



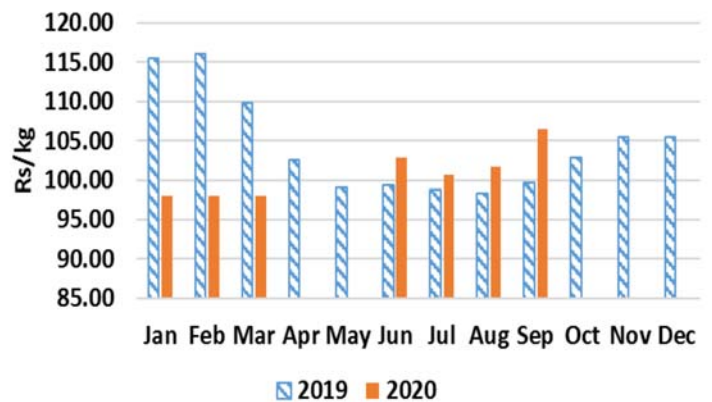
### Rice

Wholesale and retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased compared to the last month due to low supplies. Average retail prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated Maximum Retail Prices.

### Vegetables

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties have further limited in the market. The retail prices of most of the up-country vegetable varieties have increased by 5%-13%, followed by low-country vegetable varieties have as 14%-52%. The highest retail price of Rs.500.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.60.00/kg was for leeks and cucumber. Prices are expected be increased further.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



### EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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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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##### Outstation Markets

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

## 1. Paddy

### Crop Situation

The harvesting of 2020 *Yala* season ended with a satisfactory harvest. The prospects of the paddy harvest in all major cultivation districts were satisfactory. The better availability of water in irrigation schemes and the new increased guaranteed prices encouraged the farmers for paddy cultivation. The latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture reveals that the cultivated extent of paddy is 465,230ha and it is already 39% higher than that of the average sown extent of last three *Yala* seasons. The expected production is 1.84 Million Mts. Cultivation targets have almost been achieved in Northern Province, Batticaloe, Hambanthota and all Mahaweli systems. The report further revealed that the expected paddy production of *Yala* 2020 season from the extent reported would be sufficient for more than five months. The land preparation activities for paddy cultivation for 2020/21 *Maha* season will be commenced during the next month. Therefore, it is expected that a high demand will be created for seed paddy in next month.

**Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* season as at end of Sep 2020**

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)
Kurunagala	65,106	55,991	86	223,542	-	0	223,542
Ampara	58,020	54,977	95	253,346	1,434	2,947	250,399
Anuradhapura	39,678	26,312	66	100,491	-	0	100,491
Batticaloa	33,233	33,233	100	109,680	265	253	109,427
Polonnaruwa	32,212	30,057	93	136,929	-	0	136,929
Hambantota	27,284	25,449	93	128,101	86	114	127,987
Trincomalee	24,256	21,254	88	97,507	1,420	1,693	95,814
System C	20,172	22,043	109	92,149	-	0	92,149
System B	19,754	19,931	101	83,320	-	0	83,320
Puttalam	19,324	15,202	79	56,330	575	2,118	54,212
Monaragala	17,111	12,668	74	55,122	12	13	55,109
Matara	14,818	14,734	99	41,061	409	322	40,740
Matale	12,484	9,068	73	38,346	12	13	38,333
Galle	10,865	11,567	106	26,162	-	0	26,162
Udawalawa	9,706	10,756	111	56,364	-	0	56,364
Kilinochchi	8,781	8,688	99	35,955	-	0	35,955
Kandy	8,626	9,094	105	27,899	-	0	27,899
Ratnapura	8,403	9,499	113	32,700	-	0	32,700
Badulla	7,603	7,152	94	29,000	-	0	29,000
Kegalle	7,380	6,988	95	19,377	-	0	19,377
Kalutara	7,005	11,942	170	33,490	-	0	33,490
Gampaha	6,587	10,777	164	27,849	-	0	27,849
Mullaitivu	5,634	6,185	110	24,198	-	0	24,198
System G	4,357	4,634	106	19,372	-	0	19,372
Vavuniya	4,000	1,950	49	8,434	-	0	8,434
Neliya	3,053	2,573	84	5,016	-	0	5,016
Mannar	2,000	2,300	115	9,611	-	0	9,611
Colombo	1,957	3,207	164	8,205	-	0	8,205
System H	1,270	10,616	836	44,379	-	0	44,379
System D	750	750	100	3,135	-	0	3,135
System L	742	742	100	3,102	-	0	3,102
Rambakanoya	238	225	95	941	-	0	941
System H1	Na	4,667	NA	19,510	1	1	19,508
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>482,408</b>	<b>465,230</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,850,623</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>7,473</b>	<b>1,843,149</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

## Producer Prices

It was noted that paddy purchasing activities were operated in a more competitive basis in all major producing areas compared to previous seasons. This situation was due to the fact that major millers purchased paddy more competitively and the paddy marketing board involved in paddy purchasing on the new increased guaranteed price. A satisfactory harvest reached to the markets in all major producing areas. Meanwhile the price of long grain red has paddy increased by nearly 5% and the prices ranged Rs 51.00-55.00/Kg in producing areas in the Southern province. In Kalawewa major producing area the prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.48.00-58.00/Kg and Rs.43.00-52.00/Kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of farm gate prices was recorded for short grain and long grain red varieties. Prices of short grain and long grain white have increased in Kalawewa major producing area by 22% and 6% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have increased by 13% Mathara and 27% in Embilipitiya.

**Table 1.2: Producer prices of paddy – Sep 2020**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2020		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	50.00-54.00	-	52.45	44.23	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	-	45.31-53.12	-	48.72	46.36	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	48.00-58.00	46.00-58.00	54.22	51.19	44.43	3.03	5.92	9.79	22.02
Kurunegala	-	42.00-52.00	-	48.15	-	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	45.00-54.00	-	50.92	44.73	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	46.00-52.00	-	49.60	49.67	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	40.00-50.01	-	46.46	45.50	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	-	40.62-52.35	-	45.52	49.63	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	43.00-52.00	41.00-54.01	49.44	46.45	46.47	2.99	6.44	2.97	6.39
Kurunegala	-	40.00-51.01	-	46.34	-	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	38.00-51.57	-	46.90	46.67	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	40.00-50.51	-	44.82	49.67	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	52.00-55.00	50.00-54.01	53.20	50.64	47.15	2.56	5.06	6.05	12.83
Hambantota	-	50.00-51.01	-	50.33	44.80	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	51.00-55.00	50.00-52.01	53.70	51.00	42.13	2.70	5.29	11.57	27.48

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Supplies of all the varieties of rice had decreased compared to the last month. Hence, wholesale prices of all the varieties of rice had increased with the highest price increase of 6% for Samba grade II. Shortage of Samba rice was recorded from almost all the wholesale markets. Further, the wholesale prices of Nadu and raw rice varieties had increased slightly by less than 2% compared to the last month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 21% for Samba followed by raw red (18%).

### Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 5% for Samba I. The average retail prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated Maximum Retail Prices (MRP).

Compared to the same period of last year retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 16% for raw red.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – Sep 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2020		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	-	-	98.00	93.34	-	-	-	-
Samba 2	102.00-108.00	104.90	98.82	86.52	6.08	6.15	18.38	21.24
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	96.00-96.00	96.00	95.78	90.58	0.22	0.23	5.42	5.98
Nadu 2	92.00-94.00	92.63	92.20	86.36	0.42	0.46	6.27	7.25
Raw red	88.00-93.00	90.28	89.00	76.72	1.28	1.43	13.56	17.67
Raw white	88.00-92.00	89.28	88.54	84.68	0.74	0.84	4.60	5.43
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	98.00-115.00	106.43	101.63	99.58	4.80	4.73	6.85	6.88
Samba 2	-	-	-	91.08	-	-	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	96.00-110.00	99.85	99.16	95.00	0.69	0.70	4.85	5.11
Nadu 2	-	-	-	89.15	-	-	-	-
Raw red	93.00-105.00	97.54	96.47	84.14	1.07	1.11	13.40	15.93
Raw white	93.00-100.00	97.08	96.13	90.23	0.95	0.99	6.85	7.59
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation

The cultivation progress of green chilli at the end of September, 2020 was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. The achievement of chilli cultivation has exceeded the targeted extent in all the producing areas except in Puttalam and Nuwara Eliya. The highest cultivated extent (866 ha) was reported from Anuradhapura district and it was 131% of the targeted extent. Total estimated production of green chili for this *Yala* season was about 36416 Mt and out of that around 51% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (13%), Puttalam (13%), Monaragala (9%), Matale (9%) and Kurunegala (7%) districts.

**Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for the Yala, 2020**

Area	Target (Ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of September, 2020		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (Ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	663	866	131	4,730
Puttalam	711	569	80	4,831
Monaragala	389	575	148	3,431
Matale	271	642	237	3,098
Kurunegala	349	539	154	2,363
Kandy	226	289	128	1,438
Badulla	264	357	135	1,498
Nuwara Eliya	186	180	97	1,160
Hambantota	223	260	117	1,509
Vavuniya	275	369	134	2,216
Batticaloa	351	366	104	1,193
Other Areas	2,244	2,386	106	8,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>7,398</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>36416</b>

*Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

#### Prices, Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chili have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.18.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale price and retail price of green chilli were about Rs.136.00/kg and Rs.281.36/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 20% and 14% respectively.

Both wholesale and retail prices of dried chillies have increased by about Rs.41.00/kg and Rs.23.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale price and retail price of dried chili were about Rs.424.25/kg and Rs.531.06/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 10% and 22% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – September, 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	Aug-20		Sep-19	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green chillies	80.00-220.00	136.00	147.93	170.00	-11.93	-8.06	-34.00	-20.00
Dried chillies	390.00-450.00	424.25	383.40	385.37	40.85	10.65	38.88	10.09
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green chillies	130.00-400.00	281.36	299.02	328.42	-17.66	-5.91	-47.05	-14.33
Dried chillies	450.00-600.00	531.06	507.84	434.22	23.23	4.57	96.84	22.30

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

**Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/Kg) – September, 2020**

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	135.00	123.50	125.00	174.00
Hambantota	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	143.33	179.17	197.50	243.33
Puttalam	-	-	-	-
A'Pura	-	-	-	-

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

**Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies - April –September, 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep -2020				531.06	-
Aug -2020	4,079	1137.34	278.82	507.84	229.02
July -2020	4,193	1,188.65	283.48	538.09	254.61
June -2020	-	-	-	539.23	-
May -2020	3,388	1,234.13	364.18	-	-
Apr -2020	6,175	2,325.40	376.60	-	-

Source: Department of Customs and Marketing Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Big onion and Red onion

### Crop Situation

Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 981 ha and at the end of September 2020, around 1344 ha has been cultivated which represents 137% of the targeted extent. However, at the end of this month around 647 ha has been damaged which represent 48% of the total cultivated extent in Matale district. Around 1,054 ha of big onion cultivated extent was reported from Anuradhapura district and it represented 299% of the total targeted extent. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from System –H area, the achievement was in a low level (64% of the targeted extent). The estimated production of big onion for this yala season was 62,032 Mt

and out of that 85% will be supplied from Matale (44%), Anuradhapura (24%) and System- H1 (17%) areas.

**Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big onion for the Yala, 2020**

Area	Target (Ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of September, 2020		Damaged Extent(ha)	Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (Ha)	% of the targeted extent		
Matale	981	1,344	137	647	27,025
Anuradhapura	352	1,054	299	139	15,142
System- H1	1,287	823	64	242	10,434
System – H	250	205	82	-	3,075
Other Areas	486	395	81	-	6,356
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,821</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>62,032</b>

*Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

Cultivation progress of red onion was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. Both the highest targeted extent and cultivated extent were reported from Jaffna district and the cultivation progress was 95% of the total targeted extent at the end of September, 2020. Around 583 ha have been cultivated from Puttalam district which represent 79% of the targeted extent. Total expected production of red onion for this Yala season was 40,005 Mt, and out of that 83% will be supplied from Jaffna (47%), Puttalam (27%) and Vavunia (9%) districts.

**Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red onion for the Yala, 2020**

Area	Target (Ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of September, 2020		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (Ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,000	1,900	95	18,762
Puttalam	740	583	79	10,731
Vavunia	400	262	66	3,419
Trincomalee	656	164	25	1,286
Mullaithivu	450	103	23	1,227
Killinochchi	150	103	69	1,446
Other areas	419	379	90	3,134
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,815</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>40,005</b>

*Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

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

Local big onion stocks were available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.115.00 – 165.00/kg and average wholesale price was Rs.145.25/kg. Wholesale price of local big onion has increased by about Rs.39.00/kg due to limited supply. At the retail market, prices of local big onion were ranged between Rs.140.00 – 240.00/kg. Around 7,012 Mt of big onion was imported during this month and it has decreased by about 5,073 Mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price of imported big onion was Rs.73.27/kg and it was an increase of Rs.26.65/kg compared to the last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.52.00/kg and Rs.61.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were about Rs.145.88/kg and Rs.179.16/kg respectively.



Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about 6% while retail price has increased by about 7%.

Supply of local red onion from main producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of both Sinnan and Vedalan red onion have increased by about Rs.38.00/kg and Rs.24.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale prices of Sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.155.58/kg and Rs.168.82/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of Vedalan has increased by Rs.12.00/kg while the Sinnan red onion was not available at the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan has increased by about 15%.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red onion and Big onion – September, 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2020		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	120.00-190.00	155.58	117.33	96.56	38.25	32.60	59.02	61.13
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-200.00	168.82	144.70	129.62	24.12	16.67	39.20	30.24
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	220.00	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-180.00	145.88	93.84	155.81	52.03	55.45	-9.93	-6.37
Big Onion (Local)	115.00-165.00	145.25	106.67	150.17	38.58	36.17	-4.92	-3.28
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	148.37	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-280.00	220.60	208.40	191.81	12.20	5.85	28.78	15.01
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	140.00-240.00	179.16	118.02	167.17	61.14	51.81	12.00	7.18
Big Onion (Local)	140.00-240.00	178.34	-	226.27	-	-	-47.93	-21.18

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 Sep 2020**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Sep,2020	73.27	145.88	179.16	72.61	33.29
	Aug,2020	46.62	93.84	118.02	47.22	24.18
	Sep,2019	109.24	155.81	167.17	46.57	11.36
Red onion	Sep,2020	-	168.82	220.60	-	51.78
	Aug,2020	58.77	144.70	208.40	85.93	63.70
	Sep,2019	72.81	129.62	191.81	56.81	62.19

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)	
	Sep, 2020	Aug, 2020	Sep, 2020	Aug, 2020	Sep, 2020	Aug, 2020
Red Onion	-	8	-	1	-	58.77
Big Onion	7,012	12085	-	563	73.27	46.62

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

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion  
April 2020 to Sep 2020**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Sep -2020	7,012	73.27	145.88	179.16	105.89
Aug -2020	12,085	46.62	93.84	118.02	71.40
Jul - 2020	29,697	43.94	63.95	89.58	45.64
Jun -2020	-	-	62.04	83.89	-
May -2020	17,954	42.61	57.53	-	-
Apr -2020	30,475	72.04	-	-	-
Mar -2020	33,496	79.14	137.75	182.10	102.96

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

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *Yala* 2020 is 2,924 ha and about 2,844 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the season achieving 97% of the targeted extent. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in September was at low level in the country, which was recorded as 433 ha. Compared to *Yala* 2019, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season has increased by 47% (Table 2.3.1). According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 52,951 mt for this *Yala* season in the country with 66% from Badulla and 34% from Nuwara Eliya respectively.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 860 ha for this *Yala* season and about 898 ha were cultivated by the end of the season exceeding the targeted extent with a progress of 104%. Compared to *Yala* 2019, the cultivated extent is at high level in this *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. About 362 ha of potato was cultivated in September which was higher than the extents cultivated in the previous months of this *Yala* season.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,063 ha for this *Yala* season and about 1,946 ha were cultivated by the end of this season achieving 94% of the target. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in September was at low level, which was recorded as 17 ha. Compared to last *Yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season was at high level in the district. The *Yala* harvesting of potato has been commenced in later part of August for Welimada potato and the harvesting is expected to continue till November.

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of potato (*Yala* 2020)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2020	Expected production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2019	<i>Yala</i> 2020	<i>Yala</i> 2019	<i>Yala</i> 2020		
Badulla	2,157	2,063	1,456	1,946	94.33	34,718
Nuwara-Eliya	884	860	478	898	104.42	18,233
Other	7	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>97.26</b>	<b>52,951</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

\*Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2020, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

\*Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2019, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 5,513 mt of potato had been imported in September which was 6,978 mt lower than that was imported in August. Value of imports were Rs.308 million. Special Commodity Levy of imported potatoes have been increased to Rs.55.00/kg with effect from 15/08/2020 for a period of four months. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan and China. Compared to September, 2019 (10,490 mt), the imports were considerably lower during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.56.00/kg in September.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes - April 2020 to Sep 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep-2020	5,513	308.40	55.94	150.37	94.43
Aug-2020	12,511	704.27	56.29	152.49	96.20
July-2020	12,039	686.05	56.99	172.29	115.30
June-2020	9,750	590.40	60.55	142.50	81.95
May -2020	3,948	230.37	58.36	-	-
Apr -2020	13,269	837.34	63.11	-	-

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

**Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – Sep 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2020		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	133.70	107.98	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-115.00	108.75	151.00	115.40	-42.25	-27.98	-6.65	-5.76
Imported – CIF	-	-	56.29	50.29	-	-	-	-
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	100.00-120.00	110.88	127.53	117.95	-16.65	-13.06	-7.08	-6.00
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-140.00	126.79	168.42	135.50	-41.63	-24.72	-8.71	-6.43
Imported	100.00-120.00	112.25	111.56	105.98	0.69	0.62	6.27	5.92
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	160.00-200.00	176.68	180.00	188.25	-3.32	-1.84	-11.57	-6.14
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-240.00	201.15	227.97	209.86	-26.81	-11.76	-8.71	-4.15
Imported	120.00-160.00	150.37	152.49	134.36	-2.12	-1.39	16.01	11.92
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		-	46.30	80.27	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		92.40	76.97	94.46	15.44	20.05	-2.06	-2.18
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	96.20	84.07	-	-	-	-
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada		65.81	52.47	70.30	13.34	25.42	-4.49	-6.39
Nuwara Eliya		74.36	59.54	74.36	14.82	24.88	0.00	0.00
Imported		38.12	40.93	28.38	-2.81	-6.87	9.74	34.33

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.109.00/kg in September. Stocks of both Welimada and

Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market in September. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 13% and 25% respectively. Further, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 2% and 12% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have not changed significantly. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.110.00-140.00/kg, Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and Rs.100.00-120.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (4%) and Welimada (6%) potatoes have decreased while the price of imported potato (12%) has increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased further in October with the arrival of *Yala* harvest of potato.

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

### Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 141% of its targeted extent as at end of September in *Yala* 2020 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has increased by 13,949 ha in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Yala* 2019). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 21,427 MT. More than half (53%) of the total green gram production in Sri Lanka was produced in Hambantota, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts.

**Table 2.4.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of green gram and cowpea**

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i>	Expected Production (mt)
		<i>Yala</i>	<i>Yala</i>	<i>Yala</i>	<i>Yala</i>		
		2019	2020	2019	2020	2020	
Green gram	Hambantota	652	4,512	85	4,904	108.69	7,046
	Monaragala	632	765	339	1,448	189.28	1,384
	Kurunagala	923	689	243	2,571	373.15	2,996
	Other Areas	3,766	5,450	1,500	7,191	131.94	10,001
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>5,973</b>	<b>11,416</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>16,114</b>	<b>141.15</b>	<b>21,427</b>
Cowpea	Ampara	3,388	2,348	1,967	3,071	130.79	3,641
	Anuradhapura	566	601	511	902	150.08	1,222
	Monaragala	376	599	143	2,349	392.15	2,719
	Other Areas	2,409	2,548	947	4,241	166.44	5,917
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>3,568</b>	<b>10,563</b>	<b>173.28</b>	<b>13,499</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Source: *Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

It has been able to achieve 173% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 13,499 Mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2020 *Yala* season and about those districts will contribute for 60% of the total production. Monaragala, Anuradhapura and Ampara districts highlighted a better performance as their cultivated extent exceeded the targeted extent remarkably (Table 2.4.1).

## Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.350/kg with an average of Rs.303/kg in September 2020. The average price has increased by 7% compared to August 2020. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 24%. Average retail price of the green gram was Rs. 342/kg and retail price has increase by 2% compared to August. Similarly compared to the previous year retail price has been increased by 21%.

**Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – Sep 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	260.00-350.00	303.16	284.40	244.77	18.76	6.60	58.39	23.86
Cowpea (White)	320.00-430.00	361.11	354.25	224.59	6.86	1.94	136.52	60.79
Cowpea (Red)	270.00-330.00	297.38	308.30	228.92	-10.93	-3.54	68.45	29.90
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	300.00-340.00	341.83	335.31	281.26	6.51	1.94	60.57	21.53
Cowpea (White)	360.00-500.00	408.12	394.24	281.73	13.87	3.52	126.38	44.86
Cowpea (Red)	360.00-440.00	391.78	394.18	299.10	-2.40	-0.61	92.68	30.99

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs. 361/kg and Rs. 297/kg respectively in September 2020. The wholesale prices of white cowpea ranged between Rs.320/kg and Rs.430/kg and red cowpea ranged between Rs 270/kg and Rs 330/kg. Compared to August 2020, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 2% and red cowpea has decreased by around 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 61% and the wholesale price of the red cowpea has increased by around 30% (Table 2.4.2). The retail price of the white cowpea has ranged between Rs. 360/kg and Rs. 500/kg and red cowpea Rs. 360/kg and Rs. 440/kg. The average price reported Rs. 408/kg for white cowpea and Rs. 392/kg for red cowpea.

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- April 2020 to Sep 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep-20	-	-	-	341.83	-
Aug-20	625	102.67	164.15	335.31	171.16
July-2020	1775	293.35	165.24	341.50	176.26
June -2020	-	-	-	351.30	-
May -2020	990	190.66	192.65	-	-
April -2020	926	187.29	202.34	-	-

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

**Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- April 2020 to Sep 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep-20	-	-	-	408.12	-
Aug-20	41	6.55	159.68	394.24	234.56
July-2020	140	17.12	122.29	391.57	269.28
June -2020	-	-	-	397.78	-
May -2020	344	56.38	163.93	-	-
April -2020	884	150.91	170.72	-	-

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**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Sep,2020	-	303.16	341.83	-	38.67
	Aug,2020	164.15	284.40	335.31	120.25	50.91
	Sep,2019	165.59	244.77	281.26	79.17	36.49
Cowpea (White)	Sep,2020	-	361.11	408.12	-	47.00
	Aug,2020	159.68	354.25	394.24	194.57	39.99
	Sep,2019	126.35	224.59	281.73	98.24	57.14
Cowpea (Red)	Sep,2020	-	297.38	391.78	-	94.40
	Aug,2020	-	308.30	394.18	-	85.88
	Sep,2019	-	228.92	299.10	-	70.17

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.135/kg and Rs.152/kg with an average of Rs.141/kg. The wholesale price has increased by 2% relative to August and compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 32%. The average retail price price of the red dhal was 155/kg and it ranged between Rs. 140/kg and Rs. 180/kg. The retail price was also increased by 2% compared to August 2020 and compared same month in the previous year it has been increased by 22%.

**Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – Sep 2020**

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>	135.00-152.00	140.80	137.55	106.71	3.25	2.37	34.09	31.94
<b>Retail Price</b>	140.00-180.00	155.26	152.29	127.23	2.97	1.95	28.03	22.03

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal April 2020 to Sep 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Sep-20	-	-	140.80	155.26	-	14.46
Aug-20	9,842	104.52	137.55	152.29	33.03	14.74
July-2020	16,100	107.45	137.25	165.10	29.80	27.85
June -2020	-	-	144.44	168.57	-	24.13
May -2020	18,566	99.64	152.43	-	52.79	-
April -2020	22,976	99.44	-	-	-	-

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

During the month of September, Badulla (129.4mm), Galle (446.2mm), Hambantota (170.4mm), Jaffna (212.6mm), Kurunegala (370.5mm), Nuwara Eliya (191.6mm), and Ratnapura (590.87mm) received the rainfall above 30 years' average (Table 8). The prevailed weather condition was favorable for vegetable crops and the cultivation activities of *Yala 2020* season were continued as expected. Compared to the previous month, the cultivation progress of both up-country as well as low-country vegetables has increased during the month.

Vegetable cultivation of *Yala 2020* season has reached to its end phase. With regard to the cultivation progress of up-country vegetables, the highest cultivation progress was recorded for capsicum (112%), kno-khol (112%), carrot (106%), and leeks (102%). Meanwhile, the highest cultivated extent was recorded for beans (3,546ha), cabbage (2,142ha), and capsicum (2,033ha). Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from cabbage (44,294mt), carrot (35,648mt), and beans (35,395mt) while the lowest production is expected from knol-khol (7,677mt).

With regard to the cultivation progress of low-country vegetables, except for snake guard (98%), and bitter guard (91%), the progress of the rest of the considered vegetables remarkably increased over 100% of their targets. The highest progress was recorded for pumpkin (141%), okra (136%), brinjal (134%), cucumber (128%), and long beans (127%). Among low-country vegetables, the highest extent was recorded for brinjal (5,463ha), long beans (4,919 ha), pumpkin (4,309ha) and okra (4,007ha). The highest production is expected from brinjal (72,444mt), pumpkin (64,052mt), long beans (45,498mt), and tomato (43,595mt) while the lowest production (6,717mt) is expected from ash plantain (Crop Forecast, Vol.05, *Yala 2020*, Socio Economics & Planning Centre/Department of Agriculture).

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties have further limited during this month too. Hence, the price increase of most of the up-country as well as low-country vegetable varieties has further continued. The wholesale prices of most of the up-country vegetables have increased by 10%-24% recording the highest price increase for carrot and the lowest for radish. In contrast, the wholesale prices of beetroot, cabbage and leeks have decreased by 31%, 17%, and 14% respectively as the supplies were increased mainly from Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.250.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.30.00/kg was observed for leeks. With regard to the wholesale price behavior of low-country vegetables, except for brinjal (-41%), the price of all the vegetable varieties have increased by 6%-135% recording the highest for tomato and the lowest for capsicum. Among

low-country vegetables, the highest wholesale price of Rs.340.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.30.00/kg was observed for brinjal and cucumber.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – Sep 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	180.00-250.00	217.25	192.40	172.60	24.85	12.92	44.65	25.87
Carrot	100.00-150.00	126.02	102.00	61.60	24.02	23.55	64.42	104.58
Leeks	30.00-70.00	47.63	55.20	51.00	-7.58	-13.72	-3.38	-6.62
Beetroot	50.00-100.00	69.00	99.30	73.78	-30.30	-30.52	-4.78	-6.47
Knolkhol	70.00-120.00	90.63	79.68	63.40	10.95	13.74	27.23	42.94
Radish	40.00-80.00	64.50	58.40	50.20	6.10	10.45	14.30	28.49
Cabbage	50.00-100.00	78.13	94.27	58.58	-16.15	-17.13	19.55	33.37
Tomato	90.00-150.00	118.00	50.11	87.60	67.89	135.49	30.40	34.70
Ladies Fingers	40.00-80.00	58.75	47.29	69.20	11.46	24.23	-10.45	-15.10
Brinjal	30.00-100.00	58.75	99.77	101.53	-41.02	-41.11	-42.78	-42.14
Capsicum	240.00-340.00	277.50	261.18	141.20	16.32	6.25	136.30	96.53
Pumpkin	80.00-140.00	114.75	92.00	56.40	22.75	24.73	58.35	103.46
Cucumber	30.00-60.00	43.50	37.50	43.95	6.00	16.00	-0.45	-1.03
Bittergourd	140.00-230.00	174.25	134.53	169.76	39.72	29.52	4.49	2.64
Snakegourd	80.00-150.00	121.50	85.78	103.60	35.72	41.65	17.90	17.28
Drumstick	120.00-250.00	202.75	101.20	68.25	101.55	100.35	134.50	197.05
Luffa	90.00-160.00	129.00	90.36	106.00	38.64	42.76	23.00	21.70
Long Beans	70.00-160.00	130.25	82.80	97.60	47.45	57.31	32.65	33.45
Ash Plantain	80.00-120.00	104.25	94.84	78.86	9.41	9.93	25.39	32.20
Green Chilli	80.00-220.00	136.00	147.93	170.00	-11.93	-8.06	-34.00	-20.00
Lime	40.00-90.00	51.75	80.96	227.40	-29.21	-36.08	-175.65	-77.24

*Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI*

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 26%-105% recording the highest for carrot. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices of drumstick, pumpkin, and capsicum had increased by 197%, 103%, and 97% respectively, while that of remaining vegetable varieties increased by 3%-35%.

The retail prices of all the up-country vegetable varieties have increased by 5%-13%, except for leeks (-11%), beetroot (-13%), and cabbage (-9%). Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs. 320.00/kg was noted for beans while the lowest price of Rs.60.00/ was observed for leeks. With regard to low-country vegetables, the retail prices of brinjal, cucumber and ladies fingers have decreased by 24%, 3% and 1% respectively. However, the retail prices of all the remaining low-country vegetable varieties have increased by 14%-52% recording the highest for drumstick and the lowest for capsicum. Among low –country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.500.00 was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.60.00was noted for brinjal and cucumber.



**Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – Sep 2020**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-320.00	269.76	256.20	232.54	13.56	5.29	37.22	16.01
Carrot	130.00-260.00	187.93	165.68	132.75	22.25	13.43	55.18	41.57
Leeks	60.00-160.00	116.56	130.50	126.52	-13.94	-10.68	-9.96	-7.87
Beetroot	80.00-160.00	133.64	153.25	135.36	-19.61	-12.80	-1.72	-1.27
Knolkhol	100.00-200.00	163.98	150.69	144.18	13.29	8.82	19.80	13.73
Radish	80.00-200.00	136.09	127.89	127.27	8.20	6.41	8.82	6.93
Cabbage	100.00-200.00	155.03	169.92	138.75	-14.89	-8.76	16.28	11.74
Tomato	120.00-240.00	179.40	126.63	158.70	52.76	41.67	20.69	13.04
Ladies Fingers	80.00-160.00	132.40	134.35	143.52	-1.95	-1.45	-11.12	-7.75
Brinjal	60.00-160.00	124.69	163.44	159.89	-38.74	-23.71	-35.19	-22.01
Capsicum	260.00-500.00	377.40	332.18	215.76	45.22	13.61	161.63	74.91
Pumpkin	120.00-240.00	179.21	152.95	128.28	26.26	17.17	50.93	39.70
Cucumber	60.00-140.00	104.63	107.05	108.12	-2.43	-2.27	-3.50	-3.23
Bittergourd	160.00-360.00	267.88	228.14	245.17	39.74	17.42	22.70	9.26
Snakegourd	110.00-240.00	177.71	155.35	163.93	22.36	14.39	13.77	8.40
Drumstick	200.00-400.00	295.18	194.31	145.21	100.87	51.91	149.96	103.27
Luffa	120.00-240.00	186.41	156.40	182.40	30.01	19.19	4.01	2.20
Long Beans	140.00-240.00	193.44	146.54	154.79	46.90	32.00	38.65	24.97
Ash Plantain	120.00-200.00	155.08	155.83	141.47	-0.75	-0.48	13.60	9.62
Green Chilli	130.00-400.00	281.36	299.02	328.42	-17.66	-5.91	-47.05	-14.33
Lime	80.00-200.00	152.05	269.98	451.91	-117.93	-43.68	-299.86	-66.35

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices up-country vegetable varieties had increased by 7%-42% followed by low-country vegetables as 2%-103%.

#### 4. Fruits

##### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in August 2020, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in September 2020. Accordingly, prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Seeni had decreased by 12% and their price ranges were noted as Rs.40.00-120.00/kg and Rs.50.00-100.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 15%, 8% and 2% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.113.64/fruit, Rs.159.64/fruit and Rs.203.83/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-250.00/fruit. Further, price of papaw had decreased by 7% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.70.13/kg and the price ranged between Rs.30.00-110.00/kg. Prices of wood apple and orange had decreased by 25% and 24% respectively. In addition, price decreases were noted for passion fruit and slime apple and prices had decreased by 14% and 2% respectively (Table 4.1).























**Appendix 03: Farm gate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg) September 2020**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b><u>Paddy</u></b>					<b><u>Potato</u></b>					<b><u>Leeks</u></b>				
<b><u>Short grain</u></b>					- N'Eliya	104.00	109.60	108.40	113.00	- Welimada				
- A'pura					- Badulla					- N'Eliya	28.00	28.00	28.00	32.00
- P'narua					- Welimada					<b><u>Beetroot</u></b>				
- Kalawewa	52.78	52.78	55.67	55.67	<b><u>Pulses</u></b>					- Hanguranketha				
- Kurunegala					<b><u>Green Gram</u></b>					- N'Eliya	82.00	68.00	68.00	72.00
- Dehiattakandiya					- Galgamuwa					- Dambulla	61.20	61.00	52.60	58.80
- Ampara					- Kalawewa	223.33	223.33	213.33		- Kurunegala				
<b><u>Long grain (White)</u></b>					- Embilipitiya	212.33	205.00	216.67	216.67	- Welimada				
- A'pura					- Kurunegala					<b><u>Knokhol</u></b>				
- P'narua					- A'pura					- Hanguranketha				
- Kalawewa	47.56	47.56	51.33	51.33	<b><u>Cowpea</u></b>					- N'Eliya	63.00	58.00	58.00	63.00
- Kurunegala					- A'pura					- Welimada				
- Dehiattakandiya					- Galgamuwa					<b><u>Radish</u></b>				
- Embilipitiya					- Nikaweratiya					- Hanguranketha				
- Ampara					- Kalawewa					- N'Eliya	37.00	37.00	37.00	43.00
- Matara					- Embilipitiya	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	- Welimada				
- Hambantota					- Kurunegala					<b><u>Cabbage</u></b>				
<b><u>Long grain (Red)</u></b>					<b><u>Maize</u></b>					- Hanguranketha				
- Matara	52.80	52.80	54.60	52.60	- A'Pura					- N'Eliya	52.00	68.00	53.00	53.00
- Hambantota					- Kalawewa	70.00	70.00	70.00	71.25	- Welimada				
- Ampara					<b><u>Gingelly</u></b>					- Hambantota				
- Embilipitiya	54.00	54.60	54.60	51.60	- A'Pura					- Badulla				
<b><u>Other Food Crops</u></b>					- Kalawewa		397.50	397.50		<b><u>Tomato</u></b>				
<b><u>Dried Chillies</u></b>					<b><u>Black Gram</u></b>					- Hanguranketha				
- A'Pura					- Kalawewa	493.33	612.50	612.50	675.00	- Welimada				
- Galgamuwa					- A'Pura					- Hambantota				
- Kalawewa					<b><u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u></b>					- Dambulla	97.00	123.00	128.00	91.20
<b><u>Red Onion</u></b>					<b><u>Beans</u></b>					<b><u>Low Country</u></b>				
- Puttalam					- Dambulla	162.50	206.00	178.00	142.50	<b><u>Ladies Fingers</u></b>				
-					- Welimada					- A'pura				
<b><u>Big Onion</u></b>					- Badulla					- Dambulla	36.00	44.20	38.80	39.00
- Dambulla	122.00	148.50	125.00	141.50	<b><u>Carrot</u></b>					- Hambantota				
- Kalawewa					- Hanguranketha					- Embilipitiya	65.00	71.00	75.00	66.00
- A'Pura					- N'Eliya	98.00	118.00	137.00	117.00	- Matara				
- Kurunegala					- Welimada									

**Appendix 03: cont.**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b><u>Brinjals</u></b>					<b><u>Pumpkin</u></b>					<b><u>Lime</u></b>				
- A'pura					- Dambulla	108.00	101.00	71.80	60.80	- Hambantota				
- Dambulla	44.40	40.40	33.80	55.80	- Hambantota					- Embilipitiya	59.17	51.67	54.17	63.33
- Hambantota					- Embilipitiya	108.00	108.00	99.00	73.00	- Moneragala				
- Embilipitiya	47.00	47.00	44.00	55.00	- Matara					<b><u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u></b>				
- Matara					- A'pura					<b><u>Banana</u></b>				
- Welimada					- Moneragala					<b><u>Ambul</u></b>				
-					<b><u>Cucumber</u></b>					- Moneragala				
<b><u>Capsicum</u></b>					- A'pura					- Embilipitiya	75.00	73.00	73.00	41.00
- Welimada					- Dambulla	24.00	30.60	30.40	29.20	- Hambantota				
<b><u>Bitter Gourd</u></b>					- Hambantota					<b><u>Kolikuttu</u></b>				
- A'pura					- Matara					- Moneragala				
- Dambulla	128.00	146.50	150.50	181.00	<b><u>Long beans</u></b>					- Embilipitiya	198.00	198.00	182.00	177.00
- Hambantota					- Dambulla	93.20	110.00	118.00	103.00	- Hambantota				
- Embilipitiya	190.00	186.00	176.67	198.00	- Hambantota					<b><u>Papaw</u></b>				
-					- Embilipitiya	101.00	138.00	104.00	99.00	- Moneragala				
<b><u>Snake Gourd</u></b>					- Matara	100.00	120.00	100.00	82.50	- Embilipitiya	86.00	56.67	40.00	30.00
- Dambulla	70.80	82.40	92.20	95.00	- A'Pura					- Hambantota				
- Hambantota					<b><u>Ash Plantain</u></b>					<b><u>Pineapple</u></b>				
- Embilipitiya	86.00	94.00	103.00	86.00	- Hambantota									
- Matara			100.00	100.00	- Embilipitiya	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00					
- A'pura					- Matara									
<b><u>Luffa</u></b>					<b><u>Green Chillies</u></b>									
- Dambulla	94.00	101.00	103.00	79.20	- Dambulla	135.00	123.50	125.00	174.00					
- Hambantota					- Hambantota									
- Embilipitiya	109.40	120.00	124.00	78.00	- Embilipitiya	143.33	179.17	197.50	243.33					
- Matara		120.00	100.00	100.00	- Puttalam									
- A'pura					- A'Pura									