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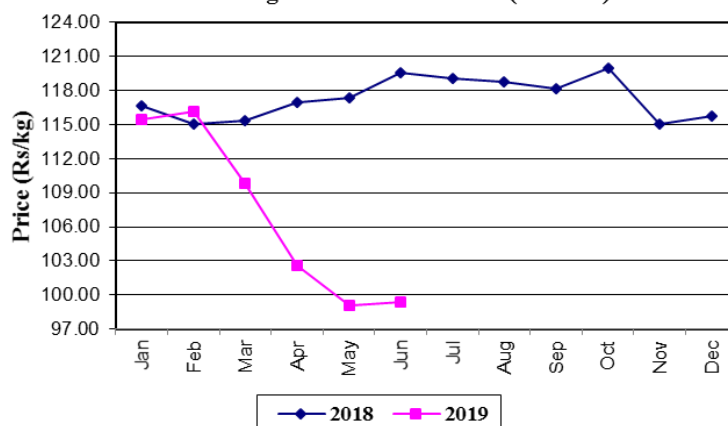
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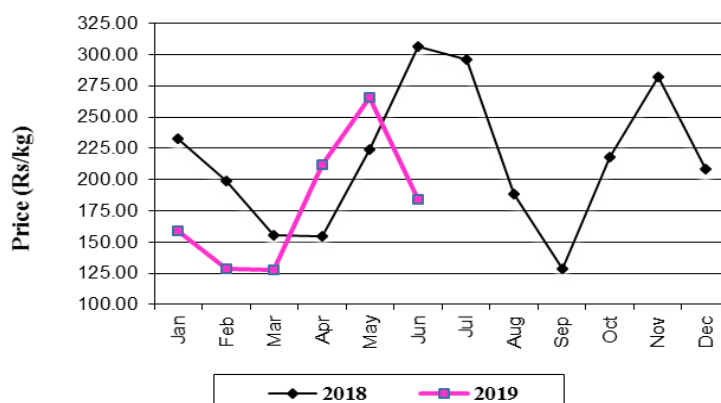
VEGETABLES:

The prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased during the month due to the arrival of vegetable production of early cultivated crops in this *Yala* season. The highest price decrease (31%) was recorded for beans. Prices are expected to decrease further, as the continued supply from *Yala* season is anticipated.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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The Food Information Bulletin is a monthly publication containing information relating to producer, wholesale and retail prices of selected food commodities in selected markets in and around Colombo and main markets in the major producing areas. Data on extent, production and imports are also available in the bulletin.

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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Colombo and suburb Markets

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| 1. Pettah | 5. Peliyagoda | 9. Kirulapone |
| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha | 10. Nugegoda |
| 3. Dematagoda | 7. Kiribathgoda | |
| 4. Thotalanga | 8. Wellawatta | |

Outstation Markets

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 12. Puttalam | 23. Batticaloa |
| 2. Dambulla | 13. Hambantota | 24. Jaffna |
| 3. Matara | 14. Divulapitiya | 25. Mullaitivu |
| 4. Kurunegala | 15. Dehiattakandiya | 26. Kilinochchi |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 16. Keppetipola | 27. Vavuniya |
| 6. Kandy | 17. Thambutthegama | 28. Kegalle |
| 7. Meegoda | 18. Anuradhapura | 29. Ampara |
| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Moneragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Dry weather was prevailed in most of the major producing areas in the country during the month. The prospects of paddy crop in 2019 *Yala* season were moderately satisfactory mainly due to the insufficient rains and low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs in major producing areas. However, the crop establishment activities were in progress in most of the producing areas. The highest progress was recorded from all Mahaweli System, Ampara and Polonnaruwa. According to the latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture, the target paddy extent is 462,057 ha. The cultivation progress up to end June is 358,680 ha and it is 78% of the target. The cultivation progress is 7% higher than that of the average three *Yala* seasons. Further report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.47 million (0.89 million mt, of rice subject to 68% milling ratio), after the adjustment was made for the crop damages (Table 1.1). Harvesting of paddy crop slightly commenced in Akkeripatthu and Pothuvil areas in Ampara district by the end of the month and it will be continued up to mid-September.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *yala* 2019 season as at end of June 2019

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production Forecast based on Achievement (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	36,136	14,718	41	53,139	-	-	53,139
Polonnaruwa	32,605	30,709	94	135,824	-	-	135,824
Ampara	57,014	49,600	87	218,932	966	2,777	216,155
Kurunegala	47,384	37,487	79	168,317	2,061	4,627	163,690
Hambantota	26,464	24,061	91	118,142	-	-	118,142
Colombo	1,937	897	46	2,172	-	-	2,172
Gampaha	5,980	5,752	96	13,983	-	-	13,983
Kalutara	7,245	5,059	70	14,326	-	-	14,326
Galle	6,400	2,517	39	5,771	-	-	5,771
Matara	14,780	12,792	87	37,265	-	-	37,265
Ratnapura	8,280	6,046	73	19,683	-	-	19,683
Kegalle	9,031	2,049	23	5,971	-	-	5,971
Puttalam	16,847	8,620	51	28,868	149	373	28,495
Kandy	9,156	4,842	53	15,006	-	-	15,006
Matale	12,191	7,584	62	31,170	-	-	31,170
N' Eliya	4,712	62	1	128	-	-	128
Badulla	8,594	6,449	75	24,724	-	-	24,724
Monaragala	17,242	9,629	56	39,444	-	-	39,444
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	8,715	8,576	98	33,431	-	-	33,431
Vavuniya	2,624	2,670	102	10,554	-	-	10,554
Mullaitivu	5,297	5,533	104	20,309	-	-	20,309
Mannar	1,350	2,050	152	7,692	-	-	7,692
Trincomalee	24,255	19,444	80	88,691	70	291	88,400
Batticaloa	27,444	28,197	103	114,978	1,117	4,210	110,769
Udawalawa	9,124	10,133	111	53,659	-	-	53,659
System H	14,000	2,587	18	10,741	-	-	10,741
System H1	4,426	2,253	51	9,354	-	-	9,354
System B	17,436	19,660	113	81,628	-	-	81,628
System C	19,733	21,848	111	90,713	-	-	90,713
System G	3,341	4,707	141	19,543	-	-	19,543
System D	520	691	133	2,869	-	-	2,869
Rambakanoya	972	740	76	3,072	-	-	3,072
System L	823	718	87	2,981	-	-	2,981
Sri Lanka	462,057	358,680	78	1,483,082	4,362	12,278	1,470,804

Source: Crop Forecast, *yala* 2019, Vol 04, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices began in the latter part of the April continuing furthermore up to the first week of June. After that the prices slightly declining until the end of June. This was mainly due to the government to introduce price ceiling for rice at the beginning of June in order to stabilize the rice prices. It was noted that limited supplies of paddy to the markets in most of the major producing areas. The limiting and reducing of releasing paddy to the markets by the farmers and the traders was mainly due to the uncertainty of the paddy crop progress in the present *Yala* season. However, the monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by 3-6% in major producing areas and the highest decrease recorded from Polonnaruwa. The prices of short grain have decreased by less than 7% in all considered producing areas with the highest decrease from Ampara. Prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.36.00-44.00/Kg and Rs.38.00-45.00/Kg. Meanwhile the monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 3% in Matara and 1% in Embilipitiya, while the prices declined by 1% in Hambantota. The prices of long grain red ranged between Rs.35.00-38.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information, it is expected to that increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to the short supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain paddy varieties have shown a declining trend in all considered producing areas. The prices of short grain have decreased by 17%-35% with the highest decline from Ampara. Meanwhile the prices of long grain white have increased by nearly 6% in Anuradhapura and Kurunegala. The prices of long grain red have increased by 15% in Hambantota and Embilipitiya (Table 1.2).

Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – June 2019

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	37.00-40.00	38.00-41.00	38.39	39.44	54.80	-1.05	-2.66	-16.41	-29.95
Polonnaruwa	39.06-41.00	41.00-42.18	39.75	41.95	-	-2.20	-5.24	-	-
Kalawewa	-	40.00-40.00	-	40.00	55.96	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	38.00-44.00	41.00-44.00	40.60	43.08	48.88	-2.48	-5.76	-8.28	-16.94
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-40.00	39.00-41.00	39.08	39.75	57.60	-0.67	-1.69	-18.52	-32.15
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	36.00-37.00	38.00-40.00	36.50	39.43	55.95	-2.93	-7.43	-19.45	-34.76
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	38.00-43.00	40.00-45.00	40.24	41.71	37.80	-1.47	-3.52	2.44	6.46
Polonnaruwa	39.06-45.00	38.00-44.53	41.41	43.92	-	-2.51	-5.71	-	-
Kalawewa	-	41.00-45.00	-	42.50	39.46	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	39.00-45.00	42.00-45.00	41.86	44.21	39.75	-2.35	-5.32	2.11	5.31
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-40.00	39.00-44.00	39.50	41.13	40.50	-1.63	-3.96	-1.00	-2.47
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	39.00-41.00	39.00-43.00	40.25	41.23	-	-0.98	-2.38	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	35.00-37.00	34.00-35.50	35.94	34.72	39.17	1.22	3.51	-3.23	-8.25
Hambantota	35.00-37.00	36.00-38.00	36.35	36.90	31.70	-0.55	-1.49	4.65	14.67
Embilipitiya	35.00-38.00	34.00-38.00	36.18	35.83	31.43	0.35	0.98	4.75	15.11

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had tend to decrease with the declaration of seling price for samba and nadu rice at retail level. Hence, the wholesale prices of samba grade I and grade II, nadu grade II and raw white had decreased with the highest price decrease of 3% for samba grade II. Wholesale price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.92.00-98.00/kg during the month with the average prices of Rs.94.65/kg. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of nadu grade I and raw red had increased slightly by less than 1%.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of samba grade I and II had decreased by 13% and 21% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of nadu grade II, raw red and raw white had increased by 3%, 1% and 5% respectively. According to the Department of customs of Sri Lanka, a quality of 1,147 mt of rice had been imported during June 2019. The total expenditure on importing rice in June was Rs.91.1 million.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties, except for samba grade I had decreased with the highest price decrease of 4% for nadu grade II. Price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg and average price was Rs.99.33/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 17% for samba grade II.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice –June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	92.00-98.00	94.65	96.40	108.40	-1.75	-1.82	-13.75	-12.68
Samba 2	78.00-85.00	81.63	83.88	102.99	-2.25	-2.68	-21.36	-20.74
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	85.00-88.00	86.54	85.69		0.85	0.99	-	-
Nadu 2	78.00-85.00	80.95	82.80	78.88	-1.85	-2.23	2.07	2.62
Raw red	65.00-70.00	67.68	67.60	66.97	0.08	0.12	0.71	1.06
Raw white	75.00-80.00	77.89	79.03	73.95	-1.14	-1.44	3.94	5.33
Imported Samba	-	-	-	83.93	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	75.82	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-100.00	99.33	99.05	119.56	0.28	0.28	-20.23	-16.92
Samba 2	85.00-95.00	90.71	92.62	109.91	-1.91	-2.06	-19.20	-17.47
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-95.00	92.73	92.83	103.22	-0.10	-0.11	-10.49	-10.16
Nadu 2	80.00-88.00	84.40	87.48	91.31	-3.08	-3.52	-6.91	-7.57
Raw red	75.00-85.00	79.19	80.74	83.32	-1.55	-1.92	-4.13	-4.96
Raw white	80.00-90.00	85.64	87.00	86.52	-1.36	-1.56	-0.88	-1.02
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	92.45	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	85.76	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	84.41	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli in *Yala* 2019 was 5,943ha and 49% achievement was reported by the end of June 2019 which was around 2,859ha. With respect to the cultivated extent, expected production was 11,899mt which showed around 16% production decrease compared to *Yala* 2018. The highest targeted extent (665ha) was reported from Puttalam district but the highest cultivated extent was reported from Monaragala district (368ha) at the end of June. Around 40% contribution to the total production will be provided from Puttalam (19%), Monaragala (13%) and Anuradhapura (8%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation progress of green chilli for *Yala* 2019

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress by the end of June 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	597	183	31	939
Puttalam	665	320	49	2,184
Monaragala	465	368	80	1,493
Matale	225	137	61	691
Hambantota	176	148	84	631
Vavuniya	250	229	92	707
Ampara	185	117	64	509
Mullativu	200	89	45	588
Other areas	3,180	1,268	40	4,157
Total	5,943	2,859	49	11,899

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of green chilli have increased significantly during this month due to low supplies from main producing areas as off season. According to that, wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.122.00/kg and Rs.17.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.268.75/kg and Rs.345.06/kg respectively and wholesale price has decreased by about 6% while the retail price has increased by about 10% when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 2,752Mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month. It was a decrease of 777mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.253.81/kg and it has decreased by Rs.20.00/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of Imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.21.00/kg and Rs.103.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about 15% while the retail price has decreased by about 5%.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli - June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	150.00-400.00	268.75	147.00	286.07	121.75	82.82	-17.32	-6.05
Dried Chilli	265.00-320.00	285.20	264.59	247.88	20.61	7.79	37.32	15.06
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-400.00	345.06	328.50	313.87	16.56	5.04	31.19	9.94
Dried Chilli	220.00-600.00	426.30	323.20	449.84	103.10	31.90	-23.54	-5.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli-Jan 2019 to June2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	2,752	698.52	253.81	345.06	91.25
May	3,529	826.58	234.25	328.50	94.24
Apr	3,584	779.92	217.61	324.25	106.64
Mar	5,830	1,272.18	218.21	329.23	111.02
Feb	4,855	1,134.21	233.62	335.00	101.39
Jan	3,748	876.20	233.81	330.31	96.50

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer prices of green chilli (Rs/kg) –June 2019

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	172.00	196.00	384.00	296.00
Hambantota	200.00	210.00	425.00	410.00
Embilipitiya	258.00	262.00	400.00	413.00
Puttalam	160.00	203.00	316.00	281.00
A'Pura	233.33	283.33	475.00	457.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion Crop Situation

Cultivation of big onion for 2019 *Yala* season has commenced in most of the producing areas since the last month (May) and it will continue till the end of July 2019. About 460ha which represent 45% of the total targeted extent of Matale district has been cultivated by the end of June 2019. Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 1,022ha and it has decreased by about 52% when compared to the targeted extent in last *Yala* season (2018). The cultivated extent of big onion in Anuradhapura district was in a very low level and it represented only 6% of the target.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Big Onion for (Yala 2019)

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of June 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	1,022	460	45	10,835
Anuradhapura	792	46.5	6	656
System H	700	109	16	1,380
System H ₁	1,500	193	13	2,443
Vavuniya	140	88.2	63	1,399
Other areas	674	79	12	737
Total	4,828	976	21	17,450

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for (Yala 2019)

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of June 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	1,870	1,223	66	13,644
Puttalam	1,010	351	35	6,458
Mullativu	456	51	12	574
Vavuniya	400	401	101	4,880
Trincomalee	249	203	82	2,479
Other areas	356	93	27	913
Total	4,341	2,322	54	28,948

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

The cultivated extent of red onion for Yala 2019 at the end of June was 2,322ha in Sri Lanka and it represents 54% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent (1,870ha) and the highest cultivated extent (1,223ha) was reported from Jaffna district and 66% of the target has been cultivated at the end of this month. The production forecast of red onion up to this month is 28,948Mt and out of that 81% is expected from Jaffna (48%), Puttalam (23%) and Vavuniya (17%) districts.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market during this month. A quantity of 17,467Mt of big onion was imported in June 2019 from India which was about 509Mt lower compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.59.56/kg and it has increased by Rs.12.00/kg compared to that of last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.25.00/kg and Rs.21.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price and retail price have increased by about 8% and 6% respectively.

Limited supply of sinnan and vedalan was recorded from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about Rs.43.00/kg and Rs.28.00/kg respectively. Limited stock of sinnan varieties was available at the retail markets and price has increased by about Rs.2.00/kg.

A Quantity of 692Mt of red onion was imported from India during this month which was about 176Mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.131.77/kg and it has decreased by Rs.17.00/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.19.00/kg. Meanwhile, imported red onion stocks were not available at most of the retail markets.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	78.10	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	150.00-200.00	178.83	135.92	-	42.91	31.57	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	140.00-185.00	166.00	146.71	124.13	19.29	13.15	41.87	33.73
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-103.00	89.10	64.05	82.56	25.05	39.11	6.54	7.92
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	150.00-180.00	166.25	163.86	231.43	2.39	1.46	-65.18	-28.16
Red Onion (Vedalan)	180.00-280.00	229.57	201.43	-	28.14	13.97	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	192.53	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-140.00	114.91	93.54	108.62	21.37	22.85	6.29	5.79
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF, and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	June,2019	59.56	89.10	114.91	29.54	25.81
	May, 2019	48.08	64.05	93.54	15.97	29.49
	June,2018	39.88	82.56	108.62	42.68	26.06
Red onion	June,2019	131.77	166.00	-	34.23	-
	May,2019	115.33	146.71	-	31.38	-
	June,2018	80.09	124.13	192.53	44.04	68.40

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

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	June,2019	May,2019	June,2019	May,2019	June,2019	May,2019
Red Onion	692	516	91.2	59.5	131.77	115.33
Big Onion	17,467	17,976	1,040.4	864.3	59.56	48.08

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion
Jan 2019 June 2019**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
June-2019	17,467	59.56	89.10	114.91	55.35
May-2019	17,976	48.08	64.05	93.54	45.46
Apr-2019	19,699	46.28	66.68	91.75	45.47
Mar-2019	22,323	37.00	52.95	78.17	41.17
Feb-2019	19,709	33.58	52.07	81.33	47.75
Jan -2019	23,697	40.01	56.95	85.22	57.95

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2019 is 3,049 ha and about 471 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of June achieving 15% of the targeted extent. In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 884 ha for this *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,157 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 112 ha and 359 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 13% and 17% of the targeted extent. In Badulla district new cultivation has been commenced from this month. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season was at low level in both districts. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 8,039 mt for this *yala* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of potato (Yala 2019)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2018*	<i>Yala</i> 2019	<i>Yala</i> 2018*	<i>Yala</i> 2019		
N'Eliya	915	884	258	112	13	2,104
Badulla	2,145	2,157	395	359	17	5,935
Sri Lanka	3,062	3,049	653	471	15	8,039

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Yala 2019, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 8,762 mt of potato had been imported in June which was 3,829 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (71%) and China (21%). Compared to June, 2018 (7,378 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.45.00/kg in June.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Only stocks supplied from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market.

Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 6% and 3% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.135.00/kg in June. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 7% and 3% respectively due to increased tax for imported potato. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.135.00-165.00/kg and Rs.88.00-125.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (8%) and imported (7%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be low till mid-August and the prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further in July.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes- Jan 2019 to June 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June-2019	8,762	397.54	45.37	129.63	84.26
May-2019	12,591	468.76	37.23	125.23	88.00
Apr-2019	10,865	355.52	32.72	121.36	88.64
Mar-2019	9,475	298.61	31.52	103.66	72.15
Feb-2019	9,802	297.78	30.38	95.19	64.81
Jan -2019	21,206	704.59	33.23	93.77	75.11

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	115.00-135.00	126.25	128.06	118.35	-1.81	-1.44	7.90	6.25
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-145.00	135.50	124.05	118.80	11.45	8.45	16.70	12.32
Imported – CIF	39.85-61.53	45.37	37.23	34.57	8.14	17.95	10.80	23.80
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	135.00-165.00	154.43	145.92	138.72	8.51	5.51	15.71	10.17
Imported	88.00-125.00	102.19	94.85	96.54	7.34	7.18	5.65	5.53
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-260.00	207.45	200.97	191.52	6.48	3.12	15.93	7.68
Imported	120.00-160.00	129.63	125.23	120.53	4.40	3.39	9.10	7.02
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	71.95	76.92	72.72	-4.97	-6.91	-0.77	-1.07
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	84.26	88.00	85.96	-3.74	-4.44	-1.70	-2.02
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	53.02	-	52.80	-	-	0.22	0.41
Imported	-	27.44	30.38	23.99	-2.94	-10.71	3.45	12.57

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 25% of its targeted extent as at end of June in *Yala* 2019 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has declined by 501 ha (25%) in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Yala* 2018). It was due to the decline of cultivated extent mainly from Monaragala (90%) compared to the previous year cultivated extent. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 2,139 MT which is around 78% of the production compared to the previous year green gram production.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of a Green gram and Cowpea

crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2019	Expected Production (mt)
		Yala 2018	Yala 2019	Yala 2018	Yala 2019		
Green gram	Hambantota	3457	652	61	72	11	80
	Monaragala	1459	632	614	161	25	167
	Kurunegala	743	923	178	92	10	131
	Other districts	3758	3757	1155	1182	31	1761
	Sri Lanka	9417	5964	2008	1507	25	2139
Cowpea	Ampara	4656	3388	1050	806	24	1133
	Monaragala	766	566	602	474	84	690
	Anuradhapura	177	213	67	65	31	63
	Other districts	2964	2509	942	763	30	1022
	Sri Lanka	8563	6676	2661	2108	32	2908

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast *Yala* 2019 & *Yala* 2018, Volume 01, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 32% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 2,908 Mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2019 *Yala* season and those districts will contribute for 65% of the total production. Monaragala district was highlighted a better performance while Ampara and Anuradhapura districts progress were 24% and 31% of the targets respectively.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.230.00/kg and Rs.255.00/kg with an average of Rs.247.00/kg in June 2019. The average price has decreased by 2% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price had increased by 18%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.300.00/kg with an average of Rs.275.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has been decreased by around Rs.2.00/kg. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased around 15% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	230-235	246.63	251.97	209.60	-5.34	-2.12	37.03	17.67
Cowpea (White)	210-225	217.25	217.71	206.05	-0.46	-0.21	11.20	5.44
Cowpea (Red)	265-290	278.24	248.36	193.14	29.88	12.03	85.10	44.06
Retail Prices								
Green gram	260-300	275.08	277.49	240.06	-2.41	-0.87	35.02	14.59
Cowpea (White)	240-300	278.48	276.49	279.87	1.99	0.78	-1.39	-0.50
Cowpea (Red)	280-320	306.40	300.82	288.29	5.58	1.85	18.11	6.28

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.217.00/kg and Rs.278.00/kg, respectively in June 2019. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.225.00/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.265.00/kg and Rs.290.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has not significantly changed and red cowpea has increased by around 12%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea had increased by 5% and red cowpea wholesale price has increased 44% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.278.00/kg and Rs.306.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.300.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.280.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea and red cowpea have increased by 1 and 2 percent respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of white cowpea had not changed significantly and red cowpea had increased by 6% (Table 2.4.2).

A total of 1,301 MT of green gram had been imported during this month, and it is an increase of 70% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of green gram was Rs.162.72/kg which was decreased by 8% compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.211.64 million which has increased by 56% of the total value spent on green gram importation compared to the previous month. Green gram had been imported from several countries which are Argentina (52%), Australia (19%), Myanmar (13%), Venezuela (10%) and India (6%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram January to June 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	1,301	211.64	162.72	275.08	112.36
May	766	135.81	177.22	277.49	100.27
April	1,128	185.92	164.79	276.09	111.30
March	934	149.88	160.55	261.90	101.35
February	876	144.85	165.29	258.21	92.92
January	1,329	210.79	158.59	256.53	97.94

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

According to table 2.4.4, a total of 443 MT of white cowpea had been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea had been increased by 149% compared to June 2018. The average CIF price of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.133.00/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been increased by 50% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.33.08 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (41%), Myanmar (27%), India (16%), Brazil (11%) and France (5%).

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea (White) January to June 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	443	33.08	132.97	278.48	145.51
May	178	22.04	123.47	276.49	153.02
April	435	52.32	119.49	278.43	158.94
March	547	63.57	116.15	278.43	162.28
February	737	83.96	113.93	275.49	161.56
January	900	104.65	116.28	273.31	157.03

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and 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	Jun - 2019	162.72	246.63	275.08	83.91	28.45
	May - 2019	177.22	251.97	277.49	74.75	25.52
	Jun - 2018	141.08	209.60	240.06	68.52	30.46
Cowpea (White)	Jun - 2019	132.97	217.25	278.48	84.28	61.23
	May - 2019	123.47	217.71	276.49	94.24	58.78
	Jun - 2018	132.89	206.05	279.87	73.16	73.82
Cowpea (Red)	Jun - 2019	-	278.24	306.40	-	28.16
	May - 2019	-	248.36	300.82	-	52.46
	Jun - 2018	-	193.14	288.29	-	95.15

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.106.00/kg and Rs.110.00/kg with an average of Rs.108.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.129.00/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.21.00/kg during this month. The wholesale price and the retail price have not been changed significantly compared with the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price has been not changed significantly while the retail price has decreased by 2%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal – June 2019

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	May 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	106.00-110.00	108.30	109.13	107.78	-0.83	-0.76	0.52	0.48
Retail Price	120.00-140.00	128.98	129.30	131.55	-0.32	-0.25	-2.57	-1.95

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 16,665 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.82/kg and CIF price has been decreased by 5 percent compared to the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 16,364MT) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 301 MT) was of the split type. The whole type of red dhal, 88% from Canada, 11% from Australia and 1% from Ukraine have been imported. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs. 1,319 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.81 per kilo and the split type red dhal, has been imported mainly from Canada (75%) and rest from India (25%). The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.128.00/kg and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.38 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal
Jan 2019 to June 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
June-2019	16,665	81.46	108.30	128.98	26.84	20.68
May-2019	12,502	85.92	109.13	129.30	23.21	20.17
Apr-2019	11,062	82.64	108.35	129.52	25.70	21.17
Mar-2019	20,901	84.18	108.63	128.77	24.44	20.15
Feb-2019	14,757	85.72	115.54	131.22	29.82	15.69
Jan-2019	14,543	83.23	113.50	128.88	29.04	16.93

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Dry weather condition further prevailed in most of the vegetable producing areas during this month too. Continued dry weather condition from last couple of months had been unfavourable for the cultivation of vegetables in the 2019 *Yala* season. The total targeted extent (both upcountry and lowcountry vegetables) was 40,857ha, and of which the target of upcountry vegetables and lowcountry vegetables was 14,450ha and 26,407ha respectively. The overall progress of vegetable cultivation was 48% of the targeted extent and it was about 5% decline compared to the previous *Yala* season. The progress of upcountry vegetable was 35% of the target and it was a decline of 9% compared to the last *Yala* season. Further, with compared to the last consecutive four *Yala* seasons, this *Yala* season reported the lowest progress for upcountry vegetables. The progress of low country vegetables was 54% of the target, a 4% decline compared to the 2018 *Yala* season, while it was 6% higher than that of the progress in 2017 *Yala* season.

In this *Yala* season, the mostly cultivated up-country vegetable was beans (1,426ha). The mostly cultivated low country vegetable was brinjal (2,412ha) followed by long beans (2,147ha). (Crop Forecast, various reports, Department of Agriculture).

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Vegetable harvest from early cultivated crops had been arrived to the market during this month, mainly from Dambulla and Nuwara Eliya districts. About 900-1,000 mt of vegetable had been supplied to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center on daily basis. Therefore, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased during this month. With regard to upcountry vegetables, the highest price decrease was recorded for beans (37%) followed by cabbage (36%). With regard to low country vegetable, the highest price decrease of 61% was reported for tomato followed by ladies fingers (51%). However, the prices of capsicum, pumpkin, bittergourd, drumstick, ash plantain and green chillies have increased by 8%, 64%, 5%, 12%, 9% and 83% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the upcountry vegetable varieties had decreased in the range of 80% (leeks) and 24% (knolkhol).

With regard to low country vegetables, the prices of most of the varieties had decreased in the range of 4% (cucumber) and 80% (tomato). Compared to the previous month, the retail prices of both upcountry and lowcountry vegetable also have decreased during the month. With regard to upcountry vegetable prices, the highest price decrease of Rs.82.00/kg was reported for beans, while the lowest price decrease of Rs.5.00/kg was observed for carrot. With regards to low country vegetable, the highest price decrease of Rs.46.00/kg was recorded for tomato while the lowest price decrease was for ash plantain (rs.3.00/kg).

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	50.00-160.00	114.50	181.50	228.83	-67.00	-36.91	-114.33	-49.96
Carrot	90.00-150.00	114.00	118.25	244.37	-4.25	-3.59	-130.37	-53.35
Leeks	30.00-60.00	43.07	56.25	216.88	-13.18	-23.43	-173.81	-80.14
Beetroot	50.00-100.00	67.56	92.21	107.63	-24.65	-26.73	-40.07	-37.23
Knolkhol	40.00-110.00	75.00	82.25	98.33	-7.25	-8.81	-23.33	-23.73
Radish	20.00-80.00	48.50	70.13	84.38	-21.63	-30.84	-35.88	-42.52
Cabbage	15.00-60.00	34.01	53.11	97.92	-19.10	-35.96	-63.91	-65.27
Tomato	20.00-60.00	30.50	78.00	154.58	-47.50	-60.90	-124.08	-80.27
Ladies Fingers	20.00-40.00	26.65	54.38	85.83	-27.73	-50.99	-59.18	-68.95
Brinjal	40.00-100.00	58.63	95.97	111.88	-37.34	-38.91	-53.25	-47.60
Capsicum	130.00-180.00	152.50	140.75	312.29	11.75	8.35	-159.79	-51.17
Pumpkin	60.00-140.00	84.25	51.25	27.04	33.00	64.39	57.21	211.58
Cucumber	25.00-50.00	37.13	46.38	38.65	-9.25	-19.94	-1.52	-3.93
Bittergourd	140.00-200.00	164.22	156.15	173.21	8.07	5.17	-8.99	-5.19
Snakegourd	50.00-90.00	64.94	125.00	108.75	-60.06	-48.05	-43.81	-40.29
Drumstick	120.00-180.00	156.75	139.52	247.64	17.23	12.35	-90.89	-36.70
Luffa	50.00-100.00	67.75	103.25	148.13	-35.50	-34.38	-80.38	-54.26
Long Beans	40.00-120.00	85.00	96.14	139.58	-11.14	-11.59	-54.58	-39.10
Ash Plantain	50.00-70.00	56.18	51.74	61.70	4.44	8.58	-5.52	-8.95
Green Chilli	150.00-400.00	268.75	147.00	286.07	121.75	82.82	-17.32	-6.05
Lime	180.00-400.00	266.75	335.00	93.54	-68.25	-20.37	173.21	185.17

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the upcountry vegetables had decreased by 25%-60% while the prices of lowcountry vegetable decreased by 5%-59%.

It should be noted that the price behavior of this month shows a slight deviation with historical seasonal pattern. According to the seasonal price index for last five years, generally, the price drop for most of the vegetables for the *Yala* season starts from July. However, during this month, the price drop was started in one month prior due to the arrival of harvest of early cultivated crop.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – June 2019

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-240.00	183.99	266.05	306.71	-82.06	-30.84	-122.72	-40.01
Carrot	140.00-240.00	183.71	189.05	326.03	-5.34	-2.82	-142.32	-43.65
Leeks	80.00-160.00	124.97	144.72	313.62	-19.75	-13.65	-188.65	-60.15
Beetroot	100.00-200.00	141.19	166.96	199.18	-25.77	-15.43	-57.99	-29.11
Knolkhol	90.00-240.00	167.60	175.69	224.64	-8.09	-4.60	-57.04	-25.39
Radish	60.00-200.00	123.72	146.31	179.43	-22.59	-15.44	-55.71	-31.05
Cabbage	50.00-160.00	121.50	136.42	183.62	-14.92	-10.94	-62.12	-33.83
Tomato	50.00-160.00	103.63	149.22	252.10	-45.59	-30.55	-148.47	-58.89
Ladies Fingers	50.00-160.00	113.75	147.08	166.66	-33.33	-22.66	-52.91	-31.75
Brinjal	80.00-200.00	128.83	159.69	190.47	-30.86	-19.32	-61.64	-32.36
Capsicum	180.00-320.00	244.14	239.75	429.35	4.39	1.83	-185.21	-43.14
Pumpkin	80.00-200.00	146.66	117.11	88.26	29.55	25.23	58.40	66.17
Cucumber	60.00-140.00	108.43	127.81	116.41	-19.38	-15.16	-7.98	-6.86
Bittergourd	180.00-320.00	247.82	241.35	269.34	6.47	2.68	-21.52	-7.99
Snakegourd	100.00-240.00	165.88	196.84	193.49	-30.96	-15.73	-27.61	-14.27
Drumstick	200.00-320.00	255.16	243.10	447.14	12.06	4.96	-191.98	-42.94
Luffa	100.00-240.00	166.95	185.30	245.21	-18.35	-9.90	-78.26	-31.92
Long Beans	100.00-200.00	161.58	170.05	218.95	-8.47	-4.98	-57.37	-26.20
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	133.35	136.77	140.51	-3.42	-2.50	-7.16	-5.10
Green Chilli	220.00-600.00	426.30	323.20	449.84	103.10	31.90	-23.54	-5.23
Lime	350.00-600.00	536.68	600.79	323.04	-64.11	-10.67	213.64	66.13

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in May, 2019, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in June 2019. Accordingly, prices of all the banana varieties except Anamalu had recorded price increases in the range of 1%-21% compared to May, 2019. Prices of Seeni, Ambul and Kolikuttu had increased by 5%, 14% and 21% respectively and their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.40.00-70.00/kg (Seeni), Rs.30.00-60.00/kg (Ambul) and Rs.100.00-170.00/kg (Kolikuttu). Price of banana variety, Ambun had increased by 1% and the price ranged between Rs.10.00-15.00/fruit. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 63%, 44% and 45% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.142.00/fruit, Rs.190.00/fruit and Rs.244.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-330.00/fruit.

Prices of mango varieties, Vilad, Karthakolomban and Betti had increased by 9%, 10% and 13% respectively and their price ranges recorded for a fruit were Rs.16.00-28.00, Rs.40.00-60.00 and

Rs.12.00-25.00 respectively. In addition, prices of orange, wood apple and imported grapes had also increased by 34%, 10% and 11% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, price of papaw had decreased by 2% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.65.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-100.00/kg. Further, price decreases were noted for avocado, passion fruit and slime apple and prices had decreased by 25%, 22% and 20% respectively. In addition, though the prices of banana and mango varieties had increased in general, the prices of banana variety, Anamalu and mango variety, Kohu had decreased by 1% and 2% respectively and their prices ranged between Rs.8.00-12.00/fruit and Rs.10.00-16.00/fruit respectively (Table 4.1). Compared to the same period of 2018, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for wood apple (Table 4.1).

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

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had also increased at the retail level in the month of June compared to May. Accordingly, price increases were noted for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu by 4% and for Seeni by less than 1%. Further, price ranges for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni were noted as Rs.60.00-120.00/kg, Rs.140.00-220.00/kg and Rs.80.00-120.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 24% for small and by 20% for both medium and large sized fruits and price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.100.00-350.00/fruit. Price of papaw had also increased by 4% and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-180.00/kg. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had also increased by 8% and 20% respectively. Price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.50.00-100.00. In addition, prices of orange, wood apple, grapes (imported) and slime apple had increased by 20%, 17%, 5% and 2% respectively (Table 4.2).

However, prices of passion fruit and avocado had decreased by 11% and 2% respectively and the prices were noted as Rs.20.00-50.00/fruit and Rs.50.00-100.00/fruit respectively. Further, price of banana variety, Anamalu had decreased by 1% while, price of Ambun had not changed significantly and prices of Anamalu and Ambun ranged between and Rs.15.00-22.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-28.00/fruit respectively (Table 4.2). Compared to the same period of 2018, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 80% noted for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Kolikuttu and Ambul and papaw and prices had increased by 25%, 26% and 38% respectively. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.27.00-38.00/kg, Rs.83.00-135.00/kg and Rs.32.00-74.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to June, 2018, producer prices had increased for papaw by 42%, for Ambul by 61% and for Kolikuttu by 81% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 372mt of fresh fruits in June, 2019 to the value of Rs.56mn. Of the exported quantity, 89% were papaw, 8% were fresh pineapple and 3% were fresh mangoes. In addition, 2.2mt of fresh avocados also had been exported. However, the percentage of fresh avocados to the entire exported quantity was less than one percent. In the month of May, 2019, the quantity exported was 973mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 62% (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,900mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.440mn. Of the imported quantity, 49% were apple, 29% were oranges and 22% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, the United States and Australia. Egypt, South Africa and Australia were the main importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported mainly from Australia, China and India. In the month of May, 2019, the quantity imported was 2,884mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 34% (Table 4.5).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-60.00	46.48	40.69	31.46	5.79	14.23	15.02	47.74
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-170.00	141.72	116.82	92.52	24.90	21.31	49.20	53.18
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-70.00	58.64	56.00	60.42	2.64	4.71	-1.78	-2.95
Anamalu (Fruit)	8.00-12.00	10.75	10.86	13.37	-0.11	-1.01	-2.62	-19.60
Ambun (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	13.64	13.53	17.88	0.11	0.81	-4.24	-23.71
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	180.00-330.00	243.65	168.42	133.88	75.23	44.67	109.77	81.99
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-250.00	190.48	132.67	104.49	57.81	43.57	85.99	82.29
Small (Fruit)	90.00-220.00	142.18	87.12	71.75	55.06	63.20	70.43	98.16
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	12.00-25.00	18.98	16.79	11.90	2.19	13.04	7.08	59.50
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-60.00	52.97	48.36	29.25	4.61	9.53	23.72	81.09
Vilad (Fruit)	16.00-28.00	22.00	20.10	15.36	1.90	9.45	6.64	43.23
Kohu (Fruit)	10.00-16.00	14.11	14.35	12.52	-0.24	-1.67	1.59	12.70
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-100.00	65.45	66.95	56.93	-1.50	-2.24	8.52	14.97
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-29.00	15.83	20.23	11.12	-4.40	-21.75	4.71	42.36
Woodapple (Fruit)	33.00-50.00	41.20	37.58	13.94	3.62	9.63	27.26	195.55
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	33.21	24.85	32.36	8.36	33.64	0.85	2.63
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	40.63	54.48	38.22	-13.85	-25.42	2.41	6.31
Slime Apple (Fruit)	13.00-24.00	17.81	22.14	25.38	-4.33	-19.56	-7.57	-29.83
Grapes Imported (Kg)	488.00-771.00	630.32	566.91	611.07	63.41	11.19	19.25	3.15

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-120.00	88.53	85.27	76.74	3.26	3.82	11.79	15.36
Kolikuttu (Kg)	140.00-220.00	181.98	175.16	157.14	6.82	3.89	24.84	15.81
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-120.00	106.82	106.37	107.22	0.45	0.42	-0.40	-0.37
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	17.13	17.34	16.75	-0.21	-1.21	0.38	2.27
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-28.00	21.41	21.50	20.98	-0.09	-0.42	0.43	2.05
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-350.00	260.28	217.10	168.87	43.18	19.89	91.41	54.13
Medium (Fruit)	140.00-260.00	190.10	158.11	119.31	31.99	20.23	70.79	59.33
Small (Fruit)	100.00-180.00	137.63	111.00	80.86	26.63	23.99	56.77	70.21
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	31.43	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	71.84	66.45	52.21	5.39	8.11	19.63	37.60
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	42.83	35.68	29.52	7.15	20.04	13.31	45.09
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	100.00-180.00	130.09	125.51	88.99	4.58	3.65	41.10	46.18
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	31.15	34.98	17.28	-3.83	-10.95	13.87	80.27
Woodapple (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	72.94	62.22	44.99	10.72	17.23	27.95	62.12
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	54.04	45.19	58.26	8.85	19.58	-4.22	-7.24
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	73.63	75.20	60.91	-1.57	-2.09	12.72	20.88
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	53.14	52.29	55.52	0.85	1.63	-2.38	-4.29
Grapes Imported (Kg)	800.00-1000.00	892.74	848.99	866.61	43.75	5.15	26.13	3.02

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.50-38.33	31.35	24.96	19.44	6.39	25.60	11.91	61.26
Kolikuttu	83.33-135.00	106.39	84.86	58.92	21.53	25.37	47.47	80.56
Papaw	32.50-74.00	58.94	42.81	41.58	16.13	37.67	17.36	41.74

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, value and FOB prices of exported fruits -April 2019 to June 2019

Type of Fruit	June - 2019			May - 2019			April - 2019		
	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	29.13	13.52	464.13	57.56	23.15	402.11	50.57	20.62	407.82
Papaw	331.43	36.02	108.69	880.70	96.11	109.13	659.70	62.32	94.47
Fresh Mango	9.56	5.56	581.23	26.37	10.63	403.19	22.18	7.32	330.10
Avocado, fresh	2.20	0.74	338.83	7.94	3.55	446.55	10.11	4.42	437.31

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits - April 2019 to June 2019

Type of Fruit	June - 2019			May - 2019			April - 2019		
	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	928	178.44	192.22	1,962	383.82	195.62	2,462	455.67	185.08
Grapes	414	187.77	453.56	399	169.62	424.62	536	197.47	368.68
Oranges	558	73.68	131.94	523	47.95	91.64	592	55.87	94.40

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fresh fish varieties have reduced during this month. Therefore, wholesale prices have increased by 3%-46%. Supplies of salaya were limited mainly from Beruwala, Galle, Ambalangoda, Negambo and Northern Province and the wholesale price has increased by 46%. Limited supplies for hurulla were observed in the market mainly from Negambo and Batticaloa which lead to increase the price by 17%. Limited stocks of balaya were received from Galle, Beruwala and the supplying areas in the Northern Province. Therefore, the wholesale price of Balaya has increased by 15%. The supplies of paraw were limited mainly from Galle, Trincomalee and Northern Province. Hence, the price of paraw has increased by 12%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 1%-23% recording the highest for hurulla and the lowest for shrimp (small).

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	150.00-350.00	231.03	158.39	208.94	72.64	45.86	22.09	10.57
Hurulla	380.00-500.00	436.92	374.00	354.75	62.92	16.82	82.17	23.16
Balaya	320.00-520.00	432.53	375.25	386.25	57.28	15.26	46.28	11.98
Kelawalla	550.00-700.00	620.68	628.13	587.50	-7.45	-1.19	33.18	5.65
Thora	1200.00-1500.00	1399.02	1294.17	1260.00	104.85	8.10	139.02	11.03
Paraw	600.00-750.00	679.46	607.29	638.61	72.17	11.88	40.85	6.40
Mora	600.00-750.00	669.42	616.67	620.00	52.75	8.55	49.42	7.97
Shrimp (small)	850.00-950.00	900.31	871.39	890.00	28.92	3.32	10.31	1.16
Thalapath	700.00-900.00	831.89	794.79	797.50	37.10	4.67	34.39	4.31
Retail Prices								
Salaya	280.00-480.00	356.67	303.28	291.00	53.39	17.60	65.67	22.57
Hurulla	400.00-720.00	561.85	542.31	499.25	19.54	3.60	62.60	12.54
Balaya	600.00-920.00	771.22	708.46	625.98	62.76	8.86	145.24	23.20
Kelawalla	950.00-1360.00	1092.83	1072.26	943.29	20.57	1.92	149.54	15.85
Thora	1520.00-2200.00	1817.33	1679.00	1681.78	138.33	8.24	135.55	8.06
Paraw	1000.00-1600.00	1240.93	1135.70	1051.16	105.23	9.27	189.77	18.05
Mora	900.00-1100.00	987.30	984.54	909.44	2.76	0.28	77.86	8.56
Shrimp (small)	960.00-1300.00	1157.23	1116.00	1197.42	41.23	3.69	-40.19	-3.36
Thalapath	1180.00-1400.00	1251.55	1203.71	1097.31	47.84	3.97	154.24	14.06

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The price behavior in the wholesale market was more or less depicted in the retail market too. The retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties have increased between less than 1% (mora) and 18% (salaya) during the month. The lowest retail price for fresh fish was reported for salaya (Rs.280.00-480.00/kg) while the highest price range of Rs.1,520.00-2,200.00/kg noted for Thora. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the varieties except for shrimps (small) had increased by 8%-23%.

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased by 1%-9% due to the increased supply and low quality stocks in the market. Supplies of Salaya have increased from Chilaw, Mullativu and Mannar and therefore the price has decreased by 9%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish –June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	900.00-1100.00	1002.69	902.77	967.83	99.92	11.07	34.86	3.60
Sprats (imported)	350.00-550.00	439.50	469.75	534.25	-30.25	-6.44	-94.75	-17.74
Kattawa	950.00-1100.00	1051.60	1102.81	968.43	-51.21	-4.64	83.17	8.59
Kattawa (imported)	900.00-1000.00	929.44	1022.22	798.41	-92.78	-9.08	131.03	16.41
Thora	1300.00-1350.00	1316.67	-	1168.75	-	-	147.92	12.66
Thora (imported)	1100.00-1300.00	1184.92	1287.50	1185.00	-102.58	-7.97	-0.08	-0.01
Mora	900.00-950.00	917.72	920.11	884.92	-2.39	-0.26	32.80	3.71
Mora (imported)	700.00-880.00	809.00	810.23	787.61	-1.23	-0.15	21.39	2.72
Balaya	450.00-750.00	579.25	493.25	521.97	86.00	17.44	57.28	10.97
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	423.37	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	850.00-950.00	904.24	894.48	776.18	9.76	1.09	128.06	16.50
Anguluwa (imported)	700.00-820.00	774.11	805.83	663.70	-31.72	-3.94	110.41	16.64
Maduwa	450.00-700.00	566.90	516.58	567.95	50.32	9.74	-1.05	-0.18
Maduwa (imported)	330.00-500.00	388.69	387.17	408.98	1.52	0.39	-20.29	-4.96
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	280.00-400.00	342.49	376.34	314.46	-33.85	-8.99	28.03	8.91
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	692.49	718.09	731.22	-25.60	-3.57	-38.73	-5.30
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1236.71	1213.08	1221.25	23.63	1.95	15.46	1.27
Kattawa	1200.00-1600.00	1428.06	1417.56	1242.80	10.50	0.74	185.26	14.91
Thora	1400.00-2000.00	1741.88	1733.61	1601.31	8.27	0.48	140.57	8.78
Mora	900.00-1400.00	1215.62	1216.90	1148.56	-1.28	-0.11	67.06	5.84
Balaya	600.00-1000.00	883.13	868.87	870.15	14.26	1.64	12.98	1.49
Anguluwa	900.00-1400.00	1178.71	1198.14	1066.46	-19.43	-1.62	112.25	10.53
Maduwa	800.00-1000.00	869.96	818.33	835.00	51.63	6.31	34.96	4.19
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-700.00	628.10	666.22	656.75	-38.12	-5.72	-28.65	-4.36

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meanwhile, the stocks of local Kattawa have increased mainly from Negambo and the quality of supplied stocks was poor compared to the previous month. Similarly imported stocks of Kattawa have mainly received from Pakistan. Therefore, the prices of local Kattawa and imported Kattawa have decreased by 5% and 9% respectively. Further, low quality Sprats (imported) have increased in the market and the stocks of imported sprats were mainly received from Dubai, Iran and Vietnam. Therefore, the price of imported Sprats have decreased by 6% during this month. In contrast, the wholesale prices of Sprats (local), Balaya and Maduwa (imported) have increased by 11%, 17% and 10% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 3%-17%.

With regard to the retail prices of dried fish, the prices of Sprats (imported), Anguluwa and Salaya have decreased by 4%, 2% and 6% respectively. The prices of all other dried fish varieties have changed marginally. The highest price range of Rs.1,400.00-2,000.00/kg was reported for Thora while the lowest price range of Rs.500.00-700.00/kg was noted for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 1%-15%.

Eggs

The wholesale prices of brown egg and white egg have increased by 4% and 5% respectively. However, the retail prices have shown only marginal increase (less than 1%). The retail price of brown egg and white egg ranged between Rs.16.00-19.00/each and Rs.15.00-18.00/each respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale prices and retail prices have increased by 5%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	15.50-18.00	16.31	15.63	15.61	0.68	4.35	0.70	4.48
White (each)	14.50-17.00	15.31	14.60	14.61	0.71	4.86	0.70	4.79
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	16.00-19.00	17.42	17.28	16.64	0.14	0.81	0.78	4.69
White (each)	15.00-18.00	16.42	16.25	15.60	0.17	1.05	0.82	5.26

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The prices of most of the meat varieties have not changed significantly during this month. The highest price range of Rs.1,800.00-2,100.00/kg was reported for mutton while the lowest price range of Rs.450.00-620.00/kg was observed for curry chicken. However, compared to the same period of last year, prices of chicken had decreased by less than 9%. Meanwhile, the price of pork had increased by 34% followed by mutton and beef 2%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		June 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	982.29	983.33	960.71	-1.04	-0.11	21.58	2.25
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-650.00	542.35	532.70	592.61	9.65	1.81	-50.26	-8.48
Chicken (curry)	450.00-620.00	544.71	544.28	599.11	0.43	0.08	-54.40	-9.08
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1905.40	1883.24	1865.53	22.16	1.18	39.87	2.14
Pork	700.00-840.00	771.67	775.83	585.00	-4.16	-0.54	186.67	31.91

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 180,913mt. worth of 8,803mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of June. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased and it was 32,293mt. in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of June had been mainly imported from Canada (67%) and the CIF price was Rs.50.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Russia (23,500mt.) and Pakistan (17,179mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (9%) and Australia (1%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.43.00-53.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.49.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged during the month. The lowest CIF price was reported for the stocks from Pakistan.

A total quantity of 706mt. of wheat flour worth of 49mn. had been imported during the month of June. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased nearly by one and half times in terms of quantity. Wheat flour for the month of June had been imported only from India (17%) and its CIF price was 73.00/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.88.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.94.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 5%.

Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – June 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2019	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019		Juen 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	88.00-100.00	94.11	93.64	90.04	0.46	0.50	4.06	4.51
Sugar	95.00-110.00	105.99	99.42	105.38	6.57	6.61	0.61	0.58

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain-Jan 2019 to June 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
June-2019	706	49.28	69.78	94.11	24.33
May-2019	1,011	70.99	70.22	93.64	23.42
Apr-2019	263	21.12	80.20	93.97	13.77
Mar-2019	1,102	77.64	70.48	94.33	23.85
Feb-2019	754	55.23	73.20	94.41	21.21
Jan-2019	581	43.93	75.66	94.43	18.77
Wheat Grain					
June-2019	180,913	8,803	69.78	94.11	24.33
May-2019	148,620	7,211	48.52	93.64	45.12
Apr-2019	175,208	8,583	48.99	93.97	44.98
Mar-2019	112,815	5,421	48.05	94.33	46.28
Feb-2019	142,478	7,199	50.53	94.41	43.88
Jan-2019	100,466	5,070	50.47	94.43	43.96

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

Note : Retail price of wheat grains means the retail price of wheat flour.

Sugar

A total quantity of 51,253mt. worth of 3,271mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of June. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased and it was 2,798mt. in terms of quantity. This was the second highest quantity which imported to the country since this January. Sugar for the month of June had been mainly imported from India (69%) and its' CIF price was Rs.62.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (31%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from United Arab Emirates, Korea and Singapore as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.62.00-70.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.64.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar has increased by Rs.3.00/kg. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 183 points in June 2019, up by 4% from May 2019.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of June, price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.106.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average retail price of sugar has increased by Rs.7.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has increased only by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- Jan 2019 to June 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June-2019	51,253	3271.4	63.83	105.99	42.16
May-2019	54,051	3320.7	61.44	99.42	37.98
Apr-2019	30,356	1881.9	61.99	104.74	42.74
Mar-2019	45,872	2775.3	60.50	104.57	44.07
Feb-2019	33,893	2052.6	60.56	105.34	44.78
Jan-2019	35,030	2227.6	63.59	105.92	42.33

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

Table 7: Import of selected food items – June 2019

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compa red to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compa red to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compa red to last month
	June- 2019	May- 2019		June- 2019	May- 2019		June- 2019	May- 2019	
Rice	1,147	995	15	91.1	81.1	12	79.43	81.52	-3
Red Onion	692	516	34	91.2	59.5	53	131.77	115.33	14
Big Onion	17,467	17,976	-3	1040.4	864.3	20	59.56	48.08	24
Potato	8,762	12,591	-30	397.5	468.8	-15	45.37	37.23	22
Dried Chillies	2,752	3,529	-22	698.5	826.6	-15	253.81	234.25	8
Masoor Dhal	16,665	12,502	33	1357.5	1074.2	26	81.46	85.92	-5
Green Gram	1,301	766	70	211.6	135.8	56	162.72	177.22	-8
Cowpea	443	178	148	58.9	22.0	167	132.97	123.47	8
Garlic	1,159	3,647	-68	239.4	765.0	-69	206.55	209.76	-2
Wheat flour	706	1,011	-30	49.3	71.0	-31	69.78	70.22	-1
Wheat grain	180,913	148,620	22	8803.2	7210.8	22	48.66	48.52	0
White crystalline cane sugar	51,253	54,051	-5	3271.4	3320.7	-1	63.83	61.44	4
Maize	26	0.1	-80	2.83	0.01	-76	108.92	175.89	18

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – June 2019

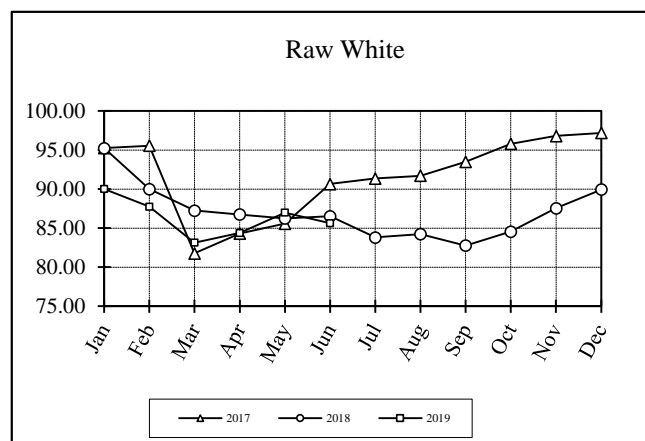
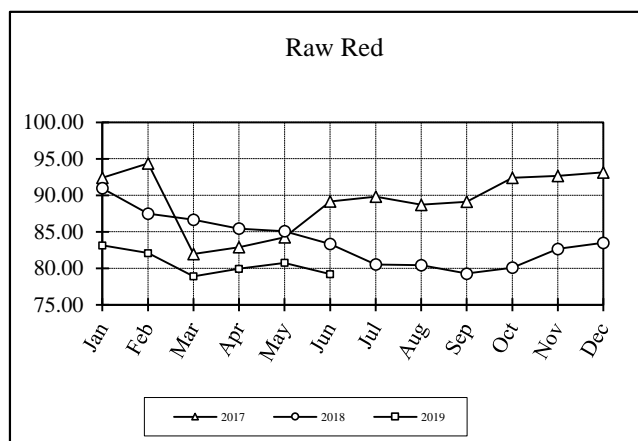
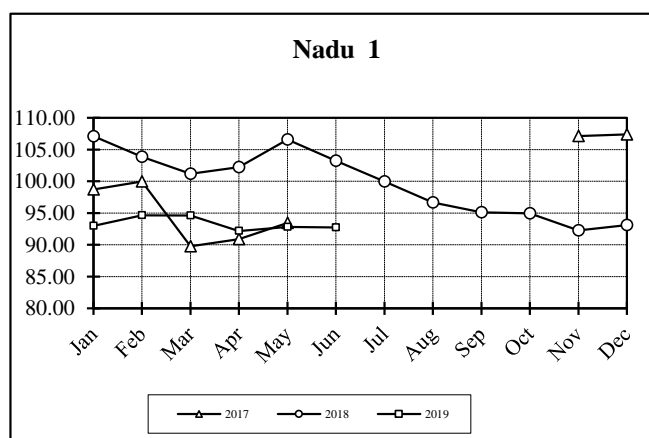
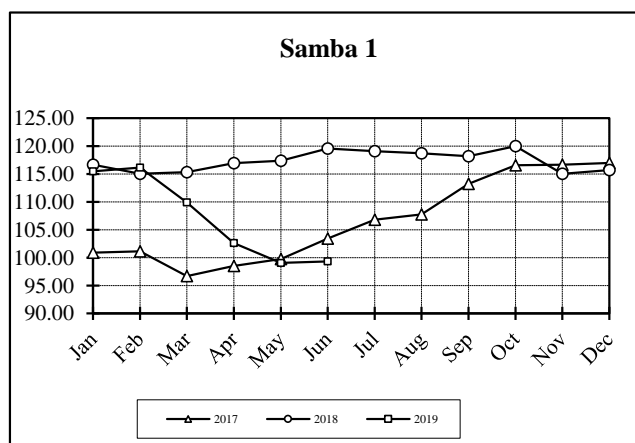
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	0.2	9.4	0	2
Badulla	29.3	29.3	4	4
Bandarawela	71.8	36.6	9	4
Batticaloa	15.6	23.9	2	2
Colombo	257.2	184.9	20	16
Galle	177.4	188.2	18	17
Hambantota	29.5	59.0	8	6
Jaffna	21.7	16.1	1	1
Katugastota	82.0	131.9	17	15
Katunayaka	291.4	177.2	15	15
Kurunegala	156.4	153.0	14	14
Mahailuppallama	29.7	14.0	4	3
Mannar	0.0	4.6	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	91.1	171.9	13	16
Pottuvil	20.4	5.2	2	na
Puttalam	40.7	44.7	5	4
Ratmalana	283.9	198.4	21	16
Ratnapura	397.2	412.2	25	21
Trincomalee	6.6	25.4	2	2
Vavuniya	0.6	11.2	1	1
Polonnaruwa	0.0	na	0	na
Moneragala	15.2	na	4	na
Mattala	23.7	na	5	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

Note: na refers to not available

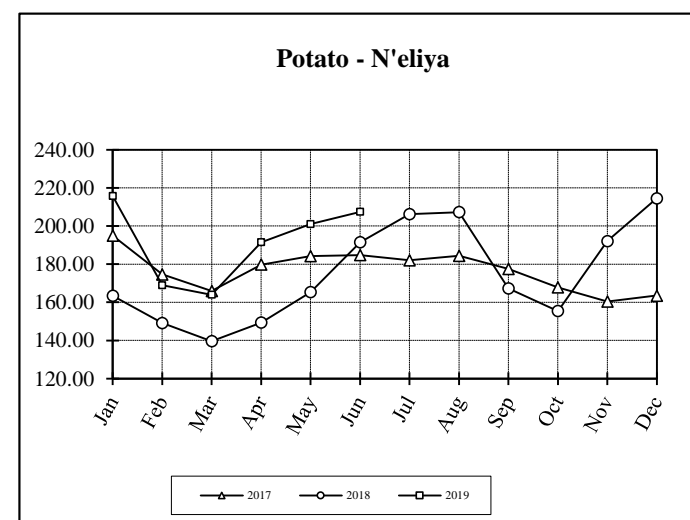
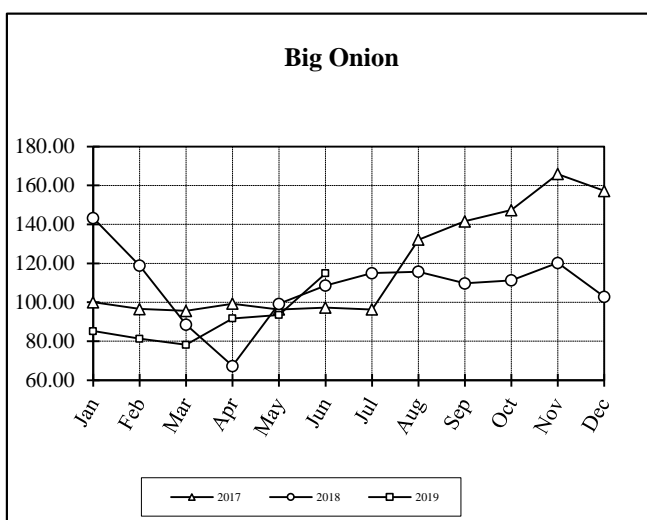
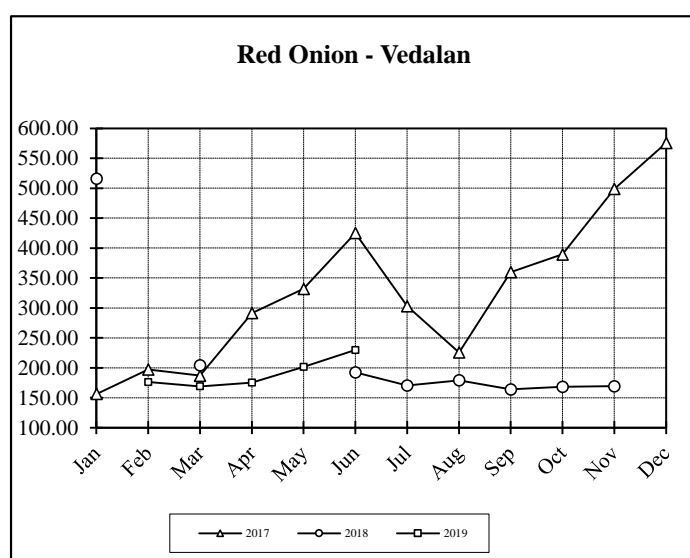
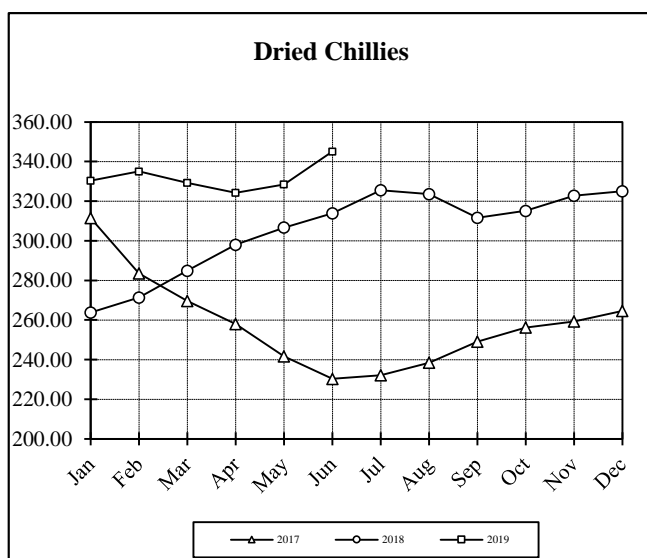
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 1			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Jan	100.87	116.65	115.44	98.73	107.10	93.00	92.41	90.96	83.12	95.27	95.24	90.02
Feb	101.11	115.03	116.14	99.95	103.88	94.64	94.37	87.49	82.07	95.56	90.00	87.74
Mar	96.68	115.34	109.87	89.77	101.20	94.63	81.95	86.63	78.87	81.77	87.25	83.14
Apr	98.53	116.93	102.58	90.88	102.24	92.17	82.89	85.43	79.92	84.30	86.74	84.39
May	99.74	117.36	99.05	93.46	106.56	92.83	84.24	85.08	80.74	85.58	86.25	87.00
Jun	103.41	119.56	99.33		103.22	92.73	89.17	83.32	79.19	90.65	86.52	85.64
Jul	106.81	119.08			99.99		89.80	80.52		91.36	83.80	
Aug	107.72	118.72			96.68		88.70	80.42		91.71	84.25	
Sep	113.25	118.15			95.11		89.11	79.26		93.51	82.76	
Oct	116.54	119.98			94.97		92.38	80.08		95.80	84.54	
Nov	116.63	115.02		107.14	92.27		92.67	82.65		96.81	87.55	
Dec	116.97	115.70		107.39	93.13		93.12	83.48		97.20	89.95	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion (Vedalan)			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Jan	311.44	263.76	330.31	156.25	515.82		100.02	143.32	85.22	194.94	163.50	215.71
Feb	283.58	271.41	335.00	197.00		176.36	96.57	118.86	81.33	174.64	149.12	168.89
Mar	269.67	284.90	329.23	186.80	204.17	168.97	95.60	88.58	78.17	165.97	139.65	164.00
Apr	257.93	298.03	324.25	291.30		175.37	99.33	67.31	91.75	179.77	149.37	191.47
May	241.70	306.67	328.50	331.70		201.43	96.33	99.21	93.54	184.26	165.33	200.97
Jun	230.28	313.87	345.06	425.19	192.53	229.57	97.25	108.62	114.91	184.74	191.52	207.45
Jul	232.12	325.59		302.86	170.61		96.33	115.02		182.06	206.17	
Aug	238.44	323.56		225.63	179.06		132.19	115.74		184.34	207.29	
Sep	249.10	311.60		359.93	164.11		141.57	109.70		177.47	167.27	
Oct	256.20	315.11		389.38	168.06		147.37	111.28		167.88	155.45	
Nov	259.31	322.74		498.85	169.23		165.87	120.24		160.43	192.07	
Dec	264.58	324.98		575.43			157.18	102.86		163.52	214.56	



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

June - 2019

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	123.00	138.00	138.00	143.00	Welimada	40.75	34.33	40.67	34.67
A'pura	38.75	37.80	38.00	39.00	Badulla					N'Eliya	42.00	38.00	38.00	28.00
P'narawa	39.06	39.06	39.85	41.02	Welimada	120.00	125.00	127.50	132.50	Beetroot				
Kalawewa					Pulses					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	43.00	39.80	39.80	39.80	Green Gram					N'Eliya	57.00	48.00	42.00	48.00
Dehiattakandiya	39.33	39.00	39.00	39.00	Galgamuwa					Dambulla	70.80	51.40	58.20	48.60
Ampara	36.50	36.50	36.50	36.50	Kalawewa					Kurunegala				
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	205.00	205.00			Welimada	67.00	56.67	66.67	49.67
A'pura	40.75	39.00	40.00	41.20	Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'narawa	39.85	39.85	41.80	44.14	A'pura	175.00	187.50			Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa					Cowpea					N'Eliya	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
Kurunegala	43.83	41.10	41.10	41.40	A'pura	131.67	131.25	141.67	133.75	Welimada	87.25	81.67	82.25	59.75
Dehiattakandiya	40.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	Galgamuwa	67.00	56.67	66.67	49.67	Radish				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					Hanguranketha				
Ampara	40.50	40.50	40.50	39.50	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	28.00	23.00	19.60	17.60
Matara	35.75	36.00	36.50	35.50	Embilipitiya	173.75	173.75			Welimada	30.75	22.33	18.00	16.80
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Hanguranketha				
Matara					A'Pura	48.50	47.80	48.00	47.80	N'Eliya	37.00	37.00	33.00	28.00
Hambantota	36.60	36.60	36.60	35.60	Kalawewa					Welimada	35.40	26.25	25.67	27.33
Ampara	34.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	Gingelly					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	37.50	36.50	35.36	35.36	A'Pura	278.75	269.00	263.75	298.00	Badulla	39.00	28.00	32.00	29.00
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa			193.33	201.00	Tomato				
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Hanguranketha				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Welimada	19.60	19.75	18.75	25.00
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	200.00	210.00	193.33	201.00	Hambantota	47.50	47.50	47.50	42.50
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Dambulla	28.60	29.40	29.40	29.00
Red Onion					Beans					Low Country				
Puttalam	136.00	136.00	140.00	130.00	Dambulla	158.00	138.00	87.40	79.80	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Welimada	141.25	89.00	85.50	61.75	A'pura	25.00	21.67	21.67	25.00
Dambulla					Badulla	135.00	74.00	59.00	49.00	Dambulla	30.60	24.20	21.40	23.60
Kalawewa					Carrot					Hambantota	45.00	45.00	45.00	35.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha					Embilipitiya	34.29	27.57	30.29	22.43
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	128.00	92.00	98.00	103.00	Matara	36.25	33.75	33.75	45.00
					Welimada	100.00	99.00	93.33	82.25					

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	77.50	61.67	48.33	50.00	Dambulla	61.60	86.40	98.00	102.00	Hambantota	220.00	220.00	280.00	215.00
Dambulla	53.00	44.00	56.00	52.40	Hambantota	42.50	47.50		85.00	Embilipitiya	252.00	217.00	223.00	223.00
Hambantota	45.00	45.00	57.50	45.00	Embilipitiya	73.00	75.00	79.00	106.00	Moneragala	141.67	238.33	141.67	191.67
Embilipitiya	45.83	44.17	42.50	32.00	Matara	52.50				<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	53.33	40.00	45.00	47.50	A'pura	95.00	80.00	92.50	112.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	49.00	46.25	59.33	39.00	Moneragala	55.00	65.00			<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>									
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	26.67	35.00	30.00	20.00	Moneragala	28.33	31.67	38.33	30.00
Welimada	160.00	150.00	158.75	153.75	Dambulla	25.20	25.60	25.60	27.80	Embilipitiya	27.86	30.00	30.00	30.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	27.50	27.50	30.00	22.50	Hambantota	35.00	35.00	27.50	32.50
A'pura	170.00	180.00	175.00	128.75	Matara					<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
Dambulla	152.00	161.00	162.00	138.00	<u>Long beans</u>									
Hambantota	140.00	145.00	155.00	145.00	Dambulla	69.40	60.80	40.60	38.20	Moneragala	83.33	86.67	110.00	110.00
Embilipitiya	133.75	124.17	146.25	132.00	Hambantota	75.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	Embilipitiya	99.17	99.17	116.67	121.67
					Embilipitiya	87.00	81.67	83.33	68.33	Hambantota	105.00	105.00	105.00	135.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	105.00		93.33	67.50	<u>Papaw</u>				
Dambulla	61.80	59.40	69.40	50.60	A'Pura	75.00	70.00	58.33	45.00	Moneragala				
Hambantota	45.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>									
Embilipitiya	59.00	59.00	64.00	55.00	Hambantota	42.50	47.50	42.50	42.50	Embilipitiya	74.00	60.00	70.00	70.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	36.00	37.00	40.00	34.00	Hambantota	57.50	57.50	50.00	32.50
A'pura		76.67	70.00	55.00	Matara	45.00	30.00	50.00	50.00	<u>Pineapple</u>				
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	62.80	62.20	37.60	43.60	Dambulla	172.00	196.00	384.00	296.00	Divulapitiya				
Hambantota	65.00	75.00	67.50	75.00	Hambantota	200.00	210.00	425.00	410.00					
Embilipitiya	75.00	75.00	77.00	63.33	Embilipitiya	258.00	262.00	400.00	413.00					
Matara					Puttalam	160.00	203.00	316.00	281.00					
A'pura	66.25	65.00	38.33	34.00	A'Pura	233.33	283.33	475.00	457.50					