-23.23	-8.27	-21.05
Nuwara Eliya		43.13	49.36	40.66	-6.23	-12.63	2.47	6.07
Imported		19.76	28.50	30.79	-8.74	-30.67	-11.04	-35.84

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of green gram for *maha* 2015/17 is 8,992 ha and out of which about 4,313 ha were cultivated in November representing 48% of the total targeted extent. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is slightly high. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of green gram is 3,118 mt for 2016/17 *maha* season. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 2,016 ha for *maha* 2016/17 and about 1,036 ha was cultivated in November achieving higher progress (51%). In the Moneragala district, the targeted extent is 1,440 ha for this *maha* season and about 440 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 31% of the targeted extent. In both Hambantota and Moneragala districts, the cultivated extents for this *maha* season were lower than that of last *maha* season. Harvesting of green gram cultivated in mid-season has taken place in Hambantota and Moneragala districts.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 10,549 ha for *maha* 2016/17 and about 2,631 ha had been cultivated by the end of the month achieving 25% of the total targeted extent. Compared to *maha* 2015/16 season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is low. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of cowpea for this *maha* season is 2,579 mt. The highest targeted extent for cowpea was recorded in the Ampara district as 4,271 ha for this *maha* season and only 348 ha were cultivated by the end of November. In the Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 1,356 ha and 459 ha for this *maha* season. By the end of November, about 644 ha and 273 ha were cultivated in the respective districts.

**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 (%) <i>Maha</i> 2016/17	Expected Production (mt)
		<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	<i>Maha</i> 2015/16	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17		
Green gram	Hambantota	860	2,016	1,687	1,036	51	829
	Kurunegala	862	605	420	352	58	193
	Moneragala	1,455	1,440	773	440	31	220
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>7,648</b>	<b>8,992</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3,118</b>
Cowpea	Ampara	1,690	4,271	390	348	8	521
	Moneragala	1,650	1,356	828	644	47	637
	Kurunegala	942	459	344	273	59	120
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>8,905</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,579</b>

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

A quantity of 699 mt of green gram was imported in November and it was a 46 mt decrease compared to that of October. The average CIF price was Rs.146.00/kg during this month. About 76% and 21% of the imports were received from Australia and Myanmar. Compared to November, 2015 (838 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was lower during this month. The wholesale price of green gram has increased by 7% due to low stock position for local varieties, while the retail price has not changed significantly during this month. In November, the wholesale

price of green gram ranged between Rs.155.00-200.00/kg. The local stocks fetched low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 10%.

A quantity of 529 mt of cowpea was imported in November, which was 38 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. About 71% of the imports were received from Madagascar and the rest was imported from Myanmar and Singapore. The average CIF price was Rs.117.00/kg in November. Compared to November, 2015 (666 mt), the imported quantity of cowpea was slightly lower during this month. With regard to cowpea, the wholesale price of white cowpea has decreased by 1% while the retail price has increased by 2%. Also, the wholesale price of red cowpea has increased by 3%, while the retail price has not changed significantly. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00-210.00/kg and Rs.195.00-220.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea had decreased by 3% and 7% respectively.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram  
June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	699	101.91	145.88	221.28	75.40
October	745	106.96	143.67	220.61	76.94
September	1,556	240.64	154.69	219.40	64.71
August	1,017	162.02	159.34	223.71	64.36
July	804	133.52	166.03	236.61	70.58
June	1,284	215.62	167.99	243.50	75.51

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea  
June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	529	62.11	117.42	254.48	137.06
October	491	55.48	112.91	249.59	136.68
September	982	105.56	107.47	249.48	142.01
August	709	81.26	114.65	253.77	139.12
July	683	75.82	111.08	255.50	144.42
June	254	24.72	97.17	249.42	152.25

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

**Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea - November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	155.00-200.00	178.29	165.86	189.28	12.43	7.50	-10.99	-5.81
Cowpea (White)	200.00-210.00	203.18	205.50	176.08	-2.32	-1.13	27.09	15.39
Cowpea (Red)	195.00-220.00	209.20	203.88	215.71	5.33	2.61	-6.50	-3.02
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	200.00-260.00	221.28	220.61	246.06	0.66	0.30	-24.79	-10.07
Cowpea (White)	210.00-280.00	254.48	249.59	262.26	4.88	1.96	-7.79	-2.97
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	250.21	250.78	268.38	-0.57	-0.23	-18.17	-6.77

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	Nov 2016	145.88	178.29	221.28	32.41	42.98
	Oct 2016	143.67	165.86	220.61	22.19	54.75
	Nov 2015	189.22	189.28	246.06	0.06	56.78
Cowpea (White)	Nov 2016	117.42	203.18	254.48	85.76	51.30
	Oct 2016	112.91	205.50	249.59	92.59	44.09
	Nov 2015	96.18	176.08	262.26	79.90	86.18
Cowpea (Red)	Nov 2016	-	209.20	250.21	-	41.01
	Oct 2016	-	203.88	250.78	-	46.91
	Nov 2015	-	215.71	268.38	-	52.67

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

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 17,597 mt (16,767 mt of whole type and 830 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in November and it was 8,122 mt higher than the quantity imported in October. About 91% of the stocks of whole type had been received from Canada, while 76% and 24% of split type had been received from Canada and India. Compared to November, 2015 (11,471 mt), the imports of red dhal were high during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.119.00/kg in November.

During this month the wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by 1%, while the retail price has not changed significantly. The average wholesale price was Rs.161.00/kg in November. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had decreased by 10%.

**Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – November 2016**

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	158.00-165.00	160.71	162.59	171.05	-1.89	-1.16	-10.34	-6.05
Retail Price	165.00-190.00	173.53	173.66	191.79	-0.13	-0.07	-18.26	-9.52

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
November	17597	118.91	160.71	173.53	41.80	12.82
October	9475	127.21	162.59	173.66	35.38	11.07
September	9862	142.26	163.06	174.72	20.80	11.66
August	3736	150.57	161.19	172.34	10.62	11.15
July	9549	146.05	176.80	189.76	30.75	12.96
June	11870	150.14	185.12	198.26	34.98	13.14

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the onset of northeast monsoon further delayed, cultivation of vegetables in the dry zone during the intermediate season was negatively affected. On the other hand, *Maha* season commenced with slow cultivation progress in up and mid country wet zones, using the water received by convective precipitation. In the meantime, continuation of the harvesting practices during the latter stage of the *Yala* season was observed in both up and low country areas.

The total vegetable production of the Matale district in the month of November recorded a 79% decrease compared to last month, with the value of 3,815 mt. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was also decreased by 11% compared to last month, with the recorded value of 1,550 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of beans, carrot and radish have increased while prices of leeks, beetroot and cabbage have decreased, compared to last month. The highest price increase was reported for beans as 20%, followed by carrot as 10%. As continued dry weather induced early maturity of bean pods, harvesting interval was shortened accordingly. As a result, bean supply was dropped at the latter stage of the season and thereby prices increased during the last two weeks of the month. However, prices of cabbage, leeks and beetroot have decreased by 50%, 34% and 20% respectively due to receiving of low quality stocks.

Supplies of most of the domestic vegetables also significantly dropped and thereby prices increased during November. The highest price increase noticed in November was reported for bitter gourd as 39% followed by long beans as 37%, due to low supply. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties, except drumsticks and ash plantain have increased in the range of 2% -26%. However, dry weather improved the drumsticks harvest, so that the supply increased and thereby prices decreased by 14% compared to last month. Prices of lime also decreased by 27% compared to last month, with a high supply from Monaragala and Ampara.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables also increased with the highest price increase reported for bitter gourd as 32%.

Prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties of vegetables are expected to show a decreasing trend in the coming month with the receiving of the supply of the intermediate season.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-230.00	177.41	148.00	206.72	29.41	19.87	-29.32	-14.18
Carrot	40.00-100.00	69.90	63.67	167.10	6.23	9.78	-97.20	-58.17
Leeks	40.00-80.00	56.15	84.83	83.02	-28.68	-33.81	-26.87	-32.37
Beetroot	20.00-60.00	39.86	50.07	92.72	-10.21	-20.40	-52.86	-57.01
Knolkhol	30.00-60.00	41.81	41.83	95.75	-0.02	-0.06	-53.95	-56.34
Radish	25.00-50.00	39.48	38.75	71.63	0.73	1.88	-32.15	-44.88
Cabbage	10.00-35.00	17.86	35.85	100.87	-18.00	-50.20	-83.02	-82.30
Tomato	25.00-40.00	32.23	43.83	102.06	-11.61	-26.48	-69.84	-68.43
Ladies Fingers	40.00-70.00	53.68	60.83	78.49	-7.15	-11.75	-24.81	-31.61
Brinjal	30.00-80.00	53.21	59.58	81.68	-6.37	-10.69	-28.47	-34.85
Capsicum	70.00-150.00	103.96	105.50	288.43	-1.54	-1.46	-184.47	-63.96
Pumpkin	25.00-40.00	31.60	28.19	40.18	3.41	12.11	-8.58	-21.35
Cucumber	30.00-80.00	56.52	44.91	49.09	11.61	25.84	7.43	15.13
Bittergourd	100.00-180.00	140.72	101.29	155.02	39.43	38.92	-14.31	-9.23
Snakegourd	60.00-120.00	83.07	80.52	82.30	2.55	3.16	0.77	0.93
Drumstick	30.00-100.00	47.50	55.22	218.16	-7.72	-13.98	-170.66	-78.23
Luffa	70.00-140.00	106.67	84.97	62.93	21.70	25.53	43.74	69.50
Long Beans	70.00-150.00	106.04	77.17	124.89	28.87	37.41	-18.85	-15.09
Ash Plantain	50.00-60.00	55.59	56.55	60.06	-0.96	-1.70	-4.47	-7.45
Green Chillies	30.00-70.00	52.90	51.83	529.70	1.07	2.06	-476.80	-90.01
Lime	250.00-550.00	434.38	594.50	364.33	-160.13	-26.93	70.05	19.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	180.00-320.00	238.66	199.77	268.05	38.89	19.47	-29.39	-10.97
Carrot	90.00-240.00	139.03	134.20	252.54	4.83	3.60	-113.51	-44.95
Leeks	70.00-200.00	131.60	149.06	166.99	-17.47	-11.72	-35.40	-21.20
Beetroot	70.00-200.00	114.71	115.76	165.45	-1.05	-0.91	-50.74	-30.67
Knolkhol	70.00-200.00	123.06	118.59	190.44	4.47	3.77	-67.39	-35.38
Radish	60.00-160.00	108.15	108.41	162.39	-0.27	-0.24	-54.25	-33.40
Cabbage	40.00-160.00	91.80	111.14	181.10	-19.34	-17.40	-89.30	-49.31
Tomato	50.00-120.00	82.69	100.69	176.49	-18.00	-17.87	-93.80	-53.15
Ladies Fingers	60.00-200.00	117.79	120.52	150.99	-2.74	-2.27	-33.21	-21.99
Brinjal	60.00-200.00	110.80	116.81	150.36	-6.01	-5.14	-39.56	-26.31
Capsicum	100.00-300.00	185.65	172.95	411.65	12.70	7.34	-226.00	-54.90
Pumpkin	40.00-120.00	89.48	87.02	96.64	2.46	2.83	-7.16	-7.41
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	114.19	102.67	115.72	11.52	11.22	-1.53	-1.32
Bittergourd	140.00-320.00	207.86	157.35	209.91	50.51	32.10	-2.05	-0.98
Snakegourd	100.00-240.00	150.44	136.69	154.17	13.75	10.06	-3.73	-2.42
Drumstick	80.00-260.00	138.76	144.55	507.54	-5.79	-4.01	-368.78	-72.66
Luffa	100.00-280.00	181.04	153.29	148.49	27.75	18.10	32.55	21.92
Long Beans	110.00-240.00	171.98	135.60	197.71	36.38	26.83	-25.74	-13.02
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	122.80	121.44	132.27	1.36	1.12	-9.47	-7.16
Green Chillies	70.00-300.00	169.59	173.99	817.77	-4.40	-2.53	-648.18	-79.26
Lime	400.00-1000.00	858.18	889.85	714.39	-31.68	-3.56	143.79	20.13

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI



## **4. Fruits**

### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

As predicted last month, prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased in the month of November. The highest price decrease was reported for mango (vilad) as 33% due to decline the demand with unfavorable weather condition. Meanwhile, prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 27%/30% due to low quality stocks reaching the market with rainy weather condition. Further, prices of all the varieties of banana except seeni have decreased in the range of 4%-9% and prices of papaw also decreased by 15% due increased supplies and decreased demand with rainy weather condition.

Of price increased fruit varieties, price of avocado has increased by 53% due to declined supplies with end of the harvesting season. In addition, price of mango (betti) has increased by 39% and prices of slimeapple has also increased by 23%.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties can be expected to decrease in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last month, prices of all the fruit varieties have increased except mango (vilad) and grapes (imported) and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple (medium size) as 96%.

According to retail market price fluctuations, prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease was reported for mango (karthakolomban) as 40% due to decreased supply. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 21%-27% and price of all the varieties of banana have also decreased in the range of 8%-15%. In addition, prices of papaw and slimeapple have decreased by 22% and 7% respectively.

Of price increased fruit varieties, a 47% price increase was reported for avocado due to decreased supply with end of the harvesting season. In addition, price of orange has increased by 15% and prices of woodapple and grapes (imported) have increased by 6% and 3% respectively.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties can be expected to decrease further in the coming week. Compared to same period of last year, prices of all the fruit varieties have increased except mango (betti) and the highest price increase was noted for pineapple (small size) as 101%.

According to table 4.3, producer's prices of all the selected fruit varieties except papaw have decreased. In order, the highest price decrease was reported for pineapple as 25% and prices of banana (ambul and kolikuttu) have decreased by 15% and 11% respectively. Whilst, price of papaw has increased by 8%.

Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple as 116%. According to market information, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties can be expected to decrease.

### **Exports/Imports of Fruits**

According to (Table 4.4), Rs.64mn worth of fruits (503.2 mt) have been exported in the month of November. The highest export value of Rs.34.60mn has been earned from papaw by exporting 390.53 mt. Compared to last month, the export value has decreased by Rs.4.78mn for selected fruit varieties.

Considering imports (Table 4.5), Rs.710.5mn has expended for apple, grapes, orange and mandarin. Rs.421.59 mn has been expended for apple (3,365 mt) and Rs.56.44 mn worth of mandarin has been imported this month.

Further, 76% of apple and 82% of mandarin has been imported from China and 44% of grapes has been imported from the USA.

Compared to the same period of last year, the export value has increased by Rs.5.59mn.

Considering export and imports values of selected fruit varieties, there was a negative trade balance (Rs.646.5mn) and this situation is expected to continue.

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	40.00-90.00	63.61	78.50	37.87	-14.89	-18.96	25.74	67.98
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	140.00-180.00	156.21	190.99	148.22	-34.78	-18.21	7.99	5.39
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-80.00	67.50	65.45	40.17	2.05	3.13	27.33	68.04
Anamalu	7.00-12.00	9.81	10.93	8.38	-1.13	-10.29	1.43	17.00
Ambun	10.00-18.00	14.79	15.33	10.49	-0.54	-3.52	4.30	40.99
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large	200.00-260.00	235.24	320.18	120.34	-84.94	-26.53	114.90	95.48
Medium	160.00-220.00	188.76	262.93	96.41	-74.17	-28.21	92.35	95.79
Small	100.00-180.00	142.21	202.80	74.07	-60.59	-29.88	68.14	91.99
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti	12.00-26.66	19.53	14.00	-	5.53	39.48	-	-
Karthakolomban	40.00-70.00	55.73	60.40	41.77	-4.67	-7.73	13.96	33.43
Vilad	13.88-27.00	21.48	32.08	23.47	-10.60	-33.04	-1.99	-8.48
Kohu	8.00-16.66	12.28	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Papaw (Rs/kg)</b>	30.00-100.00	52.29	61.41	50.46	-9.12	-14.86	1.83	3.62
<b>Passionfruit</b>	11.50-16.66	13.66	12.60	8.08	1.06	8.41	5.58	69.06
<b>Woodapple</b>	10.00-25.00	16.66	15.32	11.35	1.34	8.71	5.31	46.74
<b>Orange</b>	40.00-50.00	45.48	42.00	38.28	3.48	8.27	7.20	18.80
<b>Avocado</b>	40.00-100.00	59.74	38.97	42.50	20.77	53.30	17.24	40.56
<b>Slime Apple</b>	20.00-80.00	39.79	32.37	28.29	7.42	22.93	11.50	40.66
<b>Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)</b>	350.00-650.00	542.11	508.96	547.22	33.15	6.51	-5.11	-0.93

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	80.00-140.00	117.12	132.65	77.35	-15.53	-11.71	39.77	51.41
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	200.00-260.00	230.20	251.60	194.50	-21.40	-8.51	35.70	18.35
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00-120.00	104.61	113.21	75.59	-8.60	-7.60	29.02	38.39
Anamalu	15.00-28.00	20.45	23.97	16.54	-3.52	-14.67	3.91	23.65
Ambun	15.00-30.00	21.95	24.40	17.21	-2.45	-10.03	4.74	27.56
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large	280.00-400.00	327.57	413.38	177.09	-85.82	-20.76	150.48	84.97
Medium	220.00-280.00	249.50	323.41	134.72	-73.91	-22.85	114.78	85.20
Small	150.00-220.00	185.12	253.60	92.18	-68.48	-27.00	92.94	100.82
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti	25.00-40.00	31.02	-	48.33	-	-	-17.31	-35.81
Karthakolomban	50.00-100.00	64.79	108.87	62.09	-44.09	-40.49	2.69	4.34
Vilad	30.00-50.00	42.94	60.52	40.95	-17.58	-29.05	1.99	4.86
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00-130.00	89.33	114.25	85.23	-24.92	-21.81	4.10	4.81
Passionfruit	16.66-33.33	24.09	24.20	14.55	-0.11	-0.45	9.54	65.57
Woodapple	20.00-50.00	30.95	29.30	30.41	1.65	5.63	0.54	1.78
Orange	50.00-100.00	73.50	63.64	59.91	9.86	15.49	13.59	22.68
Avocado	50.00-220.00	111.78	76.17	79.03	35.61	46.75	32.75	41.44
Slime Apple	50.00-100.00	76.17	81.78	72.78	-5.61	-6.86	3.39	4.65
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	784.95	765.17	767.09	19.78	2.58	17.86	2.33

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	35.00-60.00	49.81	58.60	24.37	-8.79	-15.00	25.44	104.40
Kolikuttu	115.00-155.00	139.73	156.93	104.70	-17.20	-10.96	35.03	33.46
Papaw	19.00---50.00	32.45	29.93	26.79	2.52	8.42	5.66	21.13
Pineapple	108.00-124.00	116.00	155.20	53.65	-39.20	-25.26	62.35	116.22

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits  
September– November 2016**

Type of Fruit	November			October			September		
	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	105.80	21.50	203.18	99.94	25.55	255.65	67.10	12.92	192.62
Papaw	390.53	34.60	88.59	380.86	40.50	106.33	61.11	4.69	76.74
Fresh Mango	6.87	7.90	1150.26	10.15	2.71	266.94	5.28	1.36	257.75
Avocados, fresh	-	-	-	0.04	0.02	427.45	7.20	0.76	105.20

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits  
September– November 2016**

Type of Fruit	November			October			September		
	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	3,365	421.59	125.30	3,433	415.21	120.94	1,942	255.05	131.34
Grapes	414	141.29	341.56	572	180.62	315.49	836	227.65	272.38
Oranges	652	91.18	139.93	524	67.89	129.54	556	61.31	110.31
Mandarin	873	56.44	64.62	631	41.19	65.31	203	14.02	69.07

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

## 5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, prices of four varieties (salaya, hurulla, mora and thalpath) had increased at the wholesale level. However, prices of other five varieties had decreased in the range of 1%-9%. An increasing trend in prices of most of the fresh fish varieties was observed during the first three weeks and thereafter, prices of most of the varieties had decreased in the fourth week of the month. Mid season for coastal fisheries was observed in both Southern and Eastern coastal belts. The highest price decrease was reported for paraw (9%) was followed by thora (7%). Further, prices of balaya, kelawalla and shrimp had decreased in the range of 1%-3%. Meanwhile, a price increase of 9% was observed for thalpath. Prices of hurulla, mora and salaya had increased by 7%, 5% and 2% respectively. In the month of November, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.128.88 – 907.79/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, prices ranged between Rs.100.00 – 1,050.00/kg during the month. Fish supply would increase from the districts of Puttalam, Chillaw and Negambo and from the Southern coastal belt in the coming month with the onset of the fishing season for coastal fisheries. Compared to November in 2015, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla, thora and paraw had increased in the range of 1%-12% with the highest price increase observed for mora.

In line with the price behaviour at the wholesale market, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except thalpath had decreased at retail level. The highest price decrease was reported for paraw (12%) followed by balaya (9%). A price decrease of 6% was observed for kelawalla. Prices of salaya and thora had decreased by 4% and prices of shrimp and mora had decreased by 3%. In addition, price of hurulla had decreased by 2%. Meanwhile, price of thalpath had increased by 2%. In the month of November, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.180.05-1,219.78/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.120.00-1,600.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to November in 2015, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except thora and paraw had increased in the range of 6%-21% with the highest price increase observed for hurulla.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	100.00-150.00	128.88	126.62	127.20	2.26	1.78	1.68	1.32
Hurulla	200.00-350.00	255.81	239.30	257.20	16.51	6.90	-1.39	-0.54
Balaya	250.00-350.00	292.75	295.23	276.20	-2.48	-0.84	16.55	5.99
Kelawalla	350.00-580.00	466.75	480.30	432.20	-13.55	-2.82	34.55	7.99
Thora	800.00-1050.00	907.79	976.33	1011.00	-68.54	-7.02	-103.21	-10.21
Paraw	450.00-550.00	480.20	528.59	493.20	-48.40	-9.16	-13.01	-2.64
Mora	450.00-550.00	494.57	469.71	443.27	24.86	5.29	51.30	11.57
Shrimp (small)	700.00-850.00	778.50	784.16	735.60	-5.66	-0.72	42.90	5.83
Thalapath	550.00-700.00	644.00	592.79	607.67	51.21	8.64	36.33	5.98
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	120.00-300.00	180.05	188.05	160.44	-8.00	-4.25	19.61	12.22
Hurulla	230.00-520.00	350.32	356.59	288.64	-6.27	-1.76	61.68	21.37
Balaya	280.00-720.00	432.83	474.17	363.45	-41.34	-8.72	69.38	19.09
Kelawalla	450.00-1000.00	741.10	789.05	674.46	-47.95	-6.08	66.64	9.88
Thora	1,000.00-1600.00	1,219.78	1,266.23	1,254.86	-46.45	-3.67	-35.08	-2.80
Paraw	480.00-1000.00	688.83	783.80	723.73	-94.97	-12.12	-34.91	-4.82
Mora	500.00-900.00	635.56	657.05	543.62	-21.49	-3.27	91.94	16.91
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1200.00	906.00	931.09	829.72	-25.09	-2.69	76.28	9.19
Thalapath	600.00-1080.00	841.14	820.80	789.71	20.34	2.48	51.43	6.51

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of local and imported dried fish have improved slightly. The availability of both local and imported stocks was satisfactory. The wholesale prices of most of the dried fish have slightly decreased. The highest decrease was recorded as 13% for local balaya and it was 12% for local thora. Prices of local anguluwa and imported balaya have decreased by 6% and 5% respectively. The decrease was less than 4% for other price decreased varieties. Meanwhile, among price increased varieties the prices of imported kattawa, anguluwa and maduwa have increased by about 2%, as the previous month stocks of local and imported koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the other dried fish varieties except local mora, local and imported balaya have increased and it was significant for local sprats.

Stocks of local dried fish were mainly supplied from Kalpitiya, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttalam, Mannar, Jaffna and Negambo areas. The main importing countries were India, Pakistan, Oman, Vietnam, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs, a quantity of 1,575mt of dried sprats was imported in November. The total value of the imports was Rs.577mn. The quantity has decreased by about 260mt against the previous month. Out of the total imports 96% was imported from Thailand while 3% from the United Arab Emirates. Rest of the stocks were imported from Iran, India and Vietnam as few quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.235.37-486.50/kg and the average price was Rs.366.13/kg.

Considering retail market though the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish have decreased the retail prices of only some varieties have decreased. But the decrease was less than 10% against the

previous month. The price of maduwa has decreased by nearly 10% while that of anguluwa has decreased by 7%. Meanwhile the prices of local and imported sprats have increased by 4% and 3% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the other dried fish varieties except imported sprats and maduwa had increased by less than 10%.

**Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale</b>								
Sprats	750.00-1000.00	875.23	877.80	697.03	-2.57	-0.29	178.20	25.57
Sprats (imported)	350.00-520.00	440.11	449.96	416.28	-9.85	-2.19	23.83	5.73
Kattawa	700.00-830.00	773.92	783.41	721.40	-9.50	-1.21	52.52	7.28
Kattawa (imported)	650.00-780.00	738.25	723.62	714.38	14.63	2.02	23.87	3.34
Thora	900.00-1100.00	991.25	1124.56	989.92	-133.31	-11.85	1.33	0.13
Thora (imported)	900.00-1100.00	1028.25	1046.54	1006.22	-18.29	-1.75	22.03	2.19
Mora	780.00-850.00	817.05	806.20	825.70	10.85	1.35	-8.65	-1.05
Mora (imported)	680.00-800.00	747.00	746.12	738.85	0.88	0.12	8.15	1.10
Balaya	350.00-500.00	426.50	492.60	444.29	-66.10	-13.42	-17.79	-4.00
Balaya (imported)	350.00-600.00	410.75	431.95	474.58	-21.20	-4.91	-63.83	-13.45
Anguluwa	660.00-850.00	755.59	800.40	677.20	-44.81	-5.60	78.39	11.58
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-780.00	717.44	701.71	706.52	15.73	2.24	10.93	1.55
Maduwa	400.00-650.00	523.14	541.36	500.86	-18.22	-3.37	22.28	4.45
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	440.75	432.05	428.76	8.70	2.01	11.99	2.80
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	275.00	275.14	221.90	-0.14	-0.05	53.10	23.93
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail</b>								
Sprats(imported)	400.00-800.00	559.02	535.18	604.26	23.84	4.46	-45.24	-7.49
Sprats	760.00-1200.00	946.76	923.10	896.26	23.66	2.56	50.50	5.63
Kattawa	880.00-1400.00	1118.29	1120.38	1029.09	-2.10	-0.19	89.20	8.67
Thora	1100.00-2000.00	1373.56	1366.92	1250.01	6.64	0.49	123.55	9.88
Mora	800.00-1300.00	1024.10	1009.53	950.68	14.57	1.44	73.42	7.72
Balaya	600.00-1000.00	822.63	858.52	820.50	-35.89	-4.18	2.13	0.26
Anguluwa	700.00-1200.00	954.44	1028.46	911.55	-74.02	-7.20	42.89	4.70
Maduwa	400.00-800.00	652.90	721.60	732.04	-68.70	-9.52	-79.14	-10.81
Koduwa	-	-	-	800.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	350.00-800.00	544.87	545.69	527.45	-0.82	-0.15	17.42	3.30

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	1575	576.71	366.13	559.02	192.89
October	1835	686.09	373.91	535.18	161.27
September	1938	737.83	380.65	539.16	158.51
August	2017	732.78	363.30	534.75	171.44
July	1450	532.11	367.05	622.10	255.05
June	2190	756.14	345.23	683.62	338.39

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

## Eggs

Compared to the previous month, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 11% and 12% respectively at the wholesale market. An increasing trend in prices was observed during the first three weeks and thereafter, prices remained unchanged during the last week of the month. It was also noted a high demand for eggs during the latter part of the month. The wholesale price range of a brown egg was Rs.11.50 – 14.70 and it was Rs.11.00 – 14.20 per white egg. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that egg prices could further increase in the coming month with the increased consumer demand during the festive season. Compared to November in 2015, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 7% and 12% respectively.

In line with the price behaviour at the wholesale market, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 4% and 5% respectively at the retail market. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg were Rs.14.93 and Rs.14.00 respectively. Further, price ranges at the retail market were observed as Rs.12.00–17.00/brown egg and Rs.11.50–16.00/white egg. Compared to November in 2015, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 7% and 8% respectively.

**Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	11.50-14.70	13.53	12.13	12.64	1.40	11.54	0.89	7.04
White (each)	11.00-14.20	13.03	11.63	11.64	1.40	12.04	1.39	11.94
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	12.00-17.00	14.93	14.29	13.99	0.64	4.46	0.94	6.70
White (each)	11.50-16.00	14.00	13.27	12.96	0.73	5.48	1.04	8.01

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Meat

The prices of other meats except mutton have decreased. Decrease was significant for broiler and curry chicken as 7% and 8% respectively. Price of pork has also decreased by 6% while the price change for beef and mutton was insignificant. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the meat varieties except for pork had increased with the highest increase of 16% being reported for beef.

**Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	800.00--860.00	845.44	846.53	727.16	-1.10	-0.13	118.28	16.27
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-560.00	503.98	544.24	497.71	-40.26	-7.40	6.27	1.26
Chicken (curry)	400.00-560.00	486.79	529.90	467.10	-43.12	-8.14	19.69	4.21
Mutton	1600.00-1800.00	1627.15	1623.76	1525.40	3.38	0.21	101.75	6.67
Pork	500.00-680.00	560.00	597.37	633.07	-37.37	-6.26	-73.07	-11.54

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

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantities of wheat grain in last few months were very high hence it has shown a significant decrease in November. In line with that the total imports of wheat grain were limited to 53288mt and compared to the monthly average imports in the last four months it was a decrease of 97650mt. The value of the imports was Rs.1943mn.

Out of the total imports 58%, that is 31025mt was imported from United States of America and another 17% from Canada with around 13% from Australia. In addition, 6% from India, 5% from Russia and a few quantities of 343mt from Ukraine were also imported. The CIF price ranged between Rs.29.79-54.26/kg. The majority imported from the United States of America fetched the CIF price of Rs.38.65/kg while the highest and lowest CIF prices were recorded for the Canadian and Ukraine wheat grains respectively. The average CIF price of wheat grain was recorded as Rs.36.47/kg in November.

The quantity of only a 303mt valued nearly at Rs.23mn was imported as wheat flour. The average CIF price was Rs.62.09/kg recording a decrease of Rs.5.80/kg against the previous month. The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.80.00 – 95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.88.76/kg. Compared to the same period of last year the retail price of wheat flour had increased by about 3%.

**Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – November 2016**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2016		Nov 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-95.00	88.76	88.54	86.57	0.22	0.25	2.19	2.53
Sugar	91.00-100.00	97.57	96.90	92.26	0.67	0.69	5.31	5.76

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
November	303	18.78	62.09	88.76	26.68
October	415	28.18	67.89	88.54	20.65
September	343	23.20	67.58	88.83	21.25
August	466	31.91	68.47	88.36	19.89
July	171	11.88	69.35	91.44	22.10
June	254	18.45	72.69	93.21	20.52
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
November	53288	1943.65	36.47	88.76	52.29
October	92011	3404.27	37.00	88.54	51.54
September	283151	9800.44	34.61	88.83	54.22
August	144684	5323.20	36.79	88.36	51.57
July	83907	2960.61	35.28	91.44	56.16
June	74947	2507.69	33.46	93.21	59.75

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

### Sugar

The imports were high in previous three months hence it has shown a significant decrease. The total quantity of imports was limited to 38488mt and the value of that was Rs.3468mn. The average CIF price of sugar in November was Rs.90.11/kg



The world sugar prices have shown a continual increase with the beginning of year 2016 and that trend continued in November too. In line with that the average CIF price has increased further by around Rs.1.00/kg against the previous month. In January 2016, CIF prices of sugar was recorded as Rs.60.88/kg and during the period of last 10 months it has increased by Rs.29.23/kg and that is 48%.

Among the total quantity of imported 12447mt, 32% consisted of Brazilian sugar. Apart from that 18% was from Thailand, 14% from India, 11% from Ukraine and 6% each from Poland and France. In addition to that another a few stocks from Germany, Vietnam, United Arab Emirates, Czech Republic, Korea and Indonesia were also imported. The CIF price ranged between Rs.84.68 – 96.62/kg. The majority among the imports was from Brazil which fetched the CIF price of Rs.88.37/kg. A quantity of 2350mt was imported at the lowest CIF price from Poland while a quantity of 1748mt was imported at the highest CIF price from Germany.

The retail price of sugar remained in the range of Rs.91.00-100.00/kg in local markets and the average was Rs.97.57/kg. With the increase of CIF prices and the increase of Special Commodity Levy for imported sugar from Cents 25/kg to Rs.2.00/kg, the retail price has shown a gradual increase. The Special Commodity Levy has further increased to Rs.7.00/kg with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and a considerable increase of retail prices is expected in future months.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- June to November 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	38488	3468.25	90.11	97.57	7.46
October	81791	7289.01	89.12	96.90	7.78
September	62330	5240.26	84.07	95.23	11.15
August	75713	6151.29	81.25	94.90	13.65
July	46482	3602.80	77.51	95.54	18.03
June	46098	3358.40	72.85	113.46	40.61

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

**Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - November 2016**

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Nov 2016	Oct 2016		Nov 2016	Oct 2016		Nov 2016	Oct 2016	
Rice	1,887	3,484	-46	143.3	236.6	-39	75.97	67.91	12
Red Onion	2,236	458	388	143.7	26.2	448	64.26	57.19	12
Big Onion	7,742	4,193	85	296.9	150.4	97	38.35	35.88	7
Potato	8,423	7,631	10	406.8	253.6	60	48.29	33.23	45
Dried Chillies	4,364	4,250	3	1,038.8	1,112.6	-7	238.03	261.80	-9
Masoor Dhal	17,597	9,475	86	2,092.5	1,205.3	74	118.91	127.21	-7
Green Gram	699	745	-6	101.9	107.0	-5	145.88	143.67	2
Cowpea	529	491	8	62.1	55.5	12	117.42	112.91	4
Garlic	1,814	1,529	19	544.6	445.9	22	300.24	291.73	3
Wheat flour	303	415	-27	18.8	28.2	-33	62.09	67.89	-9
Wheat grain	53,288	92,011	-42	1,943.7	3,404.3	-43	36.47	37.00	-1
White crystalline cane sugar	38,488	81,791	-53	3,468.2	7,289.0	-52	90.11	89.12	1
Maize (Seed)	51	16	220	31.8	10.9	193	623.56	680.07	-8
Maize (Other)	50	-	-	5.3	-	-	105.20	-	-
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,575	1,835	-14	576.7	686.1	-16	366.13	373.91	-2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

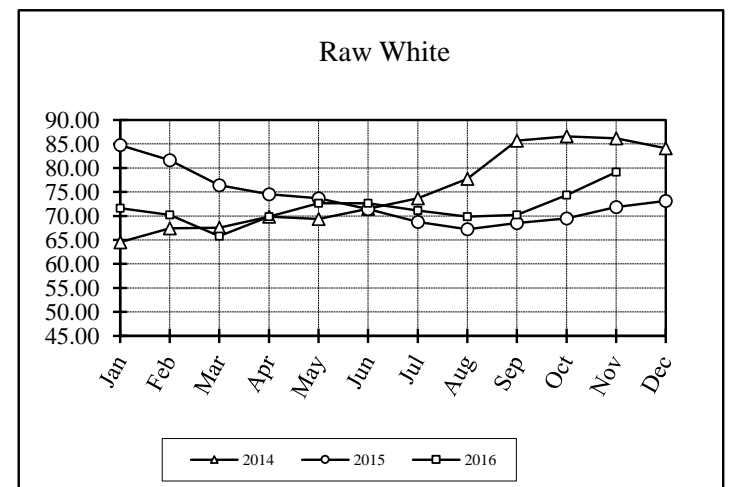
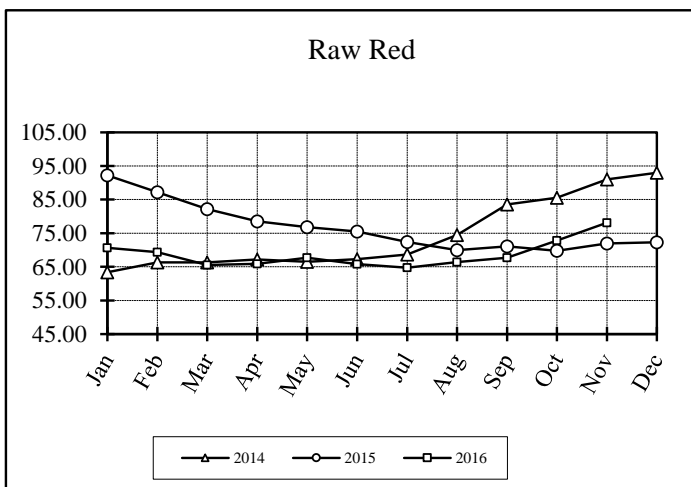
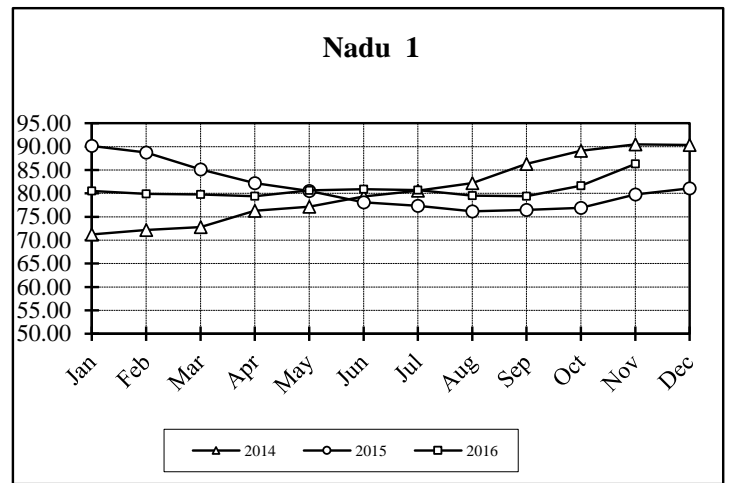
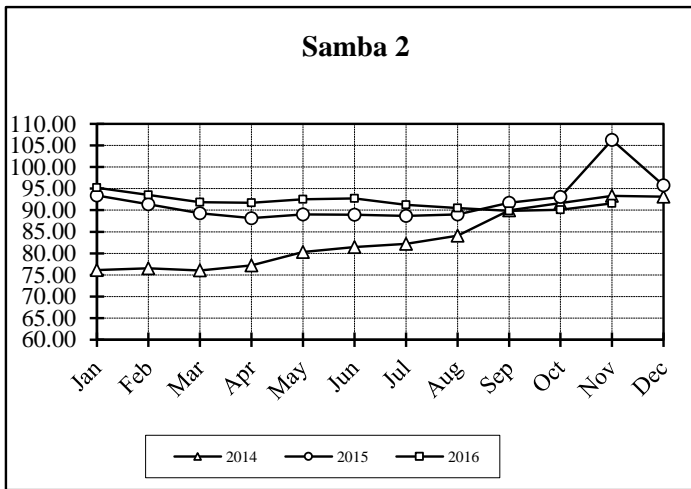
**Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – November 2016**

<b>Rainfall Station</b>	<b>Total Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Total Rainy Days</b>	<b>30 Year Average Rainy Days</b>
Anuradhapura	165.9	229.7	14	16
Badulla	137.1	253.0	19	18
Bandarawela	166.0	224.3	20	18
Batticaloa	315.4	349.6	17	16
Colombo	404.8	314.4	21	15
Galle	332.5	321.0	20	16
Hambantota	178.4	187.5	17	13
Jaffna	431.6	336.1	15	14
Katugastota	174.0	295.6	14	16
Katunayaka	267.8	313.7	15	14
Kurunegala	305.9	318.6	13	15
Mahailuppallama	170.2	250.4	16	16
Mannar	194.4	235.0	12	14
Nuwara Eliya	111.2	221.7	14	17
Pottuvil	342.2	232.0	19	na
Puttalam	261.7	250.3	14	14
Ratmalana	478.5	314.7	22	16
Ratnapura	235.0	371.4	19	18
Trincomalee	175.4	342.9	19	16
Vavuniya	232.4	278.2	16	16
Polonnaruwa	383.7	na	19	na
Moneragala	90.6	na	22	na
Mattala	252.6	na	17	na

*Source: Department of Meteorology*

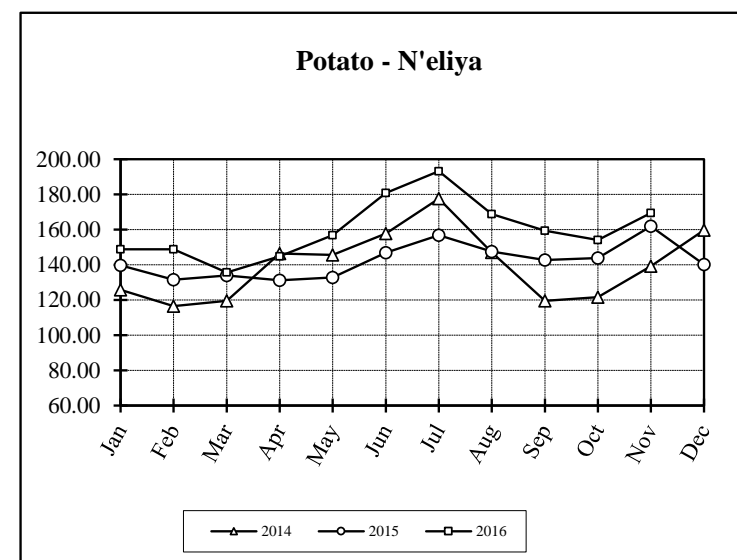
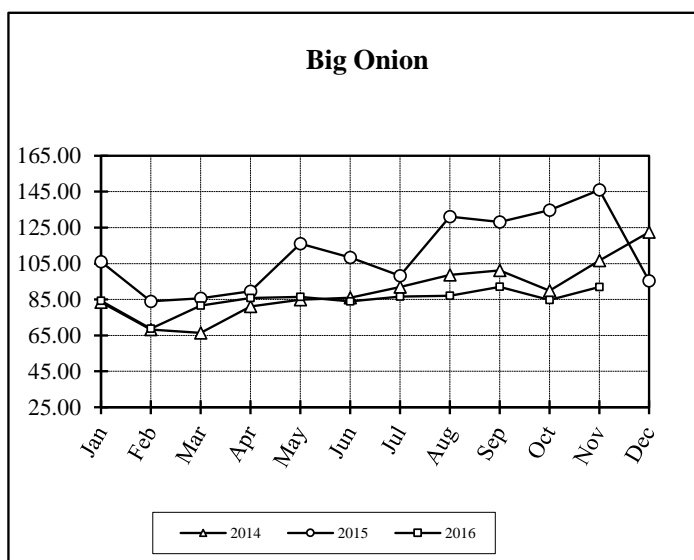
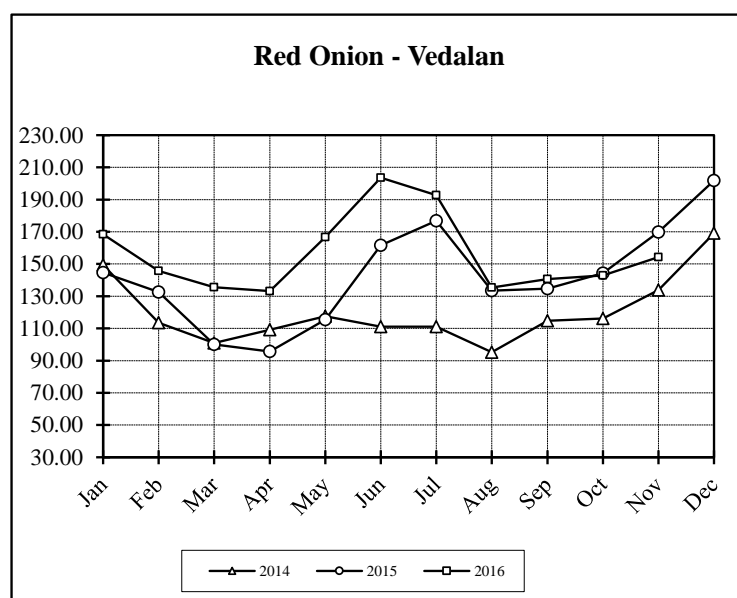
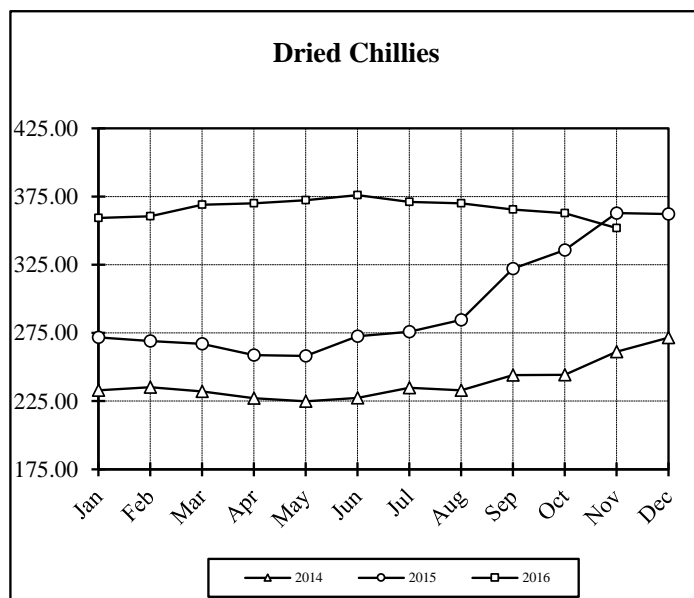
**Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)**

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	76.11	93.38	95.20	71.22	90.13	80.51	63.39	92.21	70.64	64.54	84.76	71.61
Feb	76.54	91.39	93.55	72.18	88.75	79.87	66.32	87.23	69.32	67.44	81.61	70.19
Mar	76.04	89.30	91.87	72.77	85.09	79.76	66.29	82.21	65.58	67.56	76.40	65.80
Apr	77.22	88.17	91.70	76.26	82.22	79.38	67.23	78.56	65.88	69.84	74.51	69.83
May	80.30	89.04	92.51	77.15	80.50	80.65	66.48	76.85	67.75	69.36	73.70	72.67
Jun	81.44	88.93	92.71	79.33	78.08	80.90	67.30	75.50	65.82	71.50	71.45	72.63
Jul	82.22	88.66	91.28	80.59	77.33	80.69	68.70	72.36	64.74	73.70	68.75	71.13
Aug	84.09	89.04	90.51	82.18	76.16	79.49	74.47	69.99	66.41	77.75	67.22	69.85
Sep	89.99	91.75	89.85	86.30	76.46	79.40	83.61	71.10	67.70	85.68	68.49	70.19
Oct	91.63	93.10	90.08	89.10	76.89	81.62	85.52	69.77	72.86	86.58	69.49	74.34
Nov	93.32	106.27	91.60	90.47	79.77	86.28	91.02	71.96	78.12	86.20	71.84	79.14
Dec	93.12	95.76		90.37	81.10		92.98	72.33		84.10	73.15	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	232.90	271.85	359.36	149.35	144.64	168.42	83.40	106.11	84.20	125.68	139.63	148.73
Feb	235.25	269.09	360.56	113.49	132.59	145.71	68.30	83.99	68.73	116.52	131.58	148.75
Mar	232.07	266.95	369.06	101.03	100.10	135.49	66.39	85.73	81.58	119.57	133.91	135.62
Apr	227.14	258.81	370.07	109.14	95.65	133.19	81.18	89.56	85.83	146.34	131.19	144.75
May	224.87	258.15	372.34	117.65	115.55	166.64	84.92	115.99	86.42	145.56	132.82	156.73
Jun	227.29	272.61	376.04	111.07	161.67	203.59	85.92	108.39	83.87	157.84	146.91	180.84
Jul	234.85	275.90	370.97	111.07	176.85	192.81	91.93	98.14	86.66	177.57	156.77	193.18
Aug	232.85	284.48	369.99	95.25	133.51	135.32	98.70	131.16	87.07	147.11	147.47	168.81
Sep	244.16	322.19	365.44	114.80	134.69	140.64	101.20	128.09	92.01	119.46	142.68	159.34
Oct	244.33	335.70	362.69	116.12	144.23	142.94	89.85	134.76	84.79	121.58	143.91	154.06
Nov	261.19	362.89	351.86	133.87	169.84	154.23	106.71	145.93	91.96	139.24	161.86	169.46
Dec	271.53	362.08		169.07	201.81		122.46	95.39		159.65	140.10	





**Appendix 03: contd.....**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Brinjals</b>					<b>Pumpkin</b>					<b>Lime</b>				
A'pura	35.00	46.67	41.67	51.67	Dambulla	22.40	25.20	31.40	28.40	Hambantota	425.00	325.00	325.00	275.00
Dambulla	38.00	39.00	31.60	38.60	Hambantota	27.50	42.50	35.00	40.00	Embilipitiya	532.00	290.00	388.00	352.00
Hambantota	20.00	42.50	30.00	22.50	Embilipitiya	40.40	40.40	42.40	44.40	Moneragala	383.00	339.00	385.00	237.00
Embilipitiya	37.00	51.40	34.20	30.00	Matara					<b>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Matara	41.67	48.33	46.00	44.33	A'pura	38.33	43.33	40.00	45.00	<b>Banana</b>				
Welimada				25.00	Moneragala	28.25	24.50	24.00	27.20	<b>Ambul</b>				
<b>Capsicum</b>					<b>Cucumber</b>					Moneragala	60.00	52.50	55.00	51.25
Welimada				121.00	A'pura	35.00	45.67	40.00	60.00	Embilipitiya	54.00	54.00	52.00	49.00
<b>Bitter Gourd</b>					Dambulla	20.60	29.80	38.20	67.80	Hambantota	47.50	35.00	47.50	40.00
A'pura	90.00	110.00	113.33		Hambantota	27.50	32.50	27.50	40.00	<b>Kolikuttu</b>				
Dambulla	86.80	90.40	107.00	125.00	Matara					Moneragala	146.25	145.00	150.00	147.50
Hambantota	110.00	70.00	90.00	105.00	<b>Long beans</b>					Embilipitiya	139.00	139.00	134.00	126.00
Embilipitiya	106.00	108.00	112.00	112.00	Dambulla	81.20	81.80	82.60	110.00	Hambantota	155.00	145.00	115.00	135.00
Matara		65.00	51.67		Hambantota	72.50	72.50	72.50	105.00	<b>Papaw</b>				
<b>Snake Gourd</b>					Embilipitiya	72.00	76.00	90.00	90.00	Moneragala				
Dambulla	42.00	45.60	47.40	88.80	Matara		55.00			Embilipitiya	30.40	30.40	32.40	43.40
Hambantota	67.50	55.00	62.50	70.00	A'Pura	87.50	103.33	120.00	126.67	Hambantota	19.00	35.00	19.00	50.00
Embilipitiya	68.00	68.00	71.40	72.40	<b>Ash Plantain</b>					<b>Pineapple</b>				
Matara		48.33			Hambantota	27.50	42.50	37.50	37.50	Divulapitiya	124.00	116.00	116.00	108.00
A'pura	48.33	58.33	65.00	60.00	Embilipitiya	37.00	48.60	48.60	45.00					
<b>Luffa</b>					Matara	38.33	43.33							
Dambulla	60.80	85.20	100.00	124.00	<b>Green Chillies</b>									
Hambantota	75.00	75.00	82.50	65.00	Dambulla	30.00	40.80	36.80	47.40					
Embilipitiya	68.00	72.40	97.00	86.00	Hambantota	75.00	85.00	80.00	75.00					
Matara		58.33		75.00	Embilipitiya	120.00	98.00	89.00	60.00					
A'pura	75.00	90.00	120.00	133.33	Puttalam	22.00	28.00	32.00	51.00					
					A'Pura	48.33	40.00	60.00	70.00					