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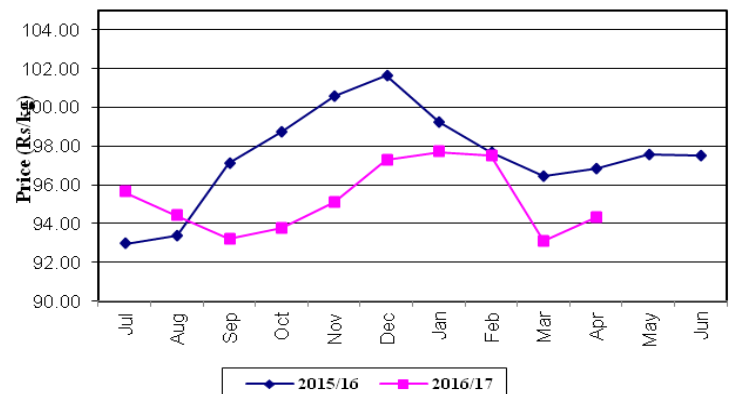
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have slightly increased at the latter stage of this month as a result of limited market arrivals of rice stocks. Consequently, the highest price increment of Rs.3.00/kg was reported for both nadu grade II and raw white. Imports were available throughout the month.

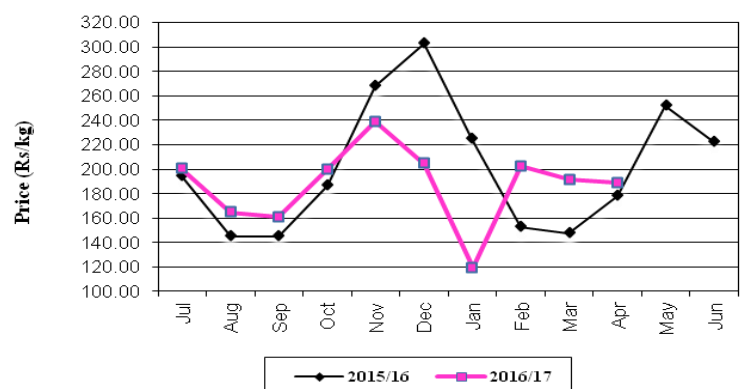
VEGETABLES:

Supplies of up country varieties of vegetables had dropped, thereby prices increased in most of the types due to reaching of the initial phase of the off season. Of the up country varieties, the highest price increases were reported for cabbage and carrot as 192% and 114% respectively. However, prices of most of the lowcountry varieties dropped due to low quality supplies in the latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season reaching the market.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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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Outstation Markets

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

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of 2016/17 *Maha* season ended with a low harvest of paddy released to the market. The harvesting of 2016/17 *Maha* season closed by the end of April. The harvest in major paddy cultivation areas was not satisfactory as a result of paddy fields experienced a prolonged drought season. A somewhat satisfactory progress was recorded only in producing areas in the Eastern Province followed by the Northern Province. According to the Department of Agriculture the production forecast for the *Maha* season is expected to vary from 1.42 to 1.53 million mt, 47 percent lower compared to the average of last three *Maha* season. According to the field information, land preparation activities for paddy cultivation in 2017 *Yala* season commenced in all major producing areas. However, it was noted that in most areas farmers tend to limit paddy cultivation due to the water scarcity.

Producer Prices

Market arrival of paddy was low when compared to a usual *Maha* season mainly due to the low production as a result of the deterioration of the prospects of paddy crop during the 2016/17 *Maha* season. At the beginning of the month prices of all the paddy varieties have decreased due to the continuous supply of paddy harvest of 2016/17 *Maha* season into the market from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa areas. Harvesting in both Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts have almost completed by the mid April. However, paddy prices have continued to increase from mid of the month mainly due to competitive buying behavior of millers in major producing areas.

The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have increased by less than 4%, in Hambantota and Embilipitiya while prices declined by 5% in Matara. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.40.00-51.00/kg and Rs.40.00-50.00/kg in major producing areas and the lowest prices were recorded in Anuradhapura followed by Dehiattakandiya. The prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.41.00-45.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province. Prices of *Keeri* samba paddy ranged between Rs.49.00-50.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya producing areas. According to the field information it is expected to an increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to the short supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 30%-41% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 45%-54% in all major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by less than 17%-35% in all producing areas.

Table1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy – April 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	40.00-50.00	36.00-50.00	45.51	41.94	33.65	3.57	8.50	11.86	35.23
Polonnaruwa	41.00-48.50	39.00-43.50	43.77	41.28	37.48	2.49	6.04	6.30	16.80
Kalawewa	42.00-51.00	40.00-52.00	47.59	48.59	34.96	-1.00	-2.05	12.63	36.14
Kurunegala	-	-	-	-	35.15	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	40.00-48.00	39.50-44.00	44.50	41.81	36.26	2.69	6.43	8.24	22.72
Nikaweratiya	44.00-50.00	40.00-44.00	47.50	41.75	35.25	5.75	13.77	12.25	34.76
Ampara	-	-	-	-	36.98	-	-	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	40.00-48.00	36.00-48.00	45.26	41.51	32.15	3.75	9.02	13.11	40.76
Polonnaruwa	41.00-48.00	40.00-42.50	43.48	40.92	33.38	2.56	6.25	10.10	30.27
Kalawewa	42.00-50.00	40.00-52.00	46.88	46.17	34.38	0.71	1.55	12.51	36.39
Kurunegala	-	-	-	-	33.10	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	40.00-48.00	40.50-44.00	44.50	42.31	32.16	2.19	5.18	12.34	38.36
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	31.18	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	42.00-50.00	40.00-44.00	46.69	41.83	33.84	4.86	11.61	12.85	37.99
Matara	40.00-42.00	-	41.33	-	28.50	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	43.00-44.00	-	-	-	32.25	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	41.00-44.00	43.00-46.00	42.22	44.59	27.50	-2.37	-5.31	14.72	53.54
Hambantota	42.00-45.00	40.00-45.00	43.57	41.85	30.00	1.72	4.10	13.57	45.22
Embilipitiya	43.00-44.00	42.00-44.00	43.40	42.80	28.40	0.60	1.40	15.00	52.82

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Compared to the previous month, prices of most of the local rice varieties have increased slightly during the month of April. Even though there was a price decrease at the beginning of this month, limited market arrivals of rice stocks caused a gradual price increment during the rest of the month. High demand during the festival season further boosted this situation. In order, prices of local nadu grade II, both local raw red and raw white have increased by 1%. The price of local samba varieties has also increased and it was not a significant change. Meanwhile, total imports of rice in the month of April was 28863mt. worth of 1559mn and the imported quantities have reduced by five times compared to the previous month. Increased supply of rice stocks from major producing areas experienced during the month of March would be the reason to limit imports during this month. As a result, prices of *ponni* samba and imported raw white have increased by 4% and 1% respectively. Furthermore, price of imported nadu has also increased and it was not a significant change and the price ranged between Rs.65.00-70.00/kg.

Total of 28467mt. were imported as *ponni* samba, nadu and raw white while total of 347mt of Basmathi. Out of 28467mt the majority (51%) was imported from India. The rest 38%, 6% and 5% were imported from Pakistan, Myanmar and Indonesia. In addition, few quantities were imported from Vietnam and Thailand. The CIF price ranged between Rs.40.85-65.46/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.54.10/kg. Majority which accounted as 80% of Basmathi was imported from Pakistan and the CIF price was recorded as Rs.131.55/kg. The average CIF for Basmathi was Rs.121.70/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local rice varieties have increased in the range of 5%-45% and the highest price increase was reported for local raw red.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties have also increased in accordance with the wholesale prices. The highest price increment of Rs.3.00/kg was reported for both nadu grade II and raw white and prices ranged between Rs.80.00-88.00/kg and Rs.78.00-95.00/kg respectively. Accordingly, price increment of Rs.2.00/kg was reported for samba grade I. Furthermore, price of samba grade II, nadu grade I and raw red was increased by Rs.1.00/kg. Meanwhile, the prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased. The highest price increment of Rs.4.00/kg was noted for *ponni* samba.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg and it was reported from Matara and Kandy markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.85.00-88.00/kg from Mannar and Mullaitivu markets. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.88.00-95.00/kg was reported from Killinochchi market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.76.00-78.00/kg was reported from Trincomalee market. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.92.00/kg for raw red was reported from Puttalam market, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Hambantota market. Likewise, the highest price of Rs.85.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kandy market, while the lowest price of Rs.72.00/kg was reported from Puttalam market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties except samba, have increased in the range of 14%-26% and the highest price increment was noted for local raw red.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	87.00-93.00	89.06	89.05	84.61	0.01	0.01	4.45	5.26
Samba 2	85.00-87.00	85.67	85.38	77.14	0.29	0.34	8.52	11.05
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	70.81	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	77.00-80.00	78.98	77.84	65.76	1.13	1.46	13.21	20.09
Raw red	74.00-78.00	75.84	74.77	52.39	1.08	1.44	23.46	44.77
Raw white	74.00-78.00	75.81	75.39	63.62	0.43	0.56	12.19	19.16
Imported Samba	78.00-82.00	79.91	77.06	99.24	2.85	3.70	-19.33	-19.48
Imported Raw White	62.00-70.00	66.85	66.51	-	0.34	0.51	-	-
Imported Nadu	65.00-70.00	68.06	68.04	-	0.02	0.02	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-110.00	98.53	96.68	101.98	1.85	1.91	-3.45	-3.38
Samba 2	88.00-92.00	90.14	89.48	91.70	0.66	0.74	-1.56	-1.70
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	88.00-95.00	90.88	89.77	79.38	1.11	1.24	11.50	14.49
Nadu 2	80.00-88.00	84.74	81.39	72.94	3.35	4.12	11.80	16.18
Raw red	78.00-92.00	82.89	81.95	65.88	0.94	1.15	17.01	25.83
Raw white	78.00-95.00	84.30	81.77	69.83	2.53	3.10	14.47	20.73
Imported Ponne Samba	80.00-90.00	86.50	82.53	114.97	3.97	4.82	-28.47	-24.76
Imported Raw White	70.00-80.00	74.54	74.24	-	0.30	0.41	-	-
Imported Nadu	70.00-85.00	76.38	74.76	-	1.62	2.16	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chillie were comparatively lower in the end of month and the lowest average producer price (Rs.133.00/kg) was recorded from Puttalam while the highest average producer price was reported from Anuradhapura (Rs.224.00/kg). The average producer prices of Dambulla, Hambantota and Embilipitiya ranged between Rs.149.00- 204.00/kg. However, producer prices of all the major producing areas were significantly higher due to low supply in festival season.

Hence, wholesale price of green chillie has increased by 27% and the average price was Rs.146.00/kg. Furthermore, the average retail price has increased by Rs.56.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.140.00- 500.00/kg.

Imported quantity of dried chillie from India was 3,237mt during the month of April and it has decreased by 46% compared to last month. In addition, average CIF further decreased to Rs.128.00/kg and it was Rs.26.00/kg lower than last month. In line with that, the average wholesale price has declined by 7% and the price was reported as Rs.169.00/kg. Consequently, the average retail price has decreased by Rs.4.00/kg it was recorded as Rs.258.00/kg.

**Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies
April 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	70.00-250.00	146.46	115.00	110.55	31.46	27.36	35.91	32.48
Dried Chillies	160.00-175.00	169.17	181.80	302.75	-12.63	-6.95	-133.58	-44.12
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	140.00-500.00	328.46	272.00	285.22	56.46	20.76	43.24	15.16
Dried Chillies	220.00-320.00	257.93	269.67	370.07	-11.74	-4.35	-112.14	-30.30

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies 2Nov 2016 to Apr 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	3,237	414.84	128.16	257.93	129.77
Mar - 2017	6,048	932.54	154.18	269.67	115.49
Feb - 2017	3,921	637.03	162.48	283.58	121.10
Jan - 2017	4,817	934.31	193.95	311.44	117.49
Dec - 2016	3,928	800.10	203.68	327.65	123.97
Nov - 2016	4,364	1,038.75	238.03	351.86	113.83

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – April 2017

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	168.00	188.00	142.00	99.00
Hambantota	190.00	255.00	245.00	127.50
Embilipitiya	155.00	249.00	246.25	95.00
Puttalam	135.00	144.00	162.00	90.00
A'Pura	173.33	416.67	200.00	106.67

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Big onion market supplies totally comprised imports and this situation would continue until *yala* harvesting begins in August. A quantity of 20,169 mt of big onion was imported from India in April 2017 which was about 1,552 mt less than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.31.47/kg and it was an increase of Rs.1.58/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.1.00/kg and Rs.4.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Prevailing higher demand during this month was triggered by the new year festival season, also resulting in a price increase of imported big onion. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 15% and 16% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from Puttalam and Jaffna districts has decreased during this month as it was the end of the harvesting season. The supply of local red onion from Jaffna to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center has also decreased since mid of April. Hence, wholesale prices of *sinnan* and *vedalan* have increased by about Rs.61.00/kg and Rs.39.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of *vedalan* has also increased by about Rs.56.00/kg. Stocks of *sinnan* variety were not available at the retail markets.

About 329 mt of red onion were imported during this month from India and it was 251 mt higher than the imports of previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.133.57/kg and it was an increase of Rs.67.54/kg compared to last month. Hence, wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.53.00/kg, while stocks of imported red onion were not available in most of the retail markets.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of *vedalan* has increased by about 119%.

**Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
April 2017**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (<i>Sinnan</i>)	100.00-190.00	137.22	85.21	59.03	52.01	61.04	78.19	132.45
Red Onion (<i>Vedalan</i>)	120.00-225.00	182.12	131.17	84.95	50.95	38.84	97.17	114.38
Red Onion (Imported)	180.00-195.00	189.17	123.75	70.60	65.42	52.86	118.57	167.96
Big Onion (imported)	67.00-80.00	72.28	71.38	63.02	0.90	1.26	9.26	14.69
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (<i>Sinnan</i>)	-	-	122.67	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (<i>Vedalan</i>)	160.00-320.00	291.30	186.80	133.19	104.50	55.94	158.11	118.71
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	149.44	108.88	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	99.33	95.60	85.83	3.73	3.90	13.50	15.73
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.2: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Apr 2017	31.47	72.28	99.33	40.81	27.05
	Mar 2017	29.89	71.38	95.60	41.49	24.22
	Apr 2016	31.27	63.02	85.83	31.75	22.81
Red onion	Apr 2017	133.57	189.17	-	55.59	-
	Mar 2017	66.03	123.75	149.44	57.72	34.98
	Apr 2016	57.61	70.60	108.88	12.99	38.28

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

Table 2.2.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017
Red Onion	329	78	43.92	5.16	133.57	66.03
Big Onion	20169	21721	634.75	649.24	31.47	29.89

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
Nov 2016 to Apr 2017**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	20,169	31.47	72.28	99.33	67.86
Mar - 2017	21,721	29.89	71.38	95.60	65.71
Feb - 2017	20,018	28.27	70.88	96.57	68.30
Jan - 2017	20,268	30.41	70.70	100.02	69.61
Dec - 2016	20,737	33.03	81.82	106.54	73.51
Nov - 2016	7,742	38.35	73.18	91.96	53.60

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10,587 mt of potato had been imported in April which was 1,311 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were received from Pakistan (43%), India (34%) and Bangladesh (24%). Compared to April, 2016 (8,252 mt), the imports were slightly high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.32.00/kg in April.

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks were available for both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes. However, the demand was at high level during the festival season in the country. Hence, the wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 17% and 22% respectively. Retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have also increased by 7% and 8% respectively. Further, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 19% and 7% respectively with low imports compared to previous month. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.118.00/kg and Rs.116.00/kg in April. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.85.00-120.00/kg, Rs.100.00-145.00/kg and Rs.80.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (24%), Nuwara Eliya (24%) and imported (34%) potatoes have increased.

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
Nov 2016 to Apr 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	10,587	340.24	32.14	117.58	85.44
Mar - 2017	11,898	354.90	29.83	110.06	80.23
Feb - 2017	11,700	321.71	23.13	105.61	82.48
Jan - 2017	33,163	1002.50	30.23	119.66	89.43
Dec - 2016	16,080	725.50	45.12	122.79	77.67
Nov - 2016	8,423	406.77	48.29	120.83	72.54

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

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	90.00-150.00	118.33	82.95	86.80	91.20	109.95	31.53	36.33
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-125.00	116.20	88.20	82.93	92.20	104.54	33.27	40.11
Imported – CIF	25.39-42.40	32.14	29.83	21.84	2.31	7.75	10.30	47.16
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	85.00-120.00	102.68	87.84	88.06	14.84	16.89	14.62	16.60
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-145.00	128.42	105.03	100.38	23.39	22.27	28.05	27.94
Imported	80.00-110.00	93.25	78.00	70.50	15.25	19.55	22.76	32.28
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	140.00-150.00	145.00	134.78	117.25	10.22	7.58	27.75	23.67
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-200.00	179.77	165.97	144.75	13.80	8.31	35.02	24.19
Imported	100.00-140.00	117.58	110.06	87.63	7.52	6.83	29.95	34.17
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		26.67	51.83	30.45	-25.16	-48.55	-3.78	-12.42
Nuwara Eliya		63.57	77.77	61.82	-14.20	-18.26	1.75	2.83
Imported (CIF-RP)		85.44	80.23	65.79	5.20	6.49	19.65	29.86
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		42.32	46.94	29.19	-4.62	-9.83	13.13	45.00
Nuwara Eliya		51.35	60.94	44.38	-9.60	-15.75	6.97	15.71
Imported		24.32	32.06	17.13	-7.73	-24.12	7.19	41.95

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 917 mt of green gram had been imported in April which was 1,005 mt lower than previous month. Out of the total stock, 292 mt were received from Thailand and 223 mt were received from Myanmar. The rest had been imported from Australia (169 mt), Uzbekistan (115 mt), Turkey (70 mt) and United Arab Emirates (48 mt). The average CIF price was Rs.152.00/kg and it has increased by 5% compared to last month and 7% higher than the same period of previous year. The highest CIF price was reported from Australia (Rs.169.00/kg) and the lowest in Uzbekistan (Rs.133.00/kg). The average wholesale price has increased by 6% due to the high demand in New Year festival season. The average wholesale price was reported as Rs.217.00/kg. In line with that, retail price has increased by Rs.10.00/kg and it was in the range of Rs.220.00-280.00/kg. However, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 7% and 1% respectively compared to April, 2016.

Both local and imported cowpea stocks were available in the market. According to the market information both imported and local stocks maintained the same price. Considering imports, Rs.152.00 million worth white cowpea stock had been imported during the month of April and it was 29% higher than the previous month. Approximately 89% was received from Myanmar and other 11% had been imported from China, Madagascar and United Arab Emirates. The average CIF price was Rs.142.00/kg and the highest CIF price was recorded from China as Rs.174.00/kg. In addition, CIF price showed an increasing trend for the last three months and the price in April has increased by 10% compared to last month. As a result, the wholesale price has increased by 3% and the average price was Rs.263.00/kg. In line with that, the retail price has ranged between Rs.260.00-360.00/kg and the average price has increased by Rs.8.00/kg. However, both wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea have increased by 28% and 21% compared to the same period of last year.

Conversely, the wholesale price of red cowpea has decreased by 2% and it was reported as Rs.301.00/kg. Despite, an increase in the retail price by Rs.20.00/kg the price ranged between Rs.320.00- 380.00/kg. Compared to the same season last year, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 48% and 38% respectively.

**Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
Nov 2016 to Apr 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	917	139.13	151.77	250.80	99.03
Mar - 2017	1,922	278.89	145.09	240.83	95.74
Feb - 2017	1,509	216.58	143.53	237.78	94.25
Jan - 2017	411	59.10	143.93	228.54	84.61
Dec - 2016	366	56.91	155.37	216.33	60.96
Nov - 2016	699	101.91	145.88	221.28	75.40

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

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
Nov 2016 to Apr 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	1072	152.23	142.06	303.53	161.47
Mar - 2017	829	105.75	127.57	295.93	168.36
Feb - 2017	352	43.58	123.74	275.03	151.29
Jan - 2017	282	33.13	117.53	247.88	130.35
Dec - 2016	332	39.03	117.74	246.82	129.08
Nov - 2016	529	62.11	117.42	254.48	137.06

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	205.00-235.00	216.73	204.94	202.52	11.79	5.75	14.21	7.02	
Cowpea (White)	250.00-275.00	263.04	256.53	205.03	6.51	2.54	58.00	28.29	
Cowpea (Red)	290.00-310.00	301.20	307.78	204.19	-6.58	-2.14	97.01	47.51	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	220.00-280.00	250.80	240.83	248.41	9.97	4.14	2.39	0.96	
Cowpea (White)	260.00-360.00	303.53	295.93	251.89	7.60	2.57	51.64	20.50	
Cowpea (Red)	320.00-380.00	347.42	327.60	252.44	19.82	6.05	94.98	37.63	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: 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	Apr 2017	151.77	216.73	250.80	64.97	34.07
	Mar 2017	145.09	204.94	240.83	67.13	27.12
	Apr 2016	163.52	202.52	248.41	39.00	45.89
Cowpea (White)	Apr 2017	142.06	263.04	303.53	120.98	40.49
	Mar 2017	127.57	256.53	295.93	130.07	21.22
	Apr 2016	98.98	205.03	251.89	106.05	46.86
Cowpea (Red)	Apr 2017	-	301.20	347.42	-	46.22
	Mar 2017	-	307.78	327.60	-	24.71
	Apr 2016	-	204.19	252.44	-	48.25

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The imported quantity of red dhal last month was very high hence it has shown a 48% decrease in imports during the month April. Out of total quantity of 10, 046 mt of red dhal, 8,439 mt was whole type red dhal and the rest was split type red dhal. Major importers of whole type red dhal were Australia (57%) and Canada (43%) and average CIF price was Rs.107.00/kg. A quantity of 1,086 mt of split type red dhal had been imported from Australia and 521 mt was received from Canada. The average CIF price was recorded as Rs.138.00/kg. However, the average CIF price of red dhal was Rs.112.00/kg and it was Rs.8.00/kg higher than the previous month.

The average wholesale price was Rs.140.00/kg and it has decreased by 1%. In line with that, the average retail price has slightly decreased and it was recorded as Rs.162.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 24% and 12% respectively.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	137.00-146.00	140.41	141.32	185.58	-0.91	-0.65	-45.17	-24.34
Retail Price	150.00-180.00	162.43	163.20	185.54	-0.77	-0.47	-23.11	-12.46

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal Nov 2016 to Apr 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Apr - 2017	10,046	112.08	140.41	162.43	28.33	22.02
Mar - 2017	19,421	104.45	141.32	163.20	36.87	21.88
Feb - 2017	14,562	112.61	142.65	165.23	30.04	22.58
Jan - 2017	24,582	114.53	150.69	174.47	36.16	23.78
Dec - 2016	22,873	120.28	156.46	176.77	36.18	20.30
Nov - 2016	17,597	118.91	160.71	173.53	41.80	12.82

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

2. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the department of meteorology data, during the first inter - monsoon season (April) a below average rainfall received in most of the up and mid country areas, except for Nuwara Eliya district. As a result, late commencement of the *Yala* season was evident in most of the up and mid country districts. In Matale, Kandy and Badulla districts, cultivation progress remained less than 5% of the *Yala* season's target by the end of April, due to low water availability for land preparation and commencement of the season. However, compared to the same period in the previous year, Nuwara Eliya district received a 27% higher rainfall during the month of April hence, farmers had started *Yala* cultivation with the rainfall. Cultivation progress for upcountry varieties in the district remained as 720 ha at the end of April. In Puttlam district, cultivation progress for up country varieties recorded as 29% with the highest extent reported for beetroot as 265 ha.

Meanwhile, crop establishment in all the low country areas remained low due to continued dry weather. Cultivation progress for *Yala* season recorded less than 5% of the season's target in all the low country major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Monaragala and Hambantota districts, due to low water availability for land preparation.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the initial phase of the off season approached, supplies had gradually decreased from both up and mid country districts, whereby prices increased compared to last month. However, prices of most of the lowcountry varieties slightly decreased due to low quality supplies of the latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season reaching the market from Anuradhapura and Hambantota. The total vegetable production of Matale district reported 6,566 mt in April, which was a 34% drop, compared to last month. Furthermore, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) had recorded a value of 1,250 mt in April, which was a decrease of 40% compared to the previous month, as a result of low supply from Jaffna.

As the early stage of off season is reached, supplies from up country areas had drastically decreased hence prices of most of the up country vegetables increased. On the other hand, anticipated yield losses of vegetables, due to continued drought, at the early stage of the season were in the range of 20% - 25% for the month of April related to all the up country districts. Regarding the price behaviour of upcountry vegetables, the highest price increase recorded for cabbage was 192%, followed by carrot as 114% and beetroot as 102% due to decreasing trend in market supplies from up country areas. However, prices of bean had decreased by 22% compared to last month due to supplies of the latter phase of the last *Maha* season received from Balangoda and Badulla. Prices of all the other up county varieties increased in the range of 26%-39% compared to March.

In the meantime, prices of both tomato and capsicum had increased by 19% and 27% respectively compared to last month, as a result of decreasing trend in supplies.

Meanwhile, supplies of domestic vegetables had also slightly decreased with the off season for vegetable harvesting is reached, and thereby prices increased for some of the lowcountry varieties. The highest price increase was recorded for brinjal as 84%, followed by ash plantain as 5% and bittergourd 1%. Nevertheless, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had dropped, due to low quality supplies in the latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season reaching the market in April.

The highest price decrease was reported for luffa as 36% followed by cucumber as 30%, ladies fingers as 28%, long beans as 25% and pumpkin as 6%.

Prices of green chillies had started to show an increasing trend in April recording a 27% price increase as a result of decreased supply from Puttalam, Jaffna and Anuradhapura in the off season. However, prices of lime had further decreased by 17% due to increased supply during dry weather.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had increased in April. The highest price increase was reported for cabbage as 66%, followed by beetroot as 65%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – April 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-190.00	104.17	134.31	103.01	-30.15	-22.44	1.16	1.12
Carrot	60.00-180.00	110.73	51.63	76.34	59.10	114.48	34.39	45.05
Leeks	20.00-50.00	37.60	26.98	68.98	10.63	39.38	-31.38	-45.49
Beetroot	80.00-130.00	102.48	50.67	69.75	51.81	102.26	32.73	46.92
Knolkhol	60.00-90.00	72.81	57.66	41.65	15.15	26.28	31.16	74.82
Radish	40.00-70.00	56.53	40.63	43.62	15.91	39.16	12.91	29.61
Cabbage	30.00-105.00	64.73	22.20	45.79	42.53	191.59	18.94	41.37
Tomato	50.00-200.00	103.65	87.19	73.41	16.46	18.88	30.24	41.19
Ladies Fingers	30.00-100.00	65.21	90.90	53.69	-25.69	-28.26	11.52	21.45
Brinjal	25.00-85.00	57.51	31.17	46.16	26.33	84.48	11.35	24.58
Capsicum	120.00-250.00	189.62	149.10	104.13	40.52	27.18	85.49	82.10
Pumpkin	40.00-70.00	56.04	59.79	24.59	-3.75	-6.27	31.45	127.90
Cucumber	8.00-30.00	18.23	26.15	42.74	-7.92	-30.28	-24.51	-57.35
Bittergourd	80.00-150.00	115.28	113.85	74.48	1.44	1.26	40.80	54.79
Snakegourd	60.00-100.00	78.96	94.58	64.99	-15.63	-16.52	13.97	21.49
Drumstick	-	-	172.00	177.00	-	-	-	-
Luffa	60.00-200.00	113.65	178.65	75.66	-65.01	-36.39	37.99	50.21
Long Beans	20.00-80.00	44.95	60.63	49.38	-15.68	-25.86	-4.43	-8.98
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	64.27	61.46	36.13	2.81	4.58	28.14	77.89
Green Chillies	70.00-250.00	146.46	115.00	110.55	31.46	27.36	35.91	32.48
Lime	30.00-50.00	41.51	50.02	310.65	-8.51	-17.01	-269.14	-86.64

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-320.00	189.04	191.19	178.82	-2.15	-1.12	10.22	5.72
Carrot	100.00-280.00	182.84	113.76	155.37	69.08	60.72	27.47	17.68
Leeks	50.00-200.00	115.11	95.68	142.95	19.43	20.31	-27.84	-19.47
Beetroot	100.00-280.00	189.17	114.52	147.86	74.65	65.18	41.31	27.94
Knolkhol	100.00-220.00	151.26	137.07	135.65	14.19	10.35	15.61	11.51
Radish	80.00-200.00	129.70	107.42	115.49	22.28	20.74	14.21	12.30
Cabbage	80.00-240.00	146.64	88.13	121.10	58.51	66.39	25.54	21.09
Tomato	100.00-360.00	193.79	136.94	144.96	56.85	41.52	48.83	33.69
Ladies Fingers	80.00-200.00	138.21	157.09	123.53	-18.88	-12.02	14.68	11.88
Brinjal	60.00-240.00	124.75	95.46	119.80	29.29	30.68	4.95	4.13
Capsicum	180.00-500.00	288.95	237.89	201.45	51.06	21.46	87.50	43.43
Pumpkin	80.00-160.00	124.31	117.95	82.69	6.36	5.39	41.62	50.33
Cucumber	40.00-200.00	95.72	100.67	112.55	-4.95	-4.92	-16.83	-14.95
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	219.85	196.79	147.10	23.06	11.72	72.75	49.46
Snakegourd	100.00-240.00	157.06	152.02	128.25	5.04	3.31	28.81	22.46
Drumstick	-	-	-	355.42	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.00-320.00	219.77	272.61	151.32	-52.84	-19.38	68.45	45.24
Long Beans	60.00-240.00	127.00	130.48	132.09	-3.48	-2.67	-5.09	-3.85
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	131.55	128.22	109.19	3.33	2.60	22.36	20.48
Green Chillies	140.00-500.00	328.46	272.00	285.22	56.46	20.76	43.24	15.16
Lime	60.00-300.00	165.70	175.90	533.13	-10.20	-5.80	-367.43	-68.92

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the previous month, prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased. As predicted in the previous month, prices of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased in the range of 19%-23% due to the commencement of the harvesting season. The monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.133.50/fruit, Rs.185.53/fruit and Rs.237.83/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-260.00/fruit. According to market information, prices of pineapple could further decrease in the coming month due to the harvesting season. As expected, price of papaw also had decreased by 32% due to high supply with the harvesting season and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-120.00/kg. According to the data in previous years, papaw prices could further decrease in the coming month due to increased supply with the harvesting season and with the decreased demand just after the festive season. In addition, prices of all the mango varieties except Kohu had decreased in the range of 3%-11% due to increased supply with the commencement of the harvesting season. The price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.35.00-100.00/fruit. According to market information, mango prices could further decrease in the coming month due to increased supply with the harvesting season. Further, prices of oranges, passion fruit and avocado had decreased by 39%, 37% and 24% respectively due to increased supply with the harvesting season and according to market information, it is expected to have decreased prices for passion fruit and avocado and increased prices for oranges in the coming month.

However, prices of all the varieties of banana had increased in the range of 5%-29% with the high demand during the festive season. Price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.50.00-130.00/kg, Rs.120.00-220.00/kg and Rs.60.00-120.00/kg respectively. The price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.10.00-22.00/fruit and Rs.13.00-

23.00/fruit respectively. According to the data in previous years, prices of all the banana varieties could decrease in the coming month due to decreased demand with the end of the festive season. In addition, prices of slime apple, imported grapes and wood apple had increased by 14%, 10% and 7% respectively due to limited supply. According to the data in previous years, increased prices could be expected for woodapple and slime apple in the coming month due to the end of the harvesting season.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for slime apple as 80%.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of large, medium and small sized pineapple had decreased by 6%, 8% and 5% respectively. The retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.150.00-400.00/fruit. Further, price of papaw had decreased by 26% and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-160.00/kg. Prices of all the mango varieties too had decreased in the range of 1%-19% and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.90.00-150.00/fruit. In addition, prices of passion fruit, avocado and oranges had decreased by 34%, 25% and 19% respectively.

With the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 7%-20%. The price ranges recorded for Kolikuttu, Ambul and Seeni during the month were Rs.180.00-280.00/kg, Rs.120.00-180.00/kg and Rs.100.00-160.00/kg respectively. The price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.20.00-30.00/fruit and Rs.22.00-35.00/fruit respectively. In addition, prices of wood apple, slime apple and imported grapes had increased by 21%, 17% and 2% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for wood apple as 75%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received an increased price for Ambul and Kolikuttu compared to the previous month and both prices had increased by 18%. However, they had received a decreased price for papaw and it had decreased significantly by 59%. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had increased for Ambul and Kolikuttu and had decreased for papaw (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 361mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs.49mn. Of the exported quantity, 76% were papaw and 21% and 3% were fresh pineapple and fresh mangoes respectively. In addition, a small quantity of fresh avocados (0.052mt) had also been exported. In the month of March, 2017, the quantity exported was 467mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 23%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 4,509mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.709mn. Of the imported quantity, 58% were apple and 23%, 13% and 6% were oranges, grapes and mandarin respectively. The main importing countries of apple were China, South Africa and the United State. Mandarin had been imported from Pakistan and Egypt, while oranges had been imported from Egypt. In addition, India, South Africa and Australia were the importing countries of grapes. In the month of March, 2017, the quantity imported was 5,022mt. Therefore, compared to last month the imported quantity had decreased by 10%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-130.00	98.17	75.85	57.34	22.32	29.42	40.83	71.20
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-220.00	173.98	136.03	191.46	37.95	27.90	-17.48	-9.13
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-120.00	90.74	86.68	50.83	4.06	4.68	39.91	78.51
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-22.00	13.23	11.07	11.39	2.16	19.54	1.84	16.18
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-23.00	17.58	14.93	14.17	2.65	17.75	3.41	24.07
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-260.00	237.83	294.74	167.76	-56.91	-19.31	70.07	41.77
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-220.00	185.53	240.61	138.40	-55.08	-22.89	47.13	34.05
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	133.50	168.00	108.76	-34.50	-20.54	24.74	22.75
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	12.00-28.00	21.85	22.59	19.80	-0.74	-3.29	2.05	10.34
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	35.00-100.00	82.55	87.15	57.82	-4.60	-5.28	24.73	42.77
Vilad (Fruit)	11.00-33.00	24.68	27.80	25.93	-3.12	-11.24	-1.25	-4.84
Kohu (Fruit)	9.00-25.00	16.51	14.72	13.13	1.79	12.13	3.38	25.71
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-120.00	80.47	118.24	65.86	-37.77	-31.94	14.61	22.19
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-17.00	12.42	19.60	12.93	-7.18	-36.62	-0.51	-3.92
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	44.43	41.59	32.27	2.84	6.83	12.16	37.69
Orange (Fruit)	12.00-22.00	17.10	27.85	23.52	-10.75	-38.60	-6.42	-27.30
Avocado (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	38.14	50.05	48.50	-11.91	-23.79	-10.36	-21.35
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-80.00	47.04	41.42	26.10	5.62	13.57	20.94	80.24
Grapes Imported (Kg)	444.00-650.00	563.14	510.86	532.32	52.28	10.23	30.82	5.79

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00-180.00	149.36	124.66	98.80	24.70	19.82	50.56	51.18
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	180.00-280.00	234.20	206.67	238.40	27.53	13.32	-4.20	-1.76
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00-160.00	135.25	126.68	90.80	8.57	6.76	44.45	48.95
Anamalu	20.00-30.00	25.07	22.52	19.66	2.55	11.32	5.41	27.51
Ambun	22.00-35.00	27.06	24.00	20.11	3.06	12.75	6.95	34.55
Pineapple								
Large	280.00-400.00	339.03	360.43	222.78	-21.40	-5.94	116.25	52.18
Medium	200.00-300.00	254.35	277.05	165.19	-22.70	-8.19	89.16	53.97
Small	150.00-200.00	179.96	190.09	115.33	-10.13	-5.33	64.63	56.04
Mango								
Betti	30.00-60.00	42.97	43.13	27.30	-0.16	-0.38	15.67	57.39
Karthakolomban	90.00-150.00	109.75	135.23	73.71	-25.48	-18.84	36.04	48.89
Vilad	30.00-70.00	46.98	54.80	38.90	-7.82	-14.27	8.08	20.77
Kohu	20.00-40.00	23.21	26.86	23.93	-3.65	-13.57	-0.72	-2.99
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00-160.00	127.65	172.49	127.58	-44.84	-25.99	0.07	0.06
Passionfruit	17.00-33.00	24.93	38.05	25.94	-13.12	-34.47	-1.01	-3.88
Woodapple	50.00-130.00	97.10	80.28	55.53	16.82	20.95	41.57	74.86
Orange	20.00-50.00	41.56	51.47	47.00	-9.91	-19.25	-5.44	-11.57
Avocado	40.00-150.00	76.68	100.41	62.58	-23.73	-23.64	14.10	22.53
Slime Apple	50.00-100.00	82.21	70.00	56.14	12.21	17.44	26.07	46.43
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	650.00-900.00	794.15	780.41	768.91	13.74	1.76	25.24	3.28

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	50.00-82.50	63.20	53.74	36.00	9.47	17.62	27.20	75.56
Kolikuttu	92.00-171.00	144.40	122.15	124.25	22.24	18.21	20.15	16.21
Papaw	12.50-42.50	28.83	69.61	39.68	-40.78	-58.58	-10.85	-27.33
Pineapple	-	-	-	61.67	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
February – April 2017**

Type of Fruit	April			March			February		
	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	76.74	19.73	257.11	75.75	19.31	254.87	80.83	21.21	262.43
Papaw	274.98	24.48	89.04	380.65	52.13	136.95	274.34	28.71	104.67
Fresh Mango	9.67	4.72	488.49	10.33	4.07	393.59	15.16	11.12	733.95
Oranges, fresh	-	-	-	0.18	0.07	407.41	-	-	-
Avocados, fresh	0.052	0.022	423.23	0.010	0.002	215.90	0.005	0.003	687.80

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
February – April 2017**

Type of Fruit	April			March			February		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	2,612	418.97	160.39	2,065	292.43	141.59	2,355	291.14	123.61
Grapes	570	193.16	338.60	573	161.62	282.24	792	256.04	323.44
Oranges	1,056	84.53	80.06	1,127	87.79	77.88	368	29.40	79.86
Mandarin	271	11.96	44.13	1,257	49.60	39.47	866	36.36	42.00

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.150.00/kg and Rs.1017.00/kg during April 2017. Compared to last month, prices of all types of fish, except Thora, Thalapath, and Hurulla have increased during this month. The highest price increase of 21% was noted for Balaya, and its price ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.400.00/kg. Prices of Kelawalla, Shrimp, and Salaya have increased by 16%, 15%, and 12%, respectively. In addition, prices of Paraw and Mora have increased by less than 10%. Of price decreased fresh fish types, the highest price decrease was noted as 3% for Thora, followed by Thalapath (2%). Interestingly, price of Hurulla did not vary significantly during April 2017.

Weekly price observations showed that prices of fresh fish types have increased during the festival weeks of the month (i.e., the 2nd and the 3rd weeks of April) with the increment of the demand and the decrement of the supply. Fish stocks were not received from Southern coastal areas, since April was an off-season for fisheries in those areas. Moreover, many markets were not open for business during the festival weeks. Consequently, prices of fresh fish have increased. High prices of fish were not affordable to many consumers; therefore, instead of bulk portions, consumers tended to buy small portions of fresh fish. In the meantime, high supply of fish followed by price decrements is anticipated for the next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all fresh fish types except Balaya, Shrimp, and Paraw have increased by 1%-17%, and the highest price increase was noted for Salaya. A price reduction of 21% was noted for Balaya, while Shrimp and Paraw prices have decreased by 2% or less.

Average retail prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.197.00/kg and Rs.1316.00/kg during April 2017. Meanwhile, consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.130.00 and Rs.1,900.00 for a kilo of these fresh fish types. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most fresh fish types have increased. The highest increase was observed as 19% for Shrimp, followed by Salaya (15%). Prices of Paraw and Kelawalla have increased by 7% and 5%, respectively. Also, prices of both Thora and Mora have increased by 2%. In the meantime, prices of Balaya and Hurulla have decreased. Price of Balaya has decreased by 3%, whilst that of Hurulla has decreased by 1%. Interestingly, price of Thalpath has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types have increased, and the highest price increase was noted as 10% for Paraw, followed by 9% for both Salaya and Thalpath.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	120.00-200.00	149.89	134.00	127.75	15.89	11.86	22.14	17.33
Hurulla	280.00-450.00	351.25	351.33	332.50	-0.08	-0.02	18.75	5.64
Balaya	200.00-400.00	287.83	237.44	362.77	50.39	21.22	-74.94	-20.66
Kelawalla	500.00-680.00	552.58	474.72	542.75	77.86	16.40	9.83	1.81
Thora	800.00-1300.00	1016.67	1046.14	1009.77	-29.47	-2.82	6.90	0.68
Paraw	500.00-650.00	567.89	531.69	575.30	36.20	6.81	-7.41	-1.29
Mora	450.00-600.00	532.73	512.38	518.13	20.35	3.97	14.60	2.82
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1500.00	898.75	784.75	913.25	114.00	14.53	-14.50	-1.59
Thalpath	600.00-750.00	664.92	675.56	630.25	-10.64	-1.58	34.67	5.50
Retail Prices								
Salaya	130.00-300.00	197.14	172.05	180.33	25.09	14.59	16.81	9.32
Hurulla	300.00-560.00	426.45	430.06	395.94	-3.61	-0.84	30.51	7.71
Balaya	250.00-760.00	489.22	502.28	480.41	-13.06	-2.60	8.81	1.83
Kelawalla	550.00-1200.00	809.86	770.71	764.18	39.15	5.08	45.68	5.98
Thora	1000.00-1900.00	1315.85	1288.05	1307.78	27.80	2.16	8.07	0.62
Paraw	550.00-1200.00	836.88	782.70	764.08	54.18	6.92	72.80	9.53
Mora	500.00-960.00	683.40	670.64	675.00	12.76	1.90	8.40	1.24
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1800.00	1121.44	941.56	1050.80	179.88	19.10	70.64	6.72
Thalpath	650.00-1200.00	913.79	916.29	841.71	-2.50	-0.27	72.08	8.56

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types have ranged between Rs.294.00/kg and Rs.1082.00/kg during April 2017. Prices of many dried fish types have increased by 1%-11%. Weekly price observations revealed that prices of dried fish have decreased soon after the festival weeks due to diminishing demand; however, prices of dried fish have risen by the end of the month. The highest price increase was noted for imported Sprats (11%), followed by local Sprats (5%). Prices of imported and local Thora and Mora, imported Kattawa and Anguluwa, and local Salaya have increased by less than 5%. In contrast, prices of local Maduwa, Balaya, and imported Maduwa have decreased by 3%, 2%, and 1%, respectively. Interestingly, price of imported Balaya, along with the prices of local Kattawa and Anguluwa have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have decreased by 2%-22%, and the highest price decrease was noted for local Balaya, followed by imported Thora and Maduwa (9%).

Compared to the previous month, a reduction of the Sprats quantity imported was noted during this month. For example, the quantity of Sprats imported during this month was 1398 MT, and it was a 32% reduction compared to the quantity imported during the previous month. The highest quantity of Sprats has been imported from Thailand (78%), followed by United Arab Emirates (11%), and Oman (7%). The rest has been imported from Vietnam and India, and, out of the total Sprats imported, quantities from those two countries were either 2% or less. The net expenditure on Sprats importation was Rs.573 million during April 2017. It was Rs.228 million (28%) lower when compared to the expenditure on imported Sprats during the previous month. However, the CIF price of imported Sprats has increased during this month. The CIF price of imported Sprats ranged between Rs.304.00/kg and Rs.430.00/kg with an average of Rs.410.00/kg.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.577.00/kg and Rs.1501.00/kg during April 2017. Meanwhile, consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.400.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase a kilo of dried fish. In general, prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increase was observed as 13% for imported Sprats, followed by Salaya (8%). Prices of Balaya, Thora, Kattawa, and local Sprats have increased by 4% or less. On the contrary, price of Maduwa has decreased by 2%. Interestingly, prices of Anguluwa and Mora have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all dried fish types except imported Sprats have increased by 2%-63%. The highest price increase was noted for local Sprats (63%), followed by Thora (13%). In contrast, price of imported Sprats has decreased by 29%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	650.00-950.00	845.45	804.76	767.83	40.69	5.06	77.62	10.11
Sprats (imported)	350.00-650.00	501.88	452.07	492.75	49.81	11.02	9.13	1.85
Kattawa	700.00-870.00	800.83	799.10	815.97	1.73	0.22	-15.14	-1.86
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-820.00	760.76	728.08	773.50	32.68	4.49	-12.74	-1.65
Thora	1000.00-1200.00	1081.77	1044.06	1180.95	37.71	3.61	-99.18	-8.40
Thora (imported)	900.00-1200.00	1028.75	1018.06	1135.63	10.69	1.05	-106.88	-9.41
Mora	780.00-860.00	826.08	795.71	815.61	30.37	3.82	10.47	1.28
Mora (imported)	600.00-810.00	750.17	746.11	794.98	4.06	0.54	-44.81	-5.64
Balaya	380.00-500.00	448.12	457.36	571.59	-9.24	-2.02	-123.47	-21.60
Balaya (imported)	380.00-600.00	485.14	482.77	503.75	2.37	0.49	-18.61	-3.69
Anguluwa	780.00-850.00	814.88	814.71	745.00	0.16	0.02	69.88	9.38
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-800.00	741.91	719.61	708.79	22.30	3.10	33.12	4.67
Maduwa	400.00-650.00	532.55	547.25	576.25	-14.70	-2.69	-43.70	-7.58
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-470.00	421.31	426.25	461.75	-4.94	-1.16	-40.44	-8.76
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	240.00-350.00	294.45	286.47	286.94	7.98	2.79	7.52	2.62
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	410.00-900.00	695.78	618.30	977.61	77.48	12.53	-281.83	-28.83
Sprats	800.00-1500.00	1054.79	1038.50	645.30	16.29	1.57	409.49	63.46
Kattawa	900.00-1700.00	1195.34	1172.43	1127.31	22.91	1.95	68.03	6.03
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1500.94	1465.96	1334.09	34.98	2.39	166.85	12.51
Mora	850.00-2000.00	1079.66	1079.08	998.79	0.58	0.05	80.87	8.10
Balaya	650.00-1500.00	869.40	833.73	850.51	35.67	4.28	18.89	2.22
Anguluwa	800.00-1200.00	1019.30	1018.55	995.01	0.75	0.07	24.29	2.44
Maduwa	600.00-1200.00	785.94	800.52	733.74	-14.58	-1.82	52.20	7.11
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	576.53	532.38	564.76	44.15	8.29	11.77	2.08

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – Nov 2016 to Apr 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	1,398	572.65	409.52	695.78	286.26
Mar - 2017	2,044	800.30	391.62	618.30	226.67
Feb - 2017	1,418	545.27	384.42	603.24	218.82
Jan - 2017	1,752	664.86	379.49	597.79	218.30
Dec - 2016	2,131	798.09	374.57	587.29	212.72
Nov - 2016	1,575	576.71	366.13	559.02	192.89

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

Eggs

Weekly price observations indicated that the egg prices have varied during the festival weeks despite of the stagnant price condition observed through the rest of the weeks in the month. The average wholesale price of a brown egg was Rs.12.87, and that of a white egg was Rs.12.53. The price ranges of the two types of eggs were Rs.12.50-13.50 for a brown egg and Rs.12.00-13.00 for a white egg. When compared to the previous month, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 5% and 4%, respectively. Currently, there is a high supply of eggs in the country;

therefore, egg is popular among consumers as a cheaper commodity than other animal products. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 24%.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.16.00 with an average of Rs.14.47, and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.50 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.64. In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 4% and 3%, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 25%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.50-13.50	12.87	13.50	16.96	-0.63	-4.69	-4.09	-24.14
White (each)	12.00-13.00	12.53	13.00	16.48	-0.48	-3.65	-3.96	-24.00
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.00-16.00	14.47	15.01	19.25	-0.54	-3.58	-4.78	-24.81
White (each)	12.50-15.00	13.64	14.09	18.24	-0.45	-3.20	-4.60	-25.22

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of all meat types except mutton have increased during April 2017. The highest price increase was observed as 18% for broiler chicken. Price of one kilogram of broiler chicken ranged between Rs.480.00 and Rs.650.00 with an average price of Rs.565.00. Broiler chicken was of high demand during the festival weeks. Fresh fish prices were very high during that period, and consumers could not afford to fulfill their animal protein requirements. Thus, more broiler chicken has been purchased, thereby increasing its demand; consequently, price of broiler chicken has increased.

Prices of curry chicken, pork, and beef have increased by 4%, 2%, and 1%, respectively. It is anticipated that meat prices may rise during next month since the supply of animals to fulfill the country's meat requirement is low. Especially, the supply of poultry for curry chicken has been limited. Mutton price has not changed significantly compared to the previous month; its price ranged between Rs.1600.00/kg and Rs.1800.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of beef, mutton, and broiler chicken have increased by 3%-16%. The highest price increment is noted for beef as 16%, followed by mutton (10%) and broiler chicken (3%). Meanwhile, prices of curry chicken and pork have reduced by 6% and 2%, respectively.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	850.00-900.00	879.63	871.13	756.66	8.50	0.98	122.97	16.25
Chicken (Broiler)	480.00-650.00	565.10	479.77	549.13	85.33	17.79	15.97	2.91
Chicken (curry)	430.00-640.00	505.35	488.10	536.82	17.25	3.53	-31.47	-5.86
Mutton	1600.00-1800.00	1702.27	1708.13	1545.84	-5.86	-0.34	156.43	10.12
Pork	550.00-660.00	584.17	570.83	593.33	13.34	2.34	-9.16	-1.54

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Total imported quantity of wheat grain for the month of April was 208,579mt. which was Rs.7304mn. and compared to last month it was a slight decline. Compared to past three months' average quantities, it has increased by 28%.

Out of total imports this month, majority (52%) which 108,885mt. was imported from Russia. In addition, 17%, 16%, 9% and 5% were imported from Canada, Australia, United States and China. Fewer quantities were also imported from Denmark and India. The CIF price ranged between Rs.31.15-51.44/kg and the average CIF price for wheat grain was reported as Rs.35.02/kg. Compared to the last three months' average CIF prices, this has decreased by Rs.4.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grains whilst, the lowest was recorded for the Russian stocks. The CIF price of Rs.31.15/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks imported from Russia.

When considering the wheat flour, the total imports of wheat flour for the month of April were 93mt. worth of Rs.6.32mn. and this has reduced more than thrice compared to last month. Out of total wheat flour the majority (81%) was imported from India. The rest, 17% and 2% was imported from Vietnam and China respectively. In addition, few quantities were also imported from Denmark and Singapore. Monthly average CIF price for wheat flour was Rs.68.17/kg. Further, the retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.89.65-90.06/kg and the average price was Rs.89.87.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – April 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2017		Apr 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	89.65-90.06	89.87	89.25	92.23	0.62	0.69	-2.36	-2.56
Sugar	107.76-109.95	108.95	105.36	103.78	3.59	3.41	5.17	4.98

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Apr - 2017	93	6.32	68.17	89.87	21.70
Mar - 2017	312	18.96	60.83	89.25	28.42
Feb - 2017	258	17.34	67.24	89.12	21.88
Jan - 2017	178	12.37	69.62	89.20	19.57
Dec - 2016	530	34.16	64.47	89.10	24.63
Nov - 2016	303	18.78	62.09	88.76	26.68
Wheat Grain					
Apr - 2017	208,579	7304.23	35.02	89.87	54.85
Mar - 2017	232,040	8298.01	35.76	89.25	53.49
Feb - 2017	91,316	3312.29	36.27	89.12	52.85
Jan - 2017	164,269	6100.57	37.14	89.20	52.06
Dec - 2016	158,836	5798.21	36.50	89.10	52.60
Nov - 2016	53,288	1943.65	36.47	88.76	52.29

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

Sugar

Total imports of sugar during the month of April was 30,689mt. worth of Rs.2,615.61mn. and it has increased by 19% compared to the previous month. Out of the total imports the highest quantity of 6104mt. was imported from India and the respective CIF price was Rs.85.11/kg. In addition, 17% and 13% was imported from Thailand and Brazil respectively. Furthermore, few quantities were also imported from France, Guatemala, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine and Poland. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.83.60-88.25/kg. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Ukraine, while the lowest for the Guatemala stocks. Monthly average CIF price for sugar was Rs.85.23/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for the month of April has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg.

The retail price of sugar has increased by Rs.4.00/kg compared to the previous month. The retail price of sugar ranged between Rs.108.00-110.00/kg and the average price was Rs.109.00/kg. Furthermore, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of sugar has also increased by 5%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- Nov 2016 to Apr 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr - 2017	30,689	2615.61	85.23	108.95	23.72
Mar - 2017	25,703	2237.27	87.04	105.36	18.32
Feb - 2017	14,604	1318.02	90.25	101.66	11.41
Jan - 2017	40,378	3588.22	88.87	102.20	13.33
Dec - 2016	29,466	2626.34	89.13	97.68	8.55
Nov - 2016	38,488	3468.25	90.11	97.57	7.46

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – April 2017

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Apr 2017	Mar 2017		Apr 2017	Mar 2017		Apr 2017	Mar 2017	
Rice	28,863	92,644	-69	1588.6	5445.6	-71	55.04	58.78	-6
Red Onion	329	1,819	-82	43.9	132.0	-67	133.57	72.56	84
Big Onion	20,169	20,018	1	634.7	566.0	12	31.47	28.27	11
Potato	10,587	11,700	-10	340.2	321.7	6	32.14	27.50	17
Dried Chillies	3,237	3,921	-17	414.8	637.0	-35	128.16	162.48	-21
Masoor Dhal	13,823	14,562	-5	755.1	1639.8	-54	54.62	112.61	-51
Green Gram	917	1,509	-39	139.1	216.6	-36	151.77	143.53	6
Cowpea	1,072	352	204	152.2	43.6	249	142.06	123.74	15
Garlic	1,268	1,553	-18	296.0	467.7	-37	233.38	301.27	-23
Wheat flour	93	258	-64	6.3	17.3	-64	68.17	67.24	1
Wheat grain	208,579	91,316	128	7304.2	3312.3	121	35.02	36.27	-3
White crystalline cane sugar	30,689	14,604	110	2615.6	1318.0	98	85.23	90.25	-6
Maize (Seed)	3	20	-85	1.8	10.2	-83	590.18	500.65	18
Maize (Other)	1,573	21,388	-93	67.3	782.2	-91	42.76	36.57	17
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,398	1,418	-1	572.7	545.3	5	409.52	384.42	7

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

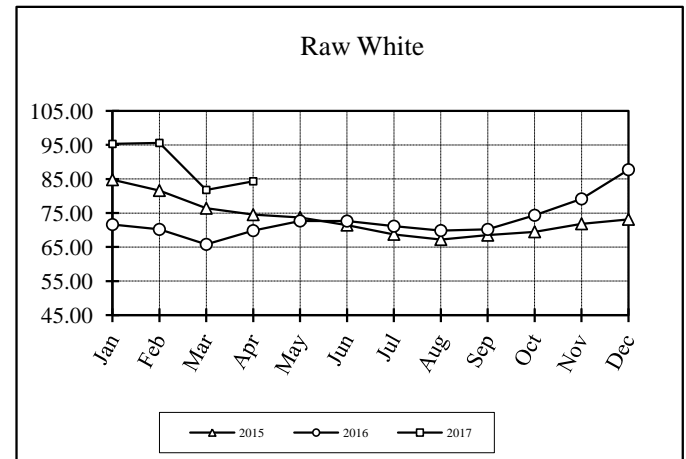
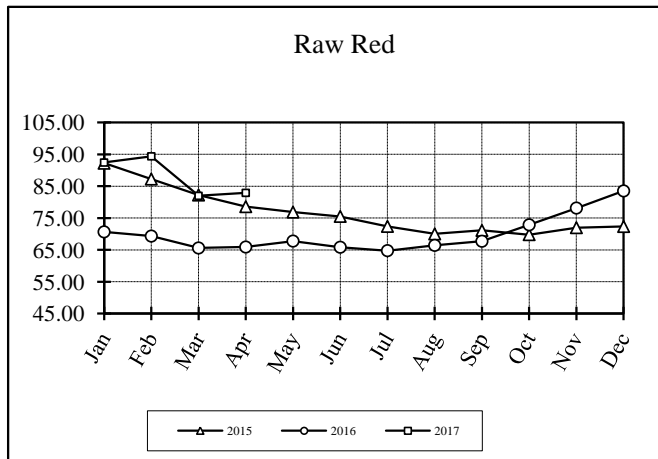
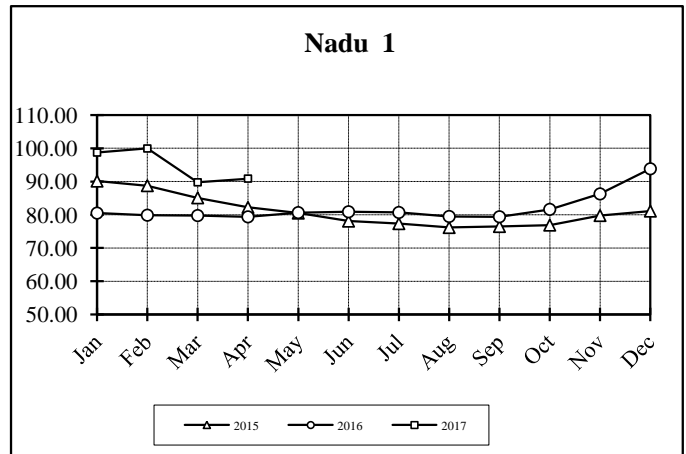
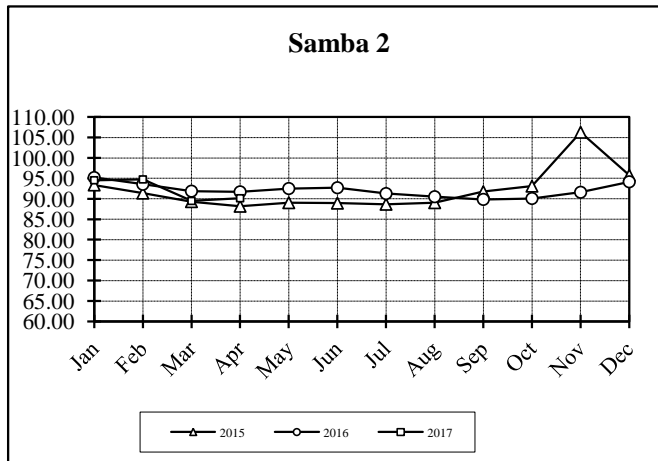
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – April 2017

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	116.0	151.6	4	12
Badulla	59.5	203.5	5	14
Bandarawela	57.0	158.3	8	12
Batticaloa	4.9	55.0	1	5
Colombo	81.2	245.6	6	14
Galle	178.5	206.8	10	12
Hambantota	81.1	99.6	6	8
Jaffna	0.0	52.3	0	4
Katugastota	41.0	187.7	6	14
Katunayaka	16.4	241.4	4	13
Kurunegala	128.4	264.3	6	16
Mahailuppallama	70.4	179.5	4	12
Mannar	0.0	81.4	0	6
Nuwara Eliya	71.5	158.4	5	13
Pottuvil	0.3	81.9	1	na
Puttalam	23.7	181.5	2	10
Ratmalana	97.9	246.5	9	14
Ratnapura	200.9	338.9	15	20
Trincomalee	0.0	49.2	0	5
Vavuniya	91.4	128.5	5	10
Polonnaruwa	16.7	na	2	na
Moneragala	116.5	na	6	na
Mattala	245.6	na	8	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

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

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	93.38	95.20	94.54	90.13	80.51	98.73	92.21	70.64	92.41	84.76	71.61	95.27
Feb	91.39	93.55	94.74	88.75	79.87	99.95	87.23	69.32	94.37	81.61	70.19	95.56
Mar	89.30	91.87	89.48	85.09	79.76	89.77	82.21	65.58	81.95	76.40	65.80	81.77
Apr	88.17	91.70	90.14	82.22	79.38	90.88	78.56	65.88	82.89	74.51	69.83	84.30
May	89.04	92.51		80.50	80.65		76.85	67.75		73.70	72.67	
Jun	88.93	92.71		78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82		71.45	72.63	
Jul	88.66	91.28		77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74		68.75	71.13	
Aug	89.04	90.51		76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41		67.22	69.85	
Sep	91.75	89.85		76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70		68.49	70.19	
Oct	93.10	90.08		76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86		69.49	74.34	
Nov	106.27	91.60		79.77	86.28		71.96	78.12		71.84	79.14	
Dec	95.76	94.16		81.10	93.83		72.33	83.50		73.15	87.71	



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

Apr-17

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	104.40	121.00	120.80	118.60	Welimada				
A'pura	43.75	44.17	46.50	47.60	Badulla	93.00		139.00	123.00	N'Eliya	32.00	29.20	32.40	26.80
P'naruwa	41.40	42.75	42.75	48.19	Welimada									
Kalawewa	46.20	47.00	48.67	48.50	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala					Green Gram					Hanguranketha	55.00	91.25	37.50	41.67
Dehiattakandiya	41.00			48.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	62.00	84.00	95.00	85.00
Ampara					Kalawewa					Dambulla	85.80	85.80	93.40	101.00
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	43.75	44.17	46.50	46.60	Kurunegala					Welimada				
P'naruwa	41.50	42.45	42.33	47.63	A'pura					Knokhol				
Kalawewa	46.20	45.00	48.33	48.00	Cowpea					Hanguranketha				37.50
Kurunegala					A'pura					N'Eliya	42.00	42.00	43.00	32.00
Dehiattakandiya	41.00			48.00	Galgamuwa					Welimada				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					Radish				
Ampara					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha			22.50	
Matara			41.67	41.00	Embilipitiya	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	N'Eliya	32.00	38.00	36.00	32.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara	43.33		47.50	41.67	A'Pura		48.00	68.33		Hanguranketha		45.00	27.50	55.00
Hambantota	43.33	43.33	43.80	43.80	Kalawewa	77.50		71.67	77.50	N'Eliya	47.00	54.00	96.60	93.00
Ampara					Gingelly					Welimada				
Embilipitiya	43.40	43.40	43.40	43.40	A'Pura	140.00				Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa	151.67		145.00	135.00	Badulla	25.00		109.00	90.00
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Tomato				
A'Pura					Kalawewa	185.00				Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	180.00				Welimada				
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota	102.50	170.00	95.00	52.50
Red Onion					Beans					Dambulla	89.40	158.00	29.60	62.20
Puttalam	102.00	126.00	158.00	176.00	Dambulla	84.80	148.00	71.80	88.40	Low Country				
Big Onion					Welimada					Ladies Fingers				
Dambulla					Badulla	74.00		69.00	90.00	A'pura	45.00	50.00	25.00	45.00
Kalawewa					Carrot					Dambulla	46.20	47.60	30.00	53.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	55.00	106.67	60.00	105.00	Hambantota	90.00	105.00	72.50	60.00
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	82.80	97.80	106.00	137.00	Embilipitiya	76.00		38.00	51.40
					Welimada					Matara	48.33		47.50	36.67

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	50.00	106.67	45.00	38.33	Dambulla	41.60	34.80	43.00	39.40	Hambantota	45.00	37.50	40.00	30.00
Dambulla	51.00	80.20	41.60	37.00	Hambantota	57.50	60.00		42.50	Embilipitiya	38.33	35.71	32.50	25.00
Hambantota	30.00	67.50	67.50	22.50	Embilipitiya	64.00	58.00	36.00	48.00	Moneragala	27.00	18.25	32.50	21.00
Embilipitiya	33.33	52.86	38.00	20.83	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	33.33		47.50	30.00	A'pura	53.33	55.00	45.00	51.67	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada					Moneragala	47.00	42.75	50.00	50.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>				Moneragala	53.00	71.25	65.00	65.00	
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	17.67	25.67	17.50	18.33	Embilipitiya	56.67	82.50	50.00	50.00
Welimada					Dambulla	7.90	21.20	15.20	15.80	Hambantota	57.50	75.00	75.00	57.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	12.50	31.50	30.00	12.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	110.00	110.00	95.00	116.67	Matara					Moneragala	138.00	165.00	165.00	150.00
Dambulla	93.40	100.00	71.80	82.80	<u>Long beans</u>				Embilipitiya	133.00	171.00	126.25	92.00	
Hambantota	165.00	147.50	82.50	132.50	Dambulla	32.80	37.40	31.20	39.00	Hambantota	125.00	170.00	155.00	142.50
Embilipitiya	105.00	151.00	127.00	125.00	Hambantota	65.00	65.00	70.00	57.50	<u>Papaw</u>				
Matara	103.33		110.00	96.67	Embilipitiya	75.00	83.00	65.00	65.83	Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	53.33		56.67	48.33	Embilipitiya	38.00	36.67	38.00	28.00
Dambulla	52.00	53.00	45.40	60.60	A'Pura	35.00	50.00	35.00	45.00	Hambantota	42.50	17.50	17.50	12.50
Hambantota	77.50	85.00	87.50	85.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>				<u>Pineapple</u>					
Embilipitiya	76.00	68.00	41.40	64.00	Hambantota	47.50	55.00	52.50	42.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara	56.67		56.67	45.00	Embilipitiya	52.40	53.40	37.50	37.50					
A'pura	55.00	60.00	55.00	58.33	Matara	41.67		48.33	41.67					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	82.20	73.80	31.00	69.20	Dambulla	168.00	188.00	142.00	99.00					
Hambantota	132.50	130.00	132.50	140.00	Hambantota	190.00	255.00	245.00	127.50					
Embilipitiya	131.00	134.00	73.00	66.67	Embilipitiya	155.00	249.00	246.25	95.00					
Matara					Puttalam	135.00	144.00	162.00	90.00					
A'pura	90.00	110.00	75.00	61.67	A'Pura	173.33	416.67	200.00	106.67					