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RICE:

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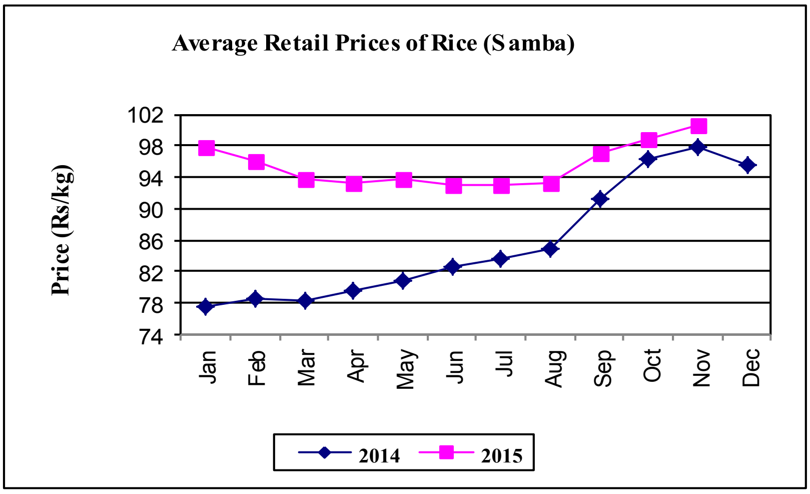
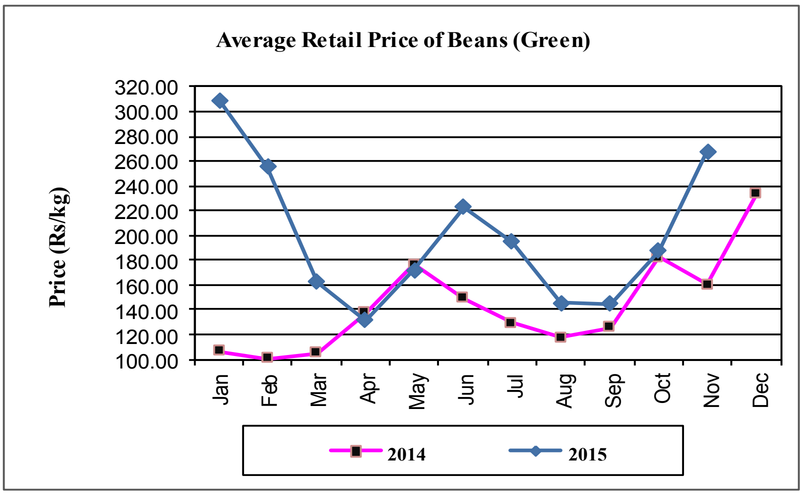


VEGETABLES:

As the off season for vegetables reaches its peak, supplies have remarkably reduced from both up and lowcountry major producing areas. As a result, prices of most of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties have increased by about 100% and 55% respectively. As off season has reaches its peak, prices are likely to increase further, in the coming month.



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

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Rainy weather was experienced in most of the paddy producing areas during the month. According to the rainfall data in most of the major producing areas November rainfall and the number of rainy days were higher than their 30 year mean values. In 2015/16 *Maha* season paddy sowing activities were obstructed and delayed in some of the major producing areas due to the continuous rainy weather. As a result of the above mentioned situation, it is expected that the cropping season is slightly getting delayed in some of the producing areas like Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura, Hambantota and Embilipitiya. Therefore the peak harvesting season is expected to move towards the end of February. According to the crop forecast report of the Agriculture Department, the cultivated extent was 613,994 ha and it is already 16% above in compare is on to the average of last three *Maha* seasons. The expected production was 2.37 million Mt. The cultivated extents reached the targets in some of the major producing areas like Ampara, Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Mahaweli Systems H, B, and C. Sufficient water levels were recorded in most of the major irrigation schemes and this situation will fulfill the water requirement till the end of the season. The first harvest can be expected from Ampara and Batticaloa districts in the mid February, 2016.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2015/16 *Maha* season (Up to end of November - 2015)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent (ha)	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	96,379	57,703	60	203,269
Polonnaruwa	34,421	20,751	60	91,866
Ampara	75,622	74,940	99	311,502
Kurunegala	83,543	74,153	89	308,636
Hambantota	29,114	17,751	61	94,431
Colombo	4,933	2,365	48	7,089
Gampaha	13,583	9,039	67	26,973
Kalutara	15,703	9,274	59	27,558
Galle	15,082	2,833	19	8,087
Matara	16,900	12,751	75	40,630
Ratnapura	14,689	5,861	40	19,501
Kegalle	8,715	5,833	67	20,249
Puttalam	22,951	12,644	55	45,495
Kandy	16,496	5,392	33	17,446
Matale	20,665	8,513	41	33,080
N' Eliya	6,800	165	2	415
Badulla	24,185	10,686	44	43,908
Monaragala	45,745	25,124	55	100,391
Jaffna	11,460	10,723	94	22,301
Kilinochchi	23,000	20,148	88	72,492
Vavuniya	19,810	14,271	72	53,618
Mullaitivu	17,067	15,882	93	42,846
Mannar	20,774	14,209	68	73,496
Trincomalee	42,244	38,705	92	152,543
Batticaloa	63,526	58,630	92	134,506
Udawalawa	11,600	8,736	75	46,140
System H	22,500	22,852	102	109,921
System H1	9,800	8,283	85	39,842
System B	19,200	18,718	97	90,036
System C	22,406	21,575	96	103,779
System G	5,000	4,000	80	19,241
System L	900	796	88	3,829
System D	472	418	89	2,011
Rambakanoya	500	270	88	1,299
Sri Lanka	**835,785**	**613,994**	**73**	**2,368,426**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices has continued in most of the major producing areas during the month. The prices of short grain paddy varieties remained at higher level in all major producing areas throughout the month. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.40.00-50.00/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Polonnaruwa and Ampara. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.32.00-39.00/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were also recorded in Polonnaruwa and Ampara. The prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.54.00-55.00/kg in major producing areas in Polonnaruwa. The highest price range of Rs.44.00-50.00/kg was recorded for the short grain paddy in Polonnaruwa. According to the field information it is expected that increasing trend of paddy prices continue may during next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain have decreased in most of the major producing areas in the range of 3%-9% with the highest decrease from Nikaweratiya. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain white have decreased in the range of 14%-25% with the lowest decrease from Dehiattakandiya. Prices of raw red have decreased in the range of 31%-38% in producing areas in the Southern Province.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – November 2015

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	43.00-45.00	40.00-45.00	44.68	41.85	46.13	*2.83*	*6.76*	*-1.45*	*-3.14*
Polonnaruwa	44.00-50.00	38.00-40.00	47.36	38.59	-	*8.77*	*22.73*	-	-
Kalawewa	42.00-46.00	39.00-43.00	44.33	41.25	46.12	*3.08*	*7.47*	*-1.79*	*-3.88*
Kurunegala	40.00-45.00	38.00-42.00	43.36	39.65	44.59	*3.71*	*9.36*	*-1.23*	*-2.76*
Dehiattakandiya	43.00-45.00	39.00-44.00	44.20	41.40	39.57	*2.80*	*6.76*	*4.63*	*11.70*
Nikaweratiya	45.00-47.00	42.00-45.00	46.12	42.80	50.67	*3.32*	*7.76*	*-4.55*	*-8.98*
Ampara	42.00-49.00	38.00-42.50	45.86	39.75	-	*6.11*	*15.37*	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	34.00-36.00	29.00-35.00	35.12	31.45	43.75	*3.67*	*11.67*	*-8.63*	*-19.73*
Polonnaruwa	34.50-39.00	28.00-31.50	37.29	30.38	-	*6.92*	*22.77*	-	-
Kalawewa	33.00-37.00	28.00-33.00	35.47	30.92	42.96	*4.55*	*14.72*	*-7.49*	*-17.44*
Kurunegala	32.00-35.00	27.00-35.00	34.45	30.50	42.63	*3.95*	*12.95*	*-8.18*	*-19.19*
Dehiattakandiya	34.00-36.00	28.00-34.00	34.80	31.05	40.54	*3.75*	*12.08*	*-5.74*	*-14.16*
Embilipitiya	32.00-38.00	32.00-35.00	35.52	33.15	43.20	*2.37*	*7.15*	*-7.68*	*-17.78*
Nikaweratiya	35.00-38.00	32.00-36.00	36.44	33.20	43.91	*3.24*	*9.76*	*-7.47*	*-17.01*
Matara	31.00-34.00	30.00-31.00	33.00	30.67	43.75	*2.33*	*7.60*	*-10.75*	*-24.57*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	34.00-39.00	32.00-34.00	37.30	32.58	42.96	*4.72*	*14.50*	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-33.00	30.00-31.00	31.93	30.33	46.17	*1.60*	*5.28*	*-14.24*	*-30.84*
Hambantota	33.00-36.00	30.00-33.00	34.30	31.13	52.88	*3.18*	*10.20*	*-18.58*	*-35.14*
Embilipitiya	31.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	32.98	31.20	52.85	*1.78*	*5.71*	*-19.87*	*-37.60*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

As a result of increased paddy prices, the prices of all the local rice varieties have increased during this month. The price of raw white has increased by 8% and it was reported as the highest price increase for rice. Furthermore, prices have increased by 7% for nadu grade II, by 6% for nadu grade I, by 5% for both samba grade II and III and by 3% for both raw red and samba grade

I. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports have slightly increased compared to the last month and it was 2,865mt. But, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by 4% due to the decrease of imported stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have increased by 3%-5%, followed by imported *ponni* samba as 63%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 10%-28%.

Retail

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of all the rice varieties have increased. Accordingly, the prices have increased by Rs.4.00/kg for nadu grade II, by Rs.3.00/kg for both nadu grade I and samba grade III and by Rs.2.00/kg for all the other rice varieties. The highest price of Rs.125.00/kg was reported for imported *ponni* samba and the lowest price of Rs.64.00/kg was reported for raw red.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest price range of Rs.93.00-113.00/kg for samba varieties was reported in Kegalle market while the lowest price range of Rs.81.00-88.00/kg was reported in Killinochchi and Dehiattakandiya markets. The highest price range of Rs.79.00-83.00/kg for nadu rice was noted in Kegalle market and the lowest price range of Rs.63.00-67.00/kg was noted in Polonnaruwa and Puttalam markets. Also, the highest price of Rs.80.00/kg for raw red was reported in Kegalle market while the lowest price of Rs.57.00/kg was reported in Hambantota market. The highest price of Rs.72.00/kg for raw white was noticed in Gampaha market and the lowest price of Rs.62.00/kg was noticed in Matara market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local samba varieties have increased by 2%-4%, followed by imported *ponni* samba as 55%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 12%-21%.

Table1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – November 2015

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	93.00-99.00	96.42	93.73	92.20	*2.69*	*2.87*	*4.22*	*4.57*
Samba 2	86.00-94.00	89.73	85.84	87.54	*3.89*	*4.53*	*2.19*	*2.50*
Samba 3	83.00-89.00	86.20	82.33	-	*3.87*	*4.70*	-	-
Nadu 1	72.00-75.00	74.49	70.34	83.10	*4.15*	*5.91*	*-8.61*	*-10.36*
Nadu 2	68.00-72.00	70.07	65.22	79.20	*4.86*	*7.45*	*-9.13*	*-11.52*
Raw red	57.00-65.00	61.65	59.67	85.83	*1.98*	*3.32*	*-24.18*	*-28.17*
Raw white	63.00-68.00	65.61	60.82	77.83	*4.79*	*7.88*	*-12.22*	*-15.70*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	105.00-118.00	112.25	107.90	68.68	*4.34*	*4.02*	*43.57*	*63.43*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	60.27	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-115.00	106.27	104.34	102.54	*1.93*	*1.85*	*3.73*	*3.64*
Samba 2	90.00-98.00	94.92	93.10	93.32	*1.82*	*1.95*	*1.60*	*1.71*
Samba 3	86.00-92.00	90.73	87.83	-	*2.90*	*3.30*	-	-
Nadu 1	75.00-89.00	79.77	76.89	90.47	*2.88*	*3.75*	*-10.70*	*-11.83*
Nadu 2	70.00-80.00	74.92	70.88	87.19	*4.04*	*5.70*	*-12.27*	*-14.07*
Raw red	64.00-85.00	71.96	69.77	91.02	*2.19*	*3.14*	*-19.06*	*-20.94*
Raw white	65.00-80.00	71.84	69.49	86.20	*2.35*	*3.38*	*-14.36*	*-16.66*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	115.00-125.00	120.72	118.79	77.80	*1.93*	*1.62*	*42.92*	*55.17*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	73.03	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

About 3,081 ha were targeted for chilli cultivation in Anuradhapura district for *maha* 2015/16 and about 2,077 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2015. This was about 67% of the targeted extent. Compared to the same period of previous *maha* season the cultivated extent of green chillies has decreased by 391 ha (16%) during this season in Anuradhapura district due to prevailed unfavorable rainy weather condition. Most of the green chilli nurseries and plants were damaged by rainy weather condition. Further, the cultivated extent of green chillies in Sri Lanka has also dropped by 696 ha (12%) at the end of November 2015 when compared to the same period of last year due to prevailed rainy weather condition during the commencement of the 2015/16 *maha* season. The total expected production of green chillies is 26,687 mt and 74% of that production could be expected from Anuradhapura (47%), Puttalam (14%) and Moneragala (13%).

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for *Maha* 2015/16 (Compared to 2014/15)

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivation Progress at the end of November				Expected Production (mt)	
			November 2015		November 2014			
	2015/16	2014/15	Extent (ha)	% of the targeted Extent	Extent (ha)	% of the targeted Extent	2015/16	2014/15
Anuradhapura	3,081	3,903	2,077	67	2,468	63	12,410	16,323
Moneragala	1,062	1,504	488	46	434	29	3,575	2,791
Puttalam	867	1,000	362	42	414	41	3,653	3,637
Jaffna	700	700	100	14	130	19	325	276
Ampara	600	852	259	43	333	39	679	805
Other areas	4,671	5,586	1,664	36	1,867	33	6,045	5,736
Total	**10,981**	**13,545**	**4,950**	**45**	**5,646**	**42**	**26,687**	**29,568**

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Matale and other producing areas had decreased significantly due to prevailed rainy weather condition and ending of the *yala* harvesting in major producing districts. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased significantly by about Rs.345.00/kg and Rs.500.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.529.70/kg and Rs.817.77/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the prices of imported dried chillies. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had increased by about 298% and 238% respectively.

A quantity of 4,144 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was an increase of 579 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.258.51/kg and it was an increase of Rs.11.60/kg compared to the last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.22.00/kg and Rs.27.00/kg respectively due to increased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies had increased by about 78% and 58% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies
November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	200.00-800.00	529.70	184.62	133.25	*345.08*	*186.91*	*396.45*	*297.52*
Dried Chillies	300.00-320.00	312.56	290.50	220.23	*22.06*	*7.59*	*92.33*	*41.92*
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	400.00-1200.00	817.77	317.28	242.03	*500.49*	*157.74*	*575.74*	*237.88*
Dried Chillies	300.00-400.00	362.89	335.70	261.19	*27.19*	*8.10*	*101.70*	*38.94*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	4,143.54	1,071.16	258.51	362.89	104.38
Oct	3,564.26	880.04	246.91	335.70	88.79
Sep	4,590.57	1,006.62	219.28	322.19	102.91
Aug	3,900.58	806.71	206.82	284.48	77.66
July	3,986.71	819.85	205.64	275.90	70.26
June	2,923.47	593.87	203.14	272.61	69.47

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – November 2015

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Dambulla	278.00	420.00	554.00	554.00	630.00
Hambantota	350.00	380.00	690.00	577.50	600.00
Embilipitiya	396.00	530.00	720.00	676.00	730.00
Puttalam	350.00	430.00	436.00	436.00	740.00

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 2015. About 518 ha of big onion were targeted for 2015/16 *maha* season and the highest targeted extent was reported from Hambantota district (125 ha), but the achievement was in a very low level (around 1%), at the end of this month.

The targeted extent of red onion for *maha* 2015/16 was 3,934 ha in Sri Lanka and around 565 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2015 representing 14% of the targeted extent. About 2,050 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district for this *maha* season and out of that only 21 ha were cultivated by the end of November. This was about only 1% of the targeted extent. Cultivation progress in Puttalam district was comparatively higher than the other districts and about 335 ha were cultivated by the end of November representing about 83% of the targeted extent. The total expected production of red onion is 9,427 mt at the end of November 2015.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivated Progress of Red Onion for *Maha* 2015/16

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivation Progress at the end of November				Expected Production (mt)	
			November 2015		November 2014			
	2015/16	2014/15	Extent (ha)	% of the target	Extent (ha)	% of the target	2015/16	2014/15
Jaffna	2,050	2,000	21	1	106	5	247	1,540
Puttalam	406	1,050	335	83	376	36	7,313	7,319
Trincomalee	680	686	22	3	9	1	214	104
Other areas	798	1,218	187	23	224	18	1,653	1,780
Total	**3,934**	**4,954**	**565**	**14**	**715**	**14**	**9,427**	**10,743**

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of local big onion showed a further drop 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.26.00/kg and Rs.24.00/kg respectively. About 17,984 mt of big onion was imported from India (16,029 mt – 89%), Pakistan (1,741 mt – 10%), Egypt (156 mt – 1%) and China (58 mt – 0.3%) during this month and it was an increase of 15,203 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.95.35/kg and it was an increase of Rs.10.57/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.18.00/kg and Rs.28.00/kg respectively due to increased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of imported big onion and local big onion have increased by about 32% and 49% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from Puttalam, Jaffna and Trincomalee areas had decreased further due to prevailed rainy weather condition at end of the *yala* harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about Rs.4.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg respectively. Wholesale price of sinnan has not changed significantly, while the stocks of sinnan were not available at the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan had increased by about 20% and 27% respectively.

About 2,146 mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 1,242 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.112.28/kg and it was an increase of Rs.5.55/kg compared to the last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.16.00/kg and Rs.41.00/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 price of imported red onion have decreased by about 5%.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
November 2015

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	70.00-120.00	91.85	92.00	51.46	*-0.15*	*-0.17*	*40.39*	*78.48*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	90.00-160.00	118.16	114.02	98.65	*4.14*	*3.63*	*19.51*	*19.78*
Red Onion (Imported)	100.00-170.00	126.72	111.04	-	*15.67*	*14.12*	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-135.00	107.25	89.27	77.27	*17.98*	*20.14*	*29.98*	*38.80*
Big Onion (Local)	125.00-140.00	131.43	105.83	83.19	*25.60*	*24.18*	*48.24*	*57.99*
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	119.75	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-240.00	169.84	144.23	133.87	*25.61*	*17.76*	*35.97*	*26.87*
Red Onion (Imported)	110.00-240.00	160.49	119.81	168.89	*40.68*	*33.95*	*-8.40*	*-4.97*
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-200.00	145.63	117.29	110.11	*28.34*	*24.16*	*35.52*	*32.26*
Big Onion (Local)	140.00-200.00	158.72	134.76	106.71	*23.96*	*17.78*	*52.01*	*48.74*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Nov,2015	95.35	107.25	145.63	*11.90*	*38.38*
	Oct,2015	84.78	89.27	117.29	*4.49*	*28.02*
	Nov,2014	32.36	151.43	172.85	*119.07*	*21.42*
Red onion	Nov,2015	112.28	126.72	160.49	*14.44*	*33.77*
	Oct,2015	106.73	111.04	119.81	*4.31*	*8.77*
	Nov,2014	69.28	150.61	168.89	*81.33*	*18.28*

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

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015
Red Onion	2146.01	904.28	240.94	96.52	112.28	106.73
Big Onion	17983.59	2780.47	1714.68	235.72	95.35	84.78

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
June to November 2015

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Nov	17983.59	95.35	107.25	145.63	50.28
Oct	2780.47	84.78	89.27	117.29	32.51
Sep	4122.62	45.81	70.64	106.67	60.86
Aug	11726.68	48.58	95.57	120.90	72.32
July	19530.12	56.09	70.99	98.64	42.55
June	22393.78	52.59	82.29	108.39	55.80

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2015/16 is 2,993 ha and about 528 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 18% 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 7,232 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,200 ha and about 78 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 low level during this *maha* season due to prevailed rainy weather condition. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,637 ha in the Badulla district and 369 ha have been cultivated by the end of November achieving 23% 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 y*ala* 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* 2015/16)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Maha* 2014/15	***Maha* 2015/16**	***Maha* 2014/15***	***Maha* 2015/16**	***Maha* 2015/16**	
N'Eliya	1,095	1,200	176	78	7	1,500
Badulla	1,945	1,637	47	369	23	4,961
Sri Lanka	**3,153**	**2,993**	**215**	**528**	**18**	**7,232**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.1, Maha 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.1, Maha 2014/15, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 11,892 mt of potato had been imported in November which was 8,317 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been reduced to Rs.15.00/kg with the Budget proposals 2016. Imported stocks were received from Pakistan, India, China and Bangladesh. About 55% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed by India (26%). Compared to November, 2014 (1,085 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.37.00/kg in November.

With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season and also the harvesting of potatoes was interrupted due to bad weather condition in major producing areas. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 20% and 14% respectively. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 39% and 12%. On average, the producer prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were Rs.96.00/kg and Rs.106.00/kg respectively in November. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 5% and 13% respectively. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.95.00-160.00/kg, Rs.80.00-140.00/kg and Rs.55.00-125.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (26%), Nuwara Eliya (16%) and imported (6%) potatoes have increased.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	11891.82	438.31	36.86	118.25	*81.39*
Oct	3574.86	115.10	32.20	104.57	*72.37*
Sep	5087.67	156.36	30.73	103.24	*72.51*
Aug	11141.20	410.81	36.87	103.14	*66.27*
July	17005.16	628.57	36.96	100.13	*63.17*
June	11972.16	369.73	30.88	110.13	*79.25*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	77.00-120.00	96.21	81.65	82.87	*14.56*	*17.84*	*13.34*	*16.10*
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-115.00	106.21	94.76	95.45	*11.45*	*12.08*	*10.76*	*11.27*
Imported – CIF	35.71-60.19	36.86	32.20	46.31	*4.66*	*14.48*	*-9.45*	*-20.41*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	80.00-140.00	105.36	87.65	96.55	*17.71*	*20.20*	*8.81*	*9.12*
Nuwara Eliya	95.00-160.00	119.36	104.77	108.08	*14.59*	*13.93*	*11.28*	*10.44*
Imported	55.00-125.00	90.42	85.73	85.05	*4.69*	*5.47*	*5.37*	*6.31*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	120.00-160.00	144.67	104.17	115.00	*40.50*	*38.88*	*29.67*	*25.80*
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-200.00	161.86	143.91	139.24	*17.95*	*12.47*	*22.62*	*16.25*
Imported	80.00-180.00	118.25	104.57	110.99	*13.68*	*13.08*	*7.26*	*6.54*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		48.46	22.52	32.13	*25.94*	*115.17*	*16.33*	*50.81*
Nuwara Eliya		55.65	49.15	43.79	*6.50*	*13.23*	*11.86*	*27.08*
Imported (CIF-RP)		81.39	72.37	64.68	*9.02*	*12.46*	*16.71*	*25.83*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		39.31	16.52	18.45	*22.79*	*138.02*	*20.86*	*113.06*
Nuwara Eliya		42.50	39.14	31.16	*3.36*	*8.58*	*11.34*	*36.39*
Imported		27.83	18.84	25.94	*8.99*	*47.70*	*1.89*	*7.29*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green gram for *maha* 2015/16 is 7,648 ha and out of which about 4,163 ha were cultivated in November representing 54% of the total targeted extent. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of green gram is 5,344 mt for 2015/16 *maha* season. Compared to the same period of *maha* 2014/15, the cultivated extent in this *maha* season is at a low level as the cultivation was affected with the prevailed rainy weather condition. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 860 ha for *maha* 2015/16 and about 1,687 ha was cultivated in November achieving higher progress. In the Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents are 1,455 ha and 862 ha for this *maha* season and about 773 ha and 420 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 53% and 49% of the targeted extents. In all the districts, the cultivated extents for this *maha* season were lower than that of last *maha* season. Harvesting of green gram cultivated in mid-season took place in Hambantota and Moneragala districts.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 8,905 ha for *maha* 2015/16 and about 3,126 ha had been cultivated by the end of the month achieving 35% of the total targeted extent. Compared to *maha* 2014/15 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 3,652 mt. The highest targeted extent for cowpea was recorded in the Ampara district as 1,690 ha for this *maha* season and only 390 ha was cultivated by the end of November. In the Moneregala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 1,650 ha and 942 ha for this *maha* season. By the end of November, about 828 ha and 324 ha were cultivated in the respective districts.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Maha* 2015/16)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
		Maha* 2014/15	***Maha* 2015/16**	***Maha* 2014/15***	***Maha* 2015/16**	***Maha* 2015/16**	
Green gram	Hambantota	3,585	860	5,016	1,687	196	2,562
	Kurunegala	1,233	862	626	420	49	230
	Moneragala	1,983	1,455	1,624	773	53	807
	Sri Lanka	**12,458**	**7,648**	**9,206**	**4,163**	**54**	**5,344**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,959	1,690	350	390	23	828
	Kurunegala	1,216	942	189	344	36	151
	Moneragala	1,726	1,650	1,462	828	50	898
	Sri Lanka	**12,318**	**8,905**	**4,397**	**3,126**	**35**	**3,652**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.1, Maha 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.1, Maha 2014/15, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 838 mt of green gram was imported in November and it was 36 mt increase compared to that of October. The average CIF price was Rs.189.00/kg during this month. About 47% and 33% of the imports were received from Australia and Myanmar and the rest was imported from Thailand and Indonesia. The wholesale price of green gram has decreased by 3% and the retail price has not changed significantly during this month. In November, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.165.00-200.00/kg. With the arrival of harvest of mid-season cultivation of green gram, the local stocks fetched low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 17%.

A quantity of 666 mt of cowpea was imported in November, which was 475 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. About 56% of the imports were received from Madagascar and the rest was imported from Brazil. The average CIF price was Rs.96.00/kg in November. With regard to cowpea, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 4% for each due to availability of ample stocks of local and imported varieties. The retail price of white cowpea has decreased by 1%. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.155.00-200.00/kg and Rs.200.00-225.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched a high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 20%, while the prices of white and red cowpea had increased by 3% and 28% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	838	158.48	189.22	246.06	56.84
Oct	802	143.76	179.14	244.34	65.20
Sep	572	100.62	175.91	246.54	70.63
Aug	777	132.59	170.54	239.69	69.15
July	1,506	266.09	176.63	239.67	63.04
June	1,551	264.00	170.21	249.99	79.78

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 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	666.56	64.11	96.18	262.26	166.08
Oct	1140.62	120.04	105.24	264.23	158.99
Sep	714.77	81.95	114.65	268.49	153.84
Aug	262.74	26.58	101.15	255.63	154.48
July	214.00	25.36	118.52	245.32	126.80
June	666.56	64.11	96.18	262.26	166.08

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	165.00-200.00	189.40	194.60	243.23	-5.20	-2.67	-53.83	-22.13
Cowpea (White)	155.00-200.00	177.92	185.26	193.35	-7.34	-3.96	-15.43	-7.98
Cowpea (Red)	200.00-225.00	217.71	227.54	153.16	-9.83	-4.32	64.55	42.14
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	246.06	244.34	307.21	1.72	0.70	-61.15	-19.90
Cowpea (White)	220.00-300.00	262.26	264.23	253.44	-1.97	-0.75	8.82	3.48
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-300.00	270.91	271.31	211.06	-0.40	-0.15	59.85	28.36

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,2015	189.22	189.40	246.06	0.18	56.66
	Oct,2015	179.14	194.60	244.34	15.46	49.74
	Nov,2014	-	243.23	307.21	-	63.98
Cowpea (White)	Nov,2015	96.18	177.92	262.26	81.74	84.34
	Oct,2015	105.24	185.26	264.23	80.02	78.97
	Nov,2014	-	193.35	253.44	-	60.09
Cowpea (Red)	Nov,2015	-	217.71	270.91	-	53.20
	Oct,2015	-	227.54	271.31	-	43.77
	Nov,2014	-	153.16	211.06	-	57.90

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 11,471 mt (8,922 mt of whole type and 2,549 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in November and it was 3,649 mt higher than the quantity imported in October. About 81% of the stocks of whole type and 96% of the stocks of split type had been received from Canada. Compared to November, 2014 (10,103 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.96.00/kg in November.

Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have not changed significantly. The average wholesale price was Rs.171.00/kg in November. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had increased by 11%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – November 2015

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	150.00-198.00	171.17	171.78	154.86	-0.61	-0.36	16.31	10.53
Retail Price	168.00-230.00	191.79	192.21	172.16	-0.42	-0.22	19.63	11.40

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Nov	11470.86	260.78	171.17	191.79	-89.61	20.62
Oct	7822.15	126.86	171.78	192.21	44.92	20.43
Sep	10306.06	141.90	178.06	194.74	36.16	16.68
Aug	15090.58	133.07	174.73	190.96	41.66	16.23
July	10858.38	131.45	169.28	188.24	37.83	18.96
June	13169.48	129.29	177.47	193.97	48.18	16.50

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the department of meteorology data, during the second inter - monsoon season (November) an above average rainfall has received in most of the up and midcountry districts. Therefore, early commencement of the *Maha* season was evident in most of the up and midcountry districts. In Matale district, the set target for *Maha* season is 2,768 ha of which 830 ha were completed by the end of November. With the received rainfall, farmers have started the land preparation for upcoming *Maha* season. Compared to the same period in previous year, Nuwara Eliya district received 65% higher rainfall during the month of November 2015. The set target for upcountry varieties in the *Maha* season is 5,044 ha of which 27% of the seasonal target was achieved. Generally, crop establishment for *Maha* season has progressed well in Kandy districts with the rainy weather experienced in the beginning of the cultivation season. The reported cultivation progress for upcountry vegetables in the district was 583 ha, recording a 35% achievement of the seasonal target at the end of November. In Ratnapura district, beans cultivation has recorded 48% progress of the seasonal target, by the end of November.

Crop establishment commenced well in all the lowcountry major producing areas of low country districts with the received rainfall at the beginning of the cultivation season. As almost all irrigation tanks had fairly good storage, water availability for agriculture was at satisfactory level in November. In Ratnapura district, the set target for lowcountry varieties in the *Maha* season is 1,601 ha of which the extent cultivated by the end of November was 949 ha, recording a 59% progress. In Ampara district, cultivation progress marked as 77% of the seasonal target at the end of November. In Hambantota district, early establishment of 2015/2016 *Maha* cultivation has been observed with an extent of 2,316 ha completed by the end of November. In Anuradhapura district, seasonal target was 5,763 ha of which 3,757 ha was completed the end of November, recording a 65% achievement of the seasonal target.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As off season approaches its peak, supplies have gradually reduced from both up and mid country districts. During November, upcountry vegetables have supplied mainly from Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy Matale and Ratnapura. The total supply of vegetables in the Matale district was around 976 mt in November, recorded a 76% decrease compared to previous month. The highest supply was recorded for tomato, pumpkin and cucumber as 70 mt for each, within the month of November. The daily supply of vegetables at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre was around 500 mt in November, recoding a 60% decrease compared to last month.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties have increased in November, compared to previous month, due to decreasing trend in market supplies. The highest price increase was reported for leeks as 158% followed by carrot as 140%, cabbage as 130% and beetroot as 121%. Prices of all the other upcountry varieties have increased in the range of 47% - 98%. Due to heavy rains prevailed in October, crop damage was observed and wholesale price of 1kg was decreased up to Rs.32.00 and Rs.44.00 for leeks and cabbage respectively, as a result of low quality supplies. Therefore, compared to low prices observed in October, price increases reported in November for most of the upcountry vegetables were over 100%. As the rain intensified, *Yala* harvesting season was shortened than expected and it further intensified the price increase in November. In Nuwara Eliya district, anticipated yield losses due to crop damage in upcountry varieties were in the range of 25% - 40% in November. As off season has approached its peak, low supplies are expected to reach the market, hence considerable price increases are anticipated in the coming month.

With the shortening of *Yala* harvesting season due to rain, supply of capsicum had decreased considerably during the off season, hence prices have increased considerably, by 130% % compared to previous month. Along with capsicum, tomato prices also increased by 42% in November.

The supply of most of the domestic vegetables has also decreased with the off season approaching for vegetable harvesting and thereby prices have increased for most of the lowcountry varieties. The highest price increase was recorded for drumsticks as 129% followed by brinjal as 99% and long beans as 72%. Prices of other varieties except luffa and pumpkin have increased in a range of 9% - 67%, due to low supplies. High intensity rainfall has caused severe crop damage; hence farmers have uprooted the existing crops and started land preparation for *Maha* season. As off season has approached, low supplies are expected to reach the market hence considerable price increases are anticipated in the coming month.

Prices of green chilies have started to show an increasing trend in October and it continued further in November by recording a 189% price increase as a result of decreased supply from Puttalam, Jaffna and Anuradhapura in the off season.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had increased in November. The highest price increase was reported for drumsticks as 176% followed by 120% for capsicum.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-250.00	206.72	141.03	94.99	*65.69*	*46.58*	*111.73*	*117.62*
Carrot	80.00-250.00	167.10	69.74	124.57	*97.36*	*139.60*	*42.53*	*34.14*
Leeks	40.00-140.00	83.02	32.19	133.16	*50.83*	*157.91*	*-50.14*	*-37.65*
Beetroot	40.00-150.00	92.72	41.88	83.15	*50.84*	*121.39*	*9.57*	*11.51*
Knokhol	50.00-140.00	95.75	53.81	47.63	*41.94*	*77.94*	*48.12*	*101.03*
Radish	50.00-90.00	71.63	36.09	45.13	*35.54*	*98.48*	*26.50*	*58.72*
Cabbage	60.00-140.00	100.87	43.88	46.83	*56.99*	*129.88*	*54.04*	*115.40*
Tomato	70.00-150.00	102.06	71.76	119.96	*30.30*	*42.22*	*-17.90*	*-14.92*
Ladies Fingers	60.00-100.00	78.49	49.99	59.88	*28.50*	*57.01*	*18.61*	*31.08*
Brinjal	50.00-120.00	81.68	41.00	53.74	*40.68*	*99.22*	*27.94*	*51.99*
Capsicum	200.00-400.00	288.43	125.63	165.09	*162.80*	*129.59*	*123.34*	*74.71*
Pumpkin	30.00-55.00	40.18	41.43	39.13	*-1.25*	*-3.02*	*1.05*	*2.68*
Cucumber	30.00-70.00	49.09	29.33	23.50	*19.76*	*67.37*	*25.59*	*108.89*
Bittergourd	120.00-190.00	155.02	119.40	106.50	*35.62*	*29.83*	*48.52*	*45.56*
Snakegourd	50.00-100.00	82.30	68.91	79.50	*13.39*	*19.43*	*2.80*	*3.52*
Drumstick	100.00-350.00	218.16	95.41	127.75	*122.75*	*128.66*	*90.41*	*70.77*
Luffa	50.00-80.00	62.93	81.44	57.50	*-18.51*	*-22.73*	*5.43*	*9.44*
Long Beans	80.00-160.00	124.89	72.46	93.50	*52.43*	*72.36*	*31.39*	*33.57*
Ash Plantain	50.00-70.00	60.06	54.86	60.71	*5.20*	*9.48*	*-0.65*	*-1.07*
Green Chillies	200.00-800.00	529.70	184.62	133.25	*345.08*	*186.91*	*396.45*	*297.52*
Lime	200.00-500.00	364.33	358.86	135.57	*5.47*	*1.52*	*228.76*	*168.74*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-360.00	268.05	187.19	160.29	*80.86*	*43.20*	*107.76*	*67.23*
Carrot	120.00-360.00	252.61	142.28	198.01	*110.33*	*77.54*	*54.60*	*27.57*
Leeks	70.00-240.00	166.99	100.57	202.71	*66.42*	*66.04*	*-35.72*	*-17.62*
Beetroot	70.00-280.00	165.45	107.28	171.73	*58.17*	*54.22*	*-6.28*	*-3.66*
Knokhol	100.00-320.00	190.44	126.54	152.21	*63.90*	*50.50*	*38.23*	*25.12*
Radish	70.00-240.00	162.39	102.55	123.99	*59.84*	*58.35*	*38.40*	*30.97*
Cabbage	80.00-280.00	181.10	105.76	120.30	*75.34*	*71.24*	*60.80*	*50.54*
Tomato	100.00-280.00	176.49	119.90	187.50	*56.59*	*47.20*	*-11.01*	*-5.87*
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	150.99	109.65	127.19	*41.34*	*37.70*	*23.80*	*18.71*
Brinjal	70.00-240.00	150.36	119.85	116.63	*30.51*	*25.46*	*33.73*	*28.92*
Capsicum	240.00-600.00	411.65	187.14	240.09	*224.51*	*119.97*	*171.56*	*71.46*
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	96.64	83.84	87.50	*12.80*	*15.27*	*9.14*	*10.45*
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	115.72	87.02	83.22	*28.70*	*32.98*	*32.50*	*39.05*
Bittergourd	140.00-320.00	209.91	145.92	187.22	*63.99*	*43.85*	*22.69*	*12.12*
Snakegourd	80.00-240.00	154.17	108.43	134.21	*45.74*	*42.18*	*19.96*	*14.87*
Drumstick	200.00-800.00	507.55	183.96	203.17	*323.59*	*175.90*	*304.38*	*149.82*
Luffa	80.00-240.00	148.49	143.54	120.38	*4.95*	*3.45*	*28.11*	*23.35*
Long Beans	120.00-320.00	197.71	141.17	165.59	*56.54*	*40.05*	*32.12*	*19.40*
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	132.27	127.76	137.96	*4.51*	*3.53*	*-5.69*	*-4.12*
Green Chillies	400.00-1200.00	817.77	317.28	242.03	*500.49*	*157.74*	*575.74*	*237.88*
Lime	400.00-1000.00	714.39	541.43	269.53	*172.96*	*31.95*	*444.86*	*165.05*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 47% was reported for mango (vilad). The second highest price decrease of 44% was noted for mango (karthakolomban) due to high supply received from Moneragala and other producing areas. Price decrease for mango could be expected by the next month too with commencement of the harvesting season. Further, the prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 13%-18% due to low demand with rainy weather condition. In addition, prices of banana (anamalu, ambun) have decreased by 5% and 3% respectively.

Meanwhile, the highest wholesale price increase of 89% was recorded for avocado due to low supplies received with end of the harvesting season. Prices of woodapple and orange have decreased by 22% and 56% respectively. Prices of banana (ambul, kolikuttu and seeni) have increased by 10%, 1% and 3% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 93% reported for avocado.

According to the table 4.2, retail prices of most of the fruits have decreased with the highest price decrease of 56% noted for mango (karthakolomban). The second highest price decrease of 41% was reported for mango (vilad) due to increased supplies with commencement of the harvesting season. Price decrease for mango could be expected during the next month too with this situation. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 10%-18% and all the varieties of banana have decreased in the range of 3%-8% due to low demand with rainy weather condition.

Meanwhile, the highest price was reported for avocado as 55% due to limited supply received with end of the harvesting season. Then, the second highest price increase was reported for orange as 23% due to low supplies in off season.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the varieties of fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 46% noted for avocado.

According to the table 4.3, producer prices of selected fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was noted for papaw as 40%.

Compared to the previous month, and the same period of last year, producer prices of all the selected fruits except banana (ambul) have increased with the highest price increase of 45% for banana (kolikuttu).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Papaw was the most exported type of fruit in November with the quantity of 250 mt. The total income of exporting pineapple, papaw and avocado was Rs.59.11mn in November.

Apple was the most imported type of fruit in November as usual. The total quantity of 2,573 mt of apple was imported. The value of imports was Rs.279.45mn. The total import expenditure of importing apple, grapes, orange and mandarin was Rs.596.32mn in November.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	20.00-50.00	37.87	34.28	39.91	*3.59*	*10.47*	*-2.04*	*-5.11*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	120.00-160.00	148.22	146.85	94.20	*1.37*	*0.93*	*54.02*	*57.35*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	30.00-55.00	40.17	38.85	43.83	*1.32*	*3.40*	*-3.66*	*-8.35*
Anamalu	5.00-12.00	8.38	8.84	8.14	*-0.46*	*-5.20*	*0.24*	*2.95*
Ambun	8.00-15.00	10.49	10.83	11.32	*-0.34*	*-3.14*	*-0.83*	*-7.33*
Pineapple								
Large	100.00-140.00	120.34	140.15	95.53	*-19.81*	*-14.13*	*24.81*	*25.97*
Medium	80.00-120.00	96.41	117.88	73.29	*-21.47*	*-18.21*	*23.12*	*31.55*
Small	55.00-90.00	74.07	85.44	52.87	*-11.37*	*-13.31*	*21.20*	*40.10*
Mango								
Betti	-	-	24.50	10.75	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	25.00-80.00	41.77	74.54	34.96	*-32.77*	*-43.96*	*6.81*	*19.48*
Vilad	11.50-38.00	23.47	44.67	13.47	*-21.20*	*-47.46*	*10.00*	*74.24*
Kohu		-	-	8.19	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	30.00-70.00	50.46	42.48	50.47	*7.98*	*18.79*	*-0.01*	*-0.02*
Passionfruit	5.00-10.83	8.08	8.46	7.65	*-0.38*	*-4.49*	*0.43*	*5.62*
Woodapple	8.00-20.00	11.35	9.30	7.43	*2.05*	*22.04*	*3.92*	*52.76*
Orange	30.00-50.00	38.28	24.59	21.44	*13.69*	*55.67*	*16.84*	*78.54*
Avocado	30.00-60.00	42.50	22.54	22.01	*19.96*	*88.55*	*20.49*	*93.09*
Slime Apple	20.00-40.00	28.29	31.09	34.93	*-2.80*	*-9.01*	*-6.64*	*-19.01*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	450.00-622.00	547.22	478.75	474.86	*68.47*	*14.30*	*72.36*	*15.24*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	77.35	79.98	75.11	*-2.63*	*-3.29*	*2.24*	*2.98*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	160.00-220.00	195.80	202.90	146.90	*-7.10*	*-3.50*	*48.90*	*33.29*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	50.00-90.00	75.59	80.05	76.10	*-4.46*	*-5.57*	*-0.51*	*-0.67*
Anamalu	12.00-25.00	16.54	17.48	14.32	*-0.94*	*-5.38*	*2.22*	*15.50*
Ambun	12.00-25.00	17.21	18.66	15.87	*-1.45*	*-7.77*	*1.34*	*8.44*
Pineapple								
Large	150.00-220.00	177.09	197.23	147.40	*-20.14*	*-10.21*	*29.69*	*20.14*
Medium	110.00-170.00	134.72	158.70	110.18	*-23.98*	*-15.11*	*24.54*	*22.27*
Small	70.00-140.00	92.18	112.21	78.35	*-20.03*	*-17.85*	*13.83*	*17.65*
Mango								
Betti	35.00-65.00	48.33	-	36.25	-	-	*12.08*	*33.32*
Karthakolomban	30.00-100.00	62.09	142.17	59.54	*-80.08*	*-56.33*	*2.55*	*4.28*
Vilad	25.00-150.00	40.95	69.42	41.70	*-28.47*	*-41.01*	*-0.75*	*-1.80*
Kohu	-	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	50.00-150.00	85.23	93.90	90.67	*-8.67*	*-9.23*	*-5.44*	*-6.00*
Passionfruit	10.00-20.00	14.55	14.42	15.78	*0.13*	*0.90*	*-1.23*	*-7.79*
Woodapple	20.00-60.00	30.41	31.99	22.95	*-1.58*	*-4.94*	*7.46*	*32.51*
Orange	40.00-100.00	59.91	48.79	41.49	*11.12*	*22.79*	*18.42*	*44.40*
Avocado	40.00-160.00	79.03	50.99	53.97	*28.04*	*54.99*	*25.06*	*46.43*
Slime Apple	40.00-100.00	72.78	86.88	82.92	*-14.10*	*-16.23*	*-10.14*	*-12.23*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	767.09	765.94	736.71	*1.15*	*0.15*	*30.38*	*4.12*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	18.00-30.00	24.37	27.97	33.38	-3.60	-12.88	-9.01	-27.00
Kolikuttu	80.00-125.00	104.70	103.96	72.33	0.74	0.71	32.37	44.75
Papaw	22.50-35.00	26.79	19.19	25.04	7.60	39.60	1.75	6.99
Pineapple	50.67-59.33	53.65	64.49	41.44	-10.84	-16.80	12.21	29.47

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits September – November 2015

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	102.11	23.06	225.80	136.23	26.76	196.45	111.61	0.11	176.29
Papaw	250.49	27.95	111.59	393.03	47.65	121.24	262.43	0.26	90.97
Fresh Mango	22.47	8.09	360.01	1.81	0.52	286.91	-	-	-
Fresh Oranges	0.03	0.01	243.03	6.00	0.37	61.59	8.80	0.01	56.81
Avocados, fresh	102.11	23.06	225.80	136.23	26.76	196.45	111.61	0.11	176.29

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits September – November 2015

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	2,573.45	279.45	108.59	2,485.32	319.99	128.75	1,191.40	151.77	127.39
Grapes	681.18	245.30	360.11	397.75	134.52	338.21	523.89	170.39	325.24
Oranges	294.87	35.83	121.50	667.07	66.44	99.59	665.96	59.56	89.44
Mandarin	600.98	35.74	59.47	687.35	40.95	59.57	328.03	22.11	67.40

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 all the fresh fish varieties except shrimp had increased at the wholesale level. An increasing trend in prices was observed during the first three weeks and thereafter, prices had decreased in the fourth week of the month. Mid season for coastal fisheries were observed in both Sothern and Eastern coastal belts. Therefore, the supply was limited and it had contributed to these price increases. The highest price increase was reported for hurulla (57%) followed by thora (16%). Further, prices of other varieties (salaya, balaya, kelawalla, paraw, mora, and thalapath) had increased in the range of 4%- 12%. Meanwhile, a price decrease of 5% was observed for shrimp. In the month of November, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs. 127.20 – 1,011.00/kg. Fish supply would increase from the districts of Puttalam, Chillaw and Negambo and from Southern coastal belt in the coming month with the onset of the fishing season for coastal fisheries. Compared to November in 2014, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except balaya, mora and shrimp had increased in the range of 4%-85% with the highest price increase observed for salaya.

In line with the price behavior at the wholesale market, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except shrimp had increased at the retail level. The highest price increase was reported for balaya (11%). A price increase of 8% was observed for both kelawalla and thora. Prices of paraw and mora had increased by 7% and 4% respectively. In addition, prices of salaya, hurulla and thalapath had increased by 1%. Meanwhile, price of shrimp had decreased by 3%. In the month of November, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.160.44-1,254.86/kg. Compared to November in 2014, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except balaya, mora and shrimp had increased in the range of 1%-20% with the highest price increase observed for salaya.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-160.00	127.20	117.73	68.63	*9.47*	*8.04*	*58.57*	*85.34*
Hurulla	220.00-300.00	257.20	163.50	189.60	*93.70*	*57.31*	*67.60*	*35.65*
Balaya	240.00-330.00	276.20	246.50	300.31	*29.70*	*12.05*	*-24.11*	*-8.03*
Kelawalla	330.00-500.00	432.20	415.75	401.59	*16.45*	*3.96*	*30.61*	*7.62*
Thora	900.00-1100.00	1011.00	870.16	807.20	*140.84*	*16.19*	*203.80*	*25.25*
Paraw	400.00-550.00	493.20	463.58	414.40	*29.62*	*6.39*	*78.80*	*19.02*
Mora	430.00-460.00	443.27	417.97	453.22	*25.30*	*6.05*	*-9.95*	*-2.20*
Shrimp (small)	650.00-850.00	735.60	777.11	1026.40	*-41.51*	*-5.34*	*-290.80*	*-28.33*
Thalapath	470.00-650.00	607.67	581.50	582.03	*26.17*	*4.50*	*25.64*	*4.41*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-240.00	160.44	158.06	133.97	*2.38*	*1.51*	*26.47*	*19.76*
Hurulla	230.00-400.00	288.64	284.75	275.40	*3.89*	*1.37*	*13.24*	*4.81*
Balaya	250.00-640.00	363.45	327.71	456.62	*35.74*	*10.91*	*-93.17*	*-20.40*
Kelawalla	420.00-920.00	674.46	625.79	665.86	*48.67*	*7.78*	*8.60*	*1.29*
Thora	600.00-1600.00	1254.86	1162.24	1168.34	*92.62*	*7.97*	*86.52*	*7.41*
Paraw	470.00-1300.00	723.73	674.08	663.13	*49.65*	*7.37*	*60.60*	*9.14*
Mora	420.00-780.00	543.62	520.73	594.90	*22.89*	*4.40*	*-51.28*	*-8.62*
Shrimp (small)	680.00-1000.00	829.72	853.30	1207.31	*-23.58*	*-2.76*	*-377.59*	*-31.28*
Thalapath	550.00-960.00	789.71	784.78	785.06	*4.93*	*0.63*	*4.65*	*0.59*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of both local and imported stocks of dried fish were limited. Hence, the prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased. The increase was significant for local sprats, imported thora and anguluwa. Meanwhile, the prices of imported sprats, local kattawa, thora anguluwa and imported maduwa had decreased slightly. In addition, the prices of all the other varieties had increased slightly. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the other dried fish varieties except balaya had increased, while the highest price increase of 48% reported for local anguluwa.

Stocks of local dried fish stocks were mainly supplied from Kalpitiya, Valachchena, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Negombo, Kandakuliya, Pulmudai and Jaffna areas. Imported stocks were mainly from India, Indonesia, Dubai, Thailand, Oman and Vietnam. A comparatively higher demand was observed for sprats, mora, kattawa, balaya and salaya at wholesale level.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs a total quantity of 1,755 mt of dried sprats was imported in November. It was an increase of 54 mt compared to the previous month. Though the quantity had increased, the value of the imports was Rs.593mn showing a decrease against the previous month. The average CIF price Rs.337.75/kg and it has decreased by Rs.28.85/kg compared to previous month.

Out of the total imports 98% was imported from Thailand and the rest was from U.A.E and Vietnam. The CIF price of Thailand sprats was Rs.338.58, while it was Rs.212.05/kg for U.A.E. There was a higher demand for Thailand sprats than the Dubai sprats hence the majority of the stocks were imported from Thailand at a higher price.

Considering retail market, prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased. However, the decrease was in the range of Rs.5.04-18.05/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of all the dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 1%-40% and the highest price increase was reported for maduwa.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	420.00-850.00	697.03	586.09	675.10	*110.94*	*18.93*	*21.93*	*3.25*
Sprats (imported)	250.00-550.00	416.28	424.56	324.83	*-8.28*	*-1.95*	*91.45*	*28.15*
Kattawa	650.00-800.00	721.40	723.28	664.25	*-1.88*	*-0.26*	*57.15*	*8.60*
Kattawa (imported)	600.00-760.00	714.38	692.77	642.64	*21.60*	*3.12*	*71.74*	*11.16*
Thora	850.00-1150.00	989.92	1028.33	893.87	*-38.41*	*-3.74*	*96.05*	*10.75*
Thora (imported)	950.00-1150.00	1006.22	953.33	894.10	*52.88*	*5.55*	*112.12*	*12.54*
Mora	800.00-850.00	825.70	823.00	679.21	*2.70*	*0.33*	*146.49*	*21.57*
Mora (imported)	650.00-850.00	738.85	721.18	671.81	*17.68*	*2.45*	*67.04*	*9.98*
Balaya	380.00-580.00	444.29	429.18	456.08	*15.11*	*3.52*	*-11.79*	*-2.58*
Balaya (imported)	370.00-600.00	474.58	472.52	388.61	*2.06*	*0.44*	*85.97*	*22.12*
Anguluwa	500.00-750.00	677.20	679.81	457.63	*-2.61*	*-0.38*	*219.57*	*47.98*
Anguluwa (imported)	560.00-750.00	706.52	677.67	558.89	*28.85*	*4.26*	*147.63*	*26.41*
Maduwa	350.00-650.00	500.86	496.78	432.50	*4.08*	*0.82*	*68.36*	*15.80*
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-460.00	428.76	448.67	309.29	*-19.91*	*-4.44*	*119.47*	*38.63*
Koduwa	-	-	-	482.27	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	410.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	100.00-300.00	221.90	207.86	253.50	*14.04*	*6.75*	*-31.60*	*-12.47*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	896.26	905.04	0.00	*-18.05*	*-2.90*	-	-
Sprats (imported)	600.00-1200.00	604.26	622.31	709.61	*-7.67*	*-0.74*	*34.05*	*3.42*
Kattawa	700.00-1200.00	1029.09	1036.76	995.04	*-12.06*	*-0.96*	*14.02*	*1.13*
Thora	900.00-1600.00	1250.01	1262.07	1235.99	*-12.06*	*-0.96*	*14.02*	*1.13*
Mora	600.00-1200.00	950.68	948.05	890.93	*2.63*	*0.28*	*59.75*	*6.71*
Balaya	550.00-1000.00	820.50	829.58	709.47	*-9.08*	*-1.09*	*111.03*	*15.65*
Anguluwa	650.00-1200.00	911.55	904.16	803.04	*7.39*	*0.82*	*108.51*	*13.51*
Maduwa	500.00-900.00	732.04	723.13	522.24	*8.91*	*1.23*	*209.80*	*40.17*
Koduwa	800.00-800.00	800.00	0.00	835.84	-	-	-	-
Salaya	380.00-700.00	527.45	532.49	501.89	*-5.04*	*-0.95*	*25.56*	*5.09*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats - June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	1754.66	592.63	337.75	604.26	*266.51*
Oct	1701.40	623.74	366.60	622.31	*255.71*
Sep	2264.85	904.30	399.28	661.95	*262.67*
Aug	1649.94	540.63	327.66	617.66	*290.00*
July	1736.68	453.48	261.12	521.88	*260.76*
June	2469.09	616.35	249.62	424.61	*174.99*

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

Eggs

As predicted in the previous month, prices of both brown and white eggs had further decreased by 10% at the wholesale market. A declining trend in prices was observed during the first three weeks and thereafter, prices remained unchanged during the last week of the month. It was noted that the egg supply had improved and therefore, prices had decreased. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.12.64/egg and Rs.11.64/egg respectively. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that egg prices could increase in the coming month with the increased consumer demand during the festive season. Compared to November in 2014, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 12% and 9% respectively.

In line with the price behavior at the wholesale market, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 8% and 9% respectively at the retail level. The monthly average retail price of a brown egg was Rs.13.99 and it was Rs.12.96 per white egg. Further, the price range of an egg for the month was Rs.12.00 – 16.00.Compared to November in 2014, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 10%.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.00-14.20	12.64	14.00	11.25	*-1.36*	*-9.71*	*1.39*	*12.36*
White (each)	11.00-13.20	11.64	13.00	10.63	*-1.36*	*-10.46*	*1.01*	*9.50*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.00-16.00	13.99	15.25	12.71	*-1.26*	*-8.26*	*1.28*	*10.07*
White (each)	12.00-15.00	12.96	14.29	11.77	*-1.33*	*-9.31*	*1.19*	*10.11*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of beef and chicken have decreased further, while those of mutton and pork have increased. Prices were significantly decreased for broiler and curry chicken by Rs.40.90/kg and Rs.38.17/kg respectively. Meanwhile the price increase was Rs.18.73/kg and Rs.29.65/kg respectively for mutton and pork. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased in the range of 15%-22%.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	450.00-760.00	727.16	734.41	597.33	*-7.25*	*-0.99*	*129.83*	*21.74*
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-750.00	497.71	538.61	431.14	*-40.90*	*-7.59*	*66.57*	*15.44*
Chicken (curry)	400.00-545.00	467.10	505.27	406.26	*-38.17*	*-7.55*	*60.84*	*14.98*
Mutton	1400.00-1700.00	1525.40	1506.67	1298.98	*18.73*	*1.24*	*226.42*	*17.43*
Pork	550.00-760.00	633.07	610.42	544.63	*22.65*	*3.71*	*88.44*	*16.24*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The quantity of 168,858 mt of wheat grain was imported in November recording an increase of 63,176 mt against the previous month. The value of the imports was Rs.5,775mn. The average CIF price was Rs.34.18/kg and it was the lowest CIF price recorded in year 2015. The CIF price ranged between Rs.30.78-42.38/kg and the highest price was reported for Indian wheat grains. Out of the total imports, the highest quantity of 61% was imported from Russia at the lowest CIF price of Rs.30.78/kg. Meanwhile, the remainder of the imports consisted of 25% from America, 10% from Canada and 2% each from India and Australia.

Considering wheat flour imports, the quantity has increased slightly against the previous month and it was 307 mt in November. The value of that was Rs.21.89mn and the average CIF price was Rs.71.32/kg. Retail price remained in the range of Rs.80.00-90.00/kg, while the average was Rs.86.57/kg. Retail price has shown a decrease of cents 33/kg against the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour had decreased by nearly 12%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar– November 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015		Nov 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-90.00	86.57	86.90	98.10	*-0.33*	*-0.38*	*-11.53*	*-11.75*
Sugar	87.00-100.00	92.26	92.76	*100.94*	*-0.50*	*-0.54*	*-8.68*	*-8.60*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain - June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Nov	306.91	2.89	71.32	86.57	*15.25*
Oct	96.51	6.64	68.75	86.90	*18.15*
Sep	125.81	8.74	69.45	86.49	*17.04*
Aug	550.80	38.21	69.37	85.99	*16.62*
July	60.29	4.09	67.83	86.27	*18.44*
June	470.63	33.51	71.20	86.29	*15.09*
Wheat Grain					
Nov	168,958.30	5,774.68	34.18	86.57	*52.39*
Oct	105,781.50	4,023.19	38.03	86.90	*48.87*
Sep	326,790.16	12,266.01	37.53	86.49	*48.95*
Aug	90,739.07	3,329.48	36.69	85.99	*49.30*
July	149,628.02	5,936.53	39.68	86.27	*46.59*
June	255,707.48	9,517.17	37.22	86.29	*49.07*

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

Sugar

The total quantity of 44,042 mt valued at Rs.2,475mn of sugar was imported in November. Among the imported stocks, 77% from Brazil and 11% each from Thailand and India. The rest of the stocks from Korea and Myanmar. The CIF price ranged between Rs.54.32-91.16/kg. The lowest price was recorded for Brazil where the highest quantity was imported. Meanwhile, the CIF price of Rs.65.78/kg was reported for Thailand sugar, while the highest price of Rs.91.16/kg was noted for Myanmar sugar. However, the average CIF price was Rs.56.20/kg in November. World prices of sugar were in increasing trend since July 2015 and it continued in November too showing an increase of Rs.1.45/kg against the previous month.

Retail price of sugar ranged between Rs.87.00-100.00/kg and the average was Rs.92.26/kg in November. Retail price has shown a decrease of cents 50/kg against the previous month and a decrease of 9% when compared to the same period of last year.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- June to November 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	44,042.06	2,475.18	56.20	92.26	*36.06*
Oct	55,301.09	2,862.08	51.75	92.76	*41.01*
Sep	37,559.18	2,000.12	53.25	86.67	*33.42*
Aug	64,088.25	3,153.43	49.20	81.17	*31.97*
July	62,900.75	3,202.16	50.91	82.47	*31.56*
June	47,223.46	2,541.97	53.83	83.61	*29.78*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - November 2015

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 2015	Oct 2015		Nov 2015	Oct 2015		Nov 2015	Oct 2015	
Rice	2,864.74	2,287.64	25.23	162.68	187.92	-13.43	56.79	82.15	-30.87
Red Onion	2,146.01	904.28	137.32	240.94	96.52	149.64	112.28	106.73	5.19
Big Onion	17,983.59	2,780.47	546.78	1,714.68	235.72	627.41	95.35	84.78	12.47
Potato	11,891.82	3,574.86	232.65	438.31	115.10	280.81	36.86	32.20	14.48
Dried Chillies	4,143.54	3,564.26	16.25	1,071.16	880.04	21.72	258.51	246.91	4.70
Masoor Dhal	11,470.86	7,822.15	46.65	1,394.02	992.35	40.48	121.53	126.86	-4.21
Green Gram	837.55	802.49	4.37	158.48	143.76	10.24	189.22	179.14	5.62
Cowpea	666.56	1,140.62	-41.56	64.11	120.04	-46.59	96.18	105.24	-8.61
Garlic	1,392.46	1,562.60	-10.89	245.04	255.63	-4.14	175.98	163.59	7.57
Wheat flour	306.91	96.51	218.00	21.89	6.64	229.85	71.32	68.75	3.73
Wheat grain	168,958.30	105,781.50	59.72	5,774.68	4,023.19	43.53	34.18	38.03	-10.14
White crystalline cane sugar	44,042.06	55,301.09	-20.36	2,475.18	2,862.08	-13.52	56.20	51.75	8.59
Maize (Seed)	-	272.00	-	-	126.47	-	-	464.96	-
Maize (Other)	6,086.39	16,659.88	-63.47	203.83	576.45	-64.64	33.49	34.60	-3.21
Sprates, dreid not salted	1,754.66	1,701.40	3.13	592.63	623.74	-4.99	337.75	366.60	-7.87

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

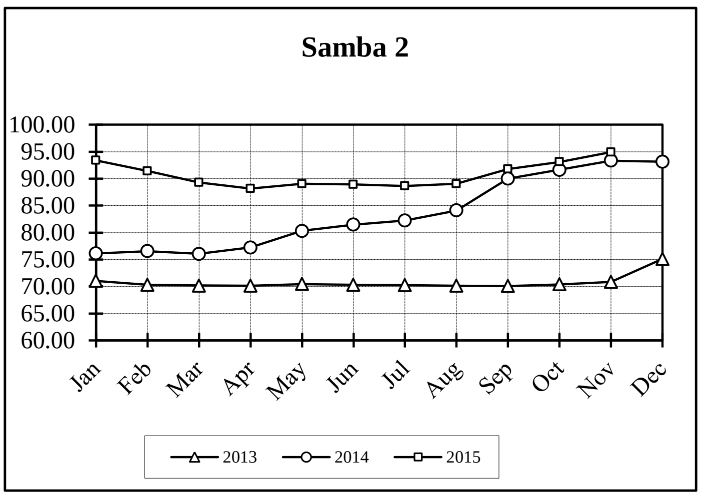
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – November 2015

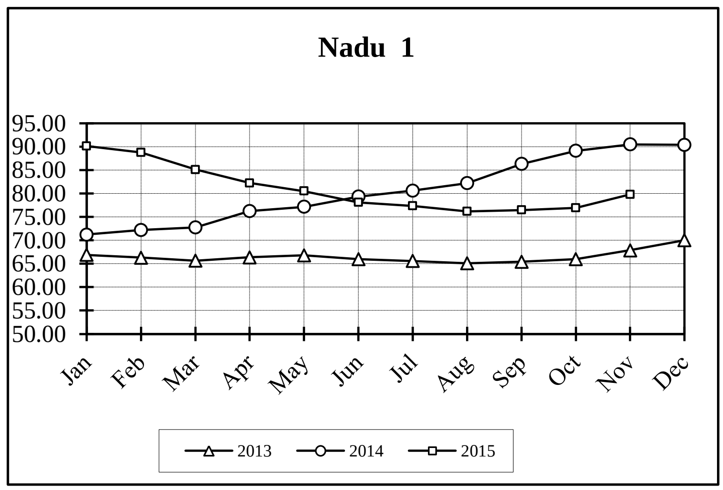
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	452.4	229.7	23	16
Badulla	426.2	253.0	22	18
Bandarawela	218.7	224.3	20	18
Batticaloa	516.9	349.6	20	16
Colombo	525.8	314.4	23	15
Galle	354.1	321.0	20	16
Hambantota	228.2	187.5	16	13
Jaffna	757.8	336.1	26	14
Katugastota	385.6	295.6	20	16
Katunayaka	556.4	313.7	22	14
Kurunegala	422.0	318.6	20	15
Mahailuppallama	426.7	250.4	24	16
Mannar	608.4	235.0	18	14
Nuwara Eliya	280.2	221.7	19	17
Pottuvil	306.1	232.0	22	na
Puttalam	416.0	250.3	20	14
Ratmalana	356.4	314.7	23	16
Ratnapura	468.3	371.4	21	18
Trincomalee	647.7	342.9	22	16
Vavuniya	402.6	278.2	24	16
Polonnaruwa	348.1	na	21	na
Moneragala	383.5	na	20	na
Mattala	184.1	na	16	na

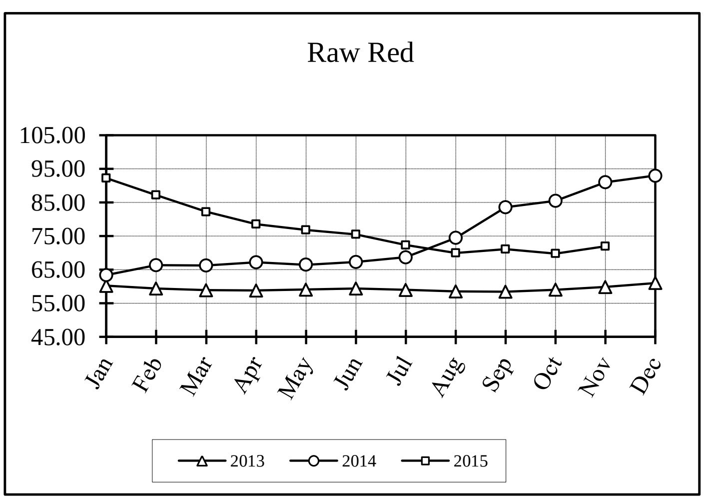
Source: Department of Meteorology

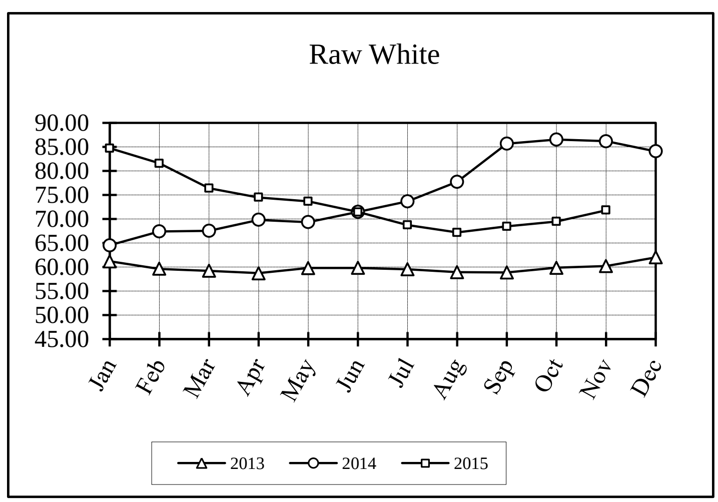
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Jan	71.03	76.11	93.38	66.88	71.22	90.13	60.24	63.39	92.21	61.18	64.54	84.76
Feb	70.28	76.54	91.39	66.29	72.18	88.75	59.44	66.32	87.23	59.64	67.44	81.61
Mar	70.16	76.04	89.30	65.64	72.77	85.09	58.90	66.29	82.21	59.24	67.56	76.40
Apr	70.13	77.22	88.17	66.36	76.26	82.22	58.84	67.23	78.56	58.71	69.84	74.51
May	70.44	80.30	89.04	66.78	77.15	80.50	59.11	66.48	76.85	59.82	69.36	73.70
Jun	70.29	81.44	88.93	65.97	79.33	78.08	59.39	67.30	75.50	59.84	71.50	71.45
Jul	70.23	82.22	88.66	65.59	80.59	77.33	58.99	68.70	72.36	59.55	73.70	68.75
Aug	70.14	84.09	89.04	65.11	82.18	76.16	58.58	74.47	69.99	58.95	77.75	67.22
Sep	70.08	89.99	91.75	65.40	86.30	76.46	58.45	83.61	71.10	58.85	85.68	68.49
Oct	70.39	91.63	93.10	65.97	89.10	76.89	59.04	85.52	69.77	59.87	86.58	69.49
Nov	70.82	93.32	94.92	67.86	90.47	79.77	59.88	91.02	71.96	60.24	86.20	71.84
Dec	75.11	93.12		70.03	90.37		61.05	92.98		62.04	84.10	



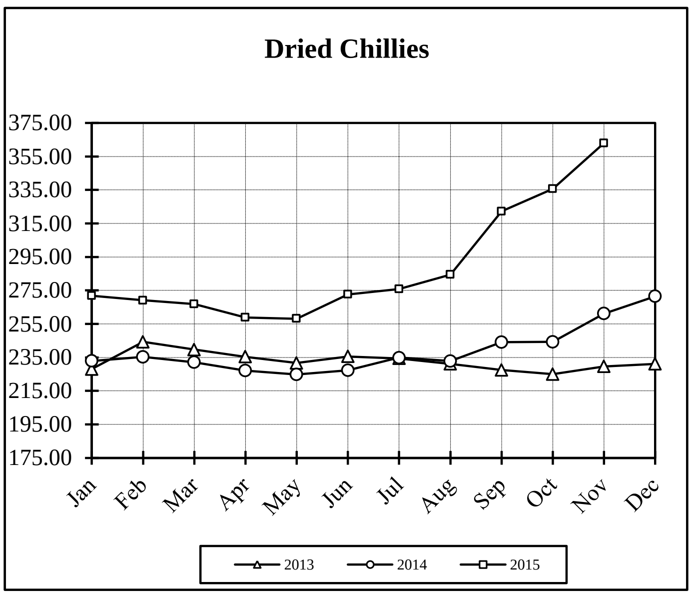


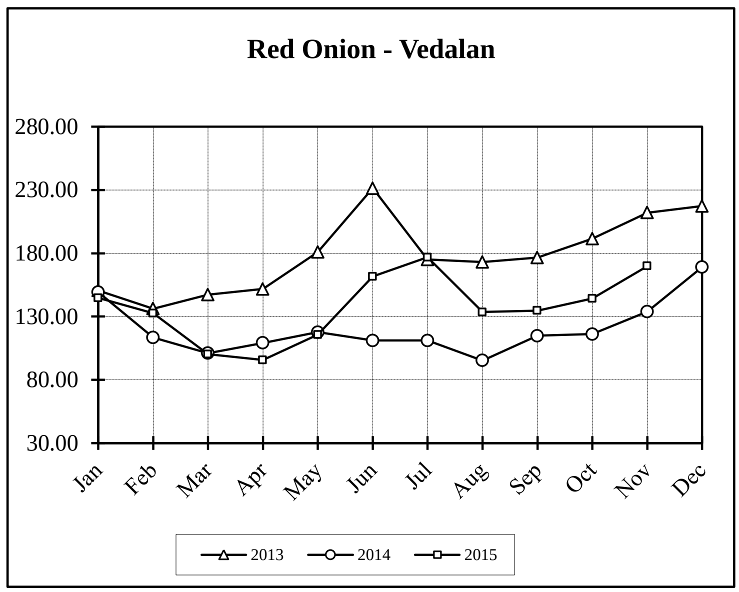


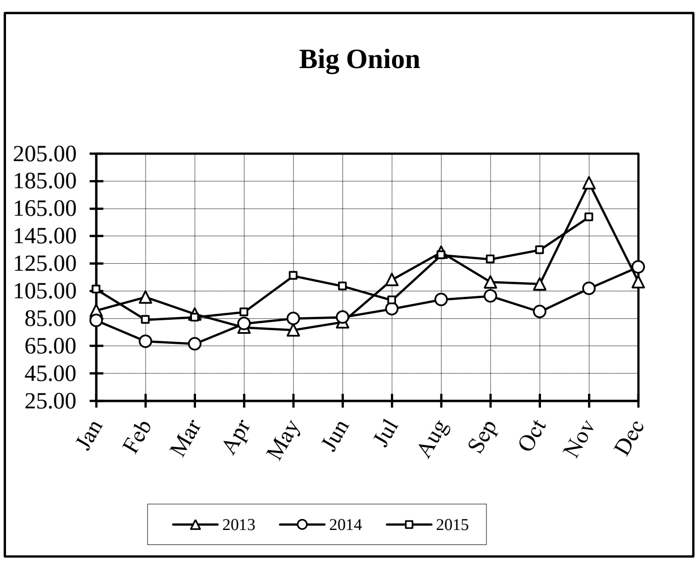


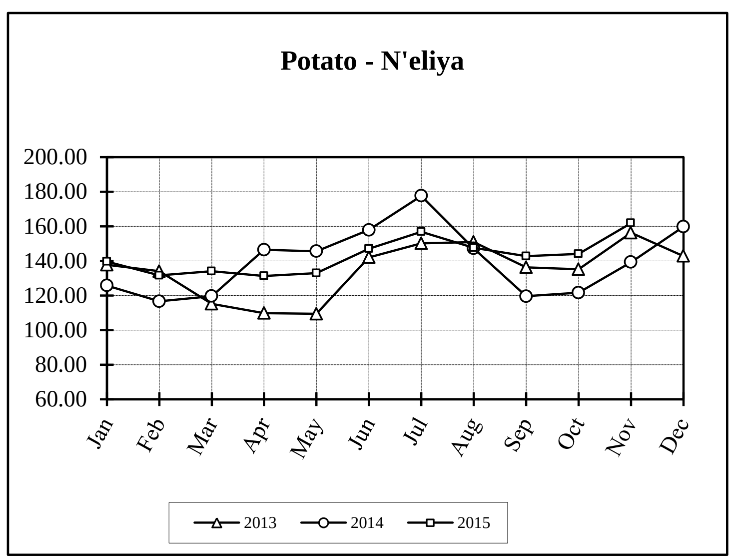
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Jan	228.04	232.90	271.85	150.60	149.35	144.64	90.65	83.40	106.11	137.65	125.68	139.63
Feb	244.26	235.25	269.09	136.24	113.49	132.59	100.56	68.30	83.99	133.91	116.52	131.58
Mar	239.65	232.07	266.95	147.29	101.03	100.10	88.13	66.39	85.73	115.11	119.57	133.91
Apr	235.40	227.14	258.81	151.79	109.14	95.65	78.47	81.18	89.56	109.71	146.34	131.19
May	231.62	224.87	258.15	180.84	117.65	115.55	76.42	84.92	115.99	109.34	145.56	132.82
Jun	235.55	227.29	272.61	231.36	111.07	161.67	82.42	85.92	108.39	142.04	157.84	146.91
Jul	234.40	234.85	275.90	175.04	111.07	176.85	113.22	91.93	98.14	150.04	177.57	156.77
Aug	231.08	232.85	284.48	173.07	95.25	133.51	133.08	98.70	131.16	150.88	147.11	147.47
Sep	227.54	244.16	322.19	176.52	114.80	134.69	111.40	101.20	128.09	136.13	119.46	142.68
Oct	224.92	244.33	335.70	191.41	116.12	144.23	110.02	89.85	134.76	135.05	121.58	143.91
Nov	229.60	261.19	362.89	212.12	133.87	169.84	183.65	106.71	158.72	156.16	139.24	161.86
Dec	231.20	271.53		217.29	169.07		111.63	122.46		142.76	159.65	









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

November 2015

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Paddy					
Short grain					
A'pura	44.20	45.00	44.60	44.60	45.00
P'naruwa	45.95	46.00	47.55	48.80	50.00
Kalawewa	43.33	45.00	45.00	45.00	46.00
Kurunegala	43.60	45.00	43.60	44.50	44.00
Dehiattakandiya	44.20	45.00	44.20		
Ampara	42.70	46.00	46.10	47.50	47.50
Long grain (White)					
A'pura	34.80	36.00	35.40	35.00	35.00
P'naruwa	36.10	36.00	38.55	37.95	39.00
Kalawewa	34.67	36.00	36.00	36.00	37.00
Kurunegala	35.00	35.00	35.00	34.00	35.00
Dehiattakandiya	34.80	36.00	34.80		
Embilipitiya	32.60	36.00	35.40	37.40	38.00
Ampara	34.50	38.00	37.90	38.50	39.00
Matara	31.67	33.00	33.67	33.67	34.00
Hambantota					
Long grain (Red)					
Matara	31.00	32.00	32.33	32.33	33.00
Hambantota	33.50	34.00	34.50	34.50	36.00
Ampara	32.40	35.00	35.00	35.40	36.00
Embilipitiya	31.40	33.00	32.40	33.40	36.00
Other Food Crops					
Dried Chillies					
A'Pura					
Galgamuwa					
Kalawewa					
Red Onion					
Puttalam	105.00	115.00	117.00	117.00	130.00
Big Onion					
Dambulla	99.50	115.00	103.00	103.00	
Kalawewa					
A'Pura					
Kurunegala					

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Potato					
N'Eliya	101.40	105.00	112.80	106.00	
Badulla					
Welimada	83.00	105.00	118.00	95.00	
Pulses					
Green Gram					
Galgamuwa					
Kalawewa	140.00	150.00	140.00	140.00	
Embilipitiya	162.00	150.00	145.00	142.00	
Kurunegala					
A'pura	156.00	160.00	156.00	156.00	
Cowpea					
A'pura	200.00	200.00	188.00	188.00	
Galgamuwa					
Nikaweratiya	164.00	170.00	164.00	164.00	
Kalawewa	165.00	170.00	165.00	165.00	
Embilipitiya	186.40	180.00	176.00	176.00	
Kurunegala					
Maize					
A'Pura	41.80	40.00	40.00	40.00	
Kalawewa	37.50	40.00	37.50	37.50	
Gingelly					
A'Pura					
Kalawewa					
Black Gram					
Kalawewa					
A'Pura					
Vegetables (Up Country)					
Beans					
Dambulla	163.00	175.00	151.00	151.00	
Welimada	146.00	185.00	147.00	167.50	
Badulla					
Carrot					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	104.60	115.00	177.60	177.60	
Welimada	77.00	110.00	147.00	160.00	

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Leeks					
Welimada					
N'Eliya	43.00	46.00	95.80	95.80	110.00
Beetroot					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	49.60	60.00	76.20	76.20	110.00
Dambulla	41.60	57.00	80.80	80.80	90.00
Kurunegala					
Welimada	79.00	82.00	77.00	94.25	115.00
Knokhol					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	37.60	42.00	77.00	77.00	90.00
Welimada	84.50	95.00	88.20	62.00	125.00
Radish					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	41.20	45.00	52.20	52.20	45.00
Welimada	32.00	52.00	50.00	44.50	47.00
Cabbage					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	63.00	68.00	114.80	114.80	130.00
Welimada	49.00	82.00	92.40	100.00	110.00
Hambantota					
Badulla					
Tomato					
Hanguranketha					
Welimada	71.00	110.00	95.00	100.00	125.00
Hambantota					
Dambulla	66.60	105.00	96.00	96.00	130.00
Low Country					
Ladies Fingers					
A'pura					
Dambulla	35.80	56.00	45.80	45.80	67.00
Hambantota	25.00	75.00	70.00	55.00	70.00
Embilipitiya	54.00	75.00	84.00	70.00	85.00
Matara	41.67	50.00	43.33	43.33	45.00

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Brinjals					
A'pura					
Dambulla	43.00	65.00	82.80	82.80	82.00
Hambantota	22.00	40.00	45.00	55.00	70.00
Embilipitiya	49.40	65.00	75.40	80.40	70.00
Matara	31.25	60.00	46.25	46.25	60.00
Welimada	47.20	62.00	64.00	84.67	82.00
Capsicum					
Welimada	200.00	270.00	285.00	290.00	340.00
Bitter Gourd					
A'pura					
Dambulla	137.00	140.00	143.00	143.00	140.00
Hambantota	87.50	100.00	87.50	105.00	110.00
Embilipitiya	136.00	150.00	166.40	126.00	140.00
Matara	93.33	120.00	103.33	103.33	110.00
Snake Gourd					
Dambulla	49.00	62.00	74.40	74.40	82.00
Hambantota	27.50	50.00	45.00	52.50	55.00
Embilipitiya	57.60	70.00	72.40	72.40	75.00
Matara	41.67	50.00	45.00	45.00	50.00
A'pura					
Luffa					
Dambulla	59.80	60.00	55.60	55.60	62.00
Hambantota	18.50	35.00	40.00	35.00	40.00
Embilipitiya	60.00	65.00	62.00	61.00	65.00
Matara	48.33	50.00	41.67	41.67	45.00
A'pura					

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Pumpkin					
Dambulla	34.20	33.00	25.80	25.80	23.00
Hambantota	22.50	25.00	22.50	22.50	25.00
Embilipitiya	46.00	60.00	46.00	46.00	60.00
Matara					
A'pura					
Moneragala	40.00	40.00	30.00	35.00	40.00
Cucumber					
A'pura					
Dambulla	27.80	36.00	38.40	38.40	46.00
Hambantota	17.50	20.00	17.50	22.50	25.00
Matara					
Long beans					
Dambulla	81.80	100.00	115.00	115.00	130.00
Hambantota	26.25	70.00	66.00	74.00	70.00
Embilipitiya	105.60	120.00	130.40	104.00	120.00
Matara	65.00	80.00	75.00	75.00	80.00
A'Pura					
Ash Plantain					
Hambantota	22.50	25.00	22.50	27.50	30.00
Embilipitiya	42.40	50.00	57.00	50.40	60.00
Matara	33.33	45.00	41.67	41.67	45.00
Green Chillies					
Dambulla	278.00	420.00	554.00	554.00	630.00
Hambantota	350.00	380.00	690.00	577.50	600.00
Embilipitiya	396.00	530.00	720.00	676.00	730.00
Puttalam	350.00	430.00	436.00	436.00	740.00
A'Pura					

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Lime					
Hambantota	215.00	230.00	255.00	290.00	280.00
Embilipitiya	360.00	400.00	390.00	206.00	200.00
Moneragala	140.00	140.00	325.00	325.00	350.00
Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Banana					
Ambul					
Moneragala	30.00	30.00	22.50	22.50	25.00
Embilipitiya	20.00	20.00	18.00	15.00	20.00
Hambantota	28.75	30.00	26.25	27.50	30.00
Kolikuttu					
Moneragala	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Embilipitiya	118.00	125.00	114.00	116.00	105.00
Hambantota	117.50	120.00	117.50	117.50	120.00
Papaw					
Moneragala					
Embilipitiya	27.60	30.00	24.20	28.60	30.00
Hambantota	22.50	25.00	22.50	22.50	35.00
Pineapple					
Divulapitiya	59.33	56.00	55.00	50.67	52.00