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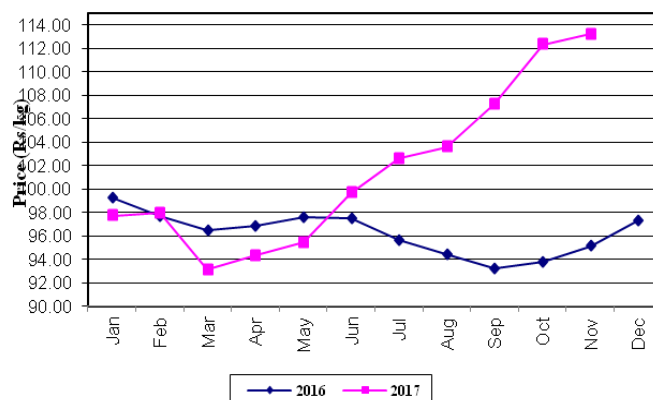
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have increased as a result of limited stocks arriving to the market. Hence, price of samba grade II has increased by Rs.2.00/kg and the price of both nadu and raw white has increased by Rs.1.00/kg. As a result of import tax reliefs, rice imports have increased during the month. Accordingly, price of imported rice varieties have decreased considerably.

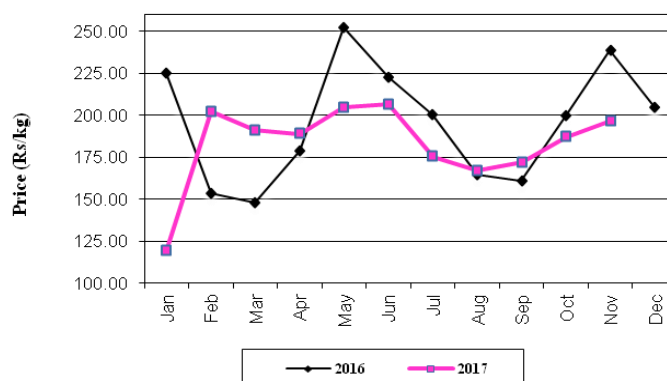
VEGETABLES:

As the peak off season reached, supplies had dropped from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas compared to last month for most of the varieties. The highest price increases were reported for carrot and for both pumpkin and long beans as 52% and 53% for each respectively in the wholesale market. As the off season continues prices are expected to remain at a high range in the coming month.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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

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

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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

With the onset of North-East monsoons farmer begins land preparation and crop establishment activities for paddy cultivation in 2017/18 *Maha* season. Satisfactory cultivation progress was recorded in the Eastern province mainly due to the sufficient rainfall received by the producing areas. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent was 814,311ha. The cultivation progress up to end of November is 442,605 ha and it is 28% lower and 36% higher with compared to the same period of 2015 and 2016 respectively. Further report reveals that the expected production is 1.65 Million tones and it is a 40% drop when compared to a normal *Maha* season. However, it is expected that crop establishments further progress next month.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Maha* 2017/18 (As at End of November 2017)

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	96,384	8,848	9	33,531
Polonnaruwa	34,420	5,871	17	26,734
Ampara	75,809	75,345	99	319,985
Kurunegala	84,180	34,687	41	141,983
Hambantota	28,550	8,565	30	41,843
Colombo	3,648	2,540	70	7,400
Gampaha	11,500	11,384	99	34,779
Kalutara	13,500	9,873	73	32,081
Galle	15,490	4,322	28	11,552
Matara	16,414	10,867	66	36,906
Ratnapura	12,556	6,063	48	19,753
Kegalle	9,397	7,000	74	25,763
Puttalam	23,318	3,444	15	11,368
Kandy	13,343	3,421	26	11,016
Matale	23,765	6,031	25	24,560
N' Eliya	6,501	306	5	656
Badulla	21,603	1,590	7	6,067
Monaragala	38,871	17,126	44	65,633
Jaffna	11,900	11,540	97	25,496
Kilinochchi	23,900	23,900	100	82,468
Vavuniya	19,810	10,729	54	45,583
Mullaitivu	17,067	16,626	97	51,813
Mannar	21,350	16,625	78	77,939
Trincomalee	42,360	32,837	78	136,246
Batticaloa	67,692	67,856	100	164,177
Udawalawa	11,075	3,891	35	19,201
System H	12,747	9,163	72	44,004
System H1	5,250	2,360	45	11,334
System B	19,817	10,800	54	51,866
System C	23,089	16,564	72	79,547
System G	4,818	154	3	740
System L	2,047	472	23	2,267
System D	1,263	1,081	86	5,191
Rambakenoya	878	725	83	3,482
Sri Lanka	814,312	442,605	54	1,652,964

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2017 Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices has continued in most of the major producing areas during the month. Prices have further increased mainly due to the limited supply of paddy to the markets as a result of failure of both *Maha* and *Yala* seasons in year 2017. A significant price increase was recorded in Anuradhapura, Kalawewa, Kurunegala and Ampara. Prices of short grain and long grain paddy ranged between Rs.50.00-64.00/kg and Rs.43.00-60.00/kg in all considered major producing areas. Prices of *keeri* samba paddy ranged between Rs.57.00-58.00/kg. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red paddy were stable at higher level and prices were recorded in the range of Rs.43.00-48.00/kg in the areas of Southern Province. It is expected that the paddy prices will further increase during the next month too.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red paddy have increased by 24%-29%, 10%-27% and 11%-15% respectively in all major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – November 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	53.00-60.00	50.00-55.00	55.25	53.90	44.65	1.35	2.50	10.60	23.74
Polonnaruwa	55.00-56.50	54.50-56.00	55.92	55.51	44.47	0.41	0.74	11.46	25.76
Kalawewa	55.00-64.00	53.00-59.00	57.71	55.02	-	2.70	4.90	-	-
Kurunegala	50.00-58.00	45.00-55.00	55.00	50.15	-	4.85	9.67	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	45.04	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	50.00-60.00	-	56.75	-	43.83	-	-	12.92	29.48
Ampara	55.00-58.00	51.00-58.00	56.50	53.16	44.43	3.34	6.28	12.08	27.18
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	50.00-58.00	50.00-53.00	53.00	51.77	43.15	1.23	2.38	9.85	22.83
Polonnaruwa	54.00-55.00	53.50-55.00	54.67	54.50	43.58	0.17	0.32	11.09	25.44
Kalawewa	52.00-60.15	50.00-57.00	56.06	53.77	-	2.30	4.27	-	-
Kurunegala	50.00-56.00	45.00-55.00	54.00	50.83	-	3.17	6.23	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	43.19	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	43.38	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	52.00-60.00	-	55.50	-	43.83	-	-	11.67	26.63
Matara	43.00-46.00	45.00-50.00	44.79	46.40	40.58	-1.61	-3.47	4.21	10.37
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	48.00-51.00	-	49.10	42.75	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	45.00-50.00	44.79	46.40	40.25	-1.61	-3.47	4.54	11.28
Hambantota	47.00-48.00	43.00-50.00	47.82	46.99	42.63	0.83	1.76	5.20	12.19
Embilipitiya	47.00-48.00	46.00-48.00	47.58	47.33	41.53	0.25	0.53	6.06	14.59

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of most of the local rice varieties have increased considerably during the month of November due to limited arrival of rice stocks to the market. Higher demand for local rice has further aided to boost the rice price. Hence, price of local samba grades I and II have increased by 2% and 1% respectively. Furthermore, price of raw white has also increased by 1%. However, price of local raw red has decreased by 2% and local nadu by 1%. Subsequently, wholesale prices of all imported rice varieties have decreased considerably as a result of increased imported stock supply from the previous month. Accordingly, the highest price decrement was noted for imported samba as 6%. Furthermore, price of imported raw white and nadu has decreased by 5% and 1% respectively. Total imports for the month of November was reported as 62,916mt. worth of 3,896mn. Out of total imports for the month of November, 42,492mt. comprised nadu, raw white and *ponni* samba. The rest (20,424mt.) comprised broken rice and basmati.

Out of all imports the highest quantity of 19,971mt. worth of 1,039mn. was broken rice. Compared to the previous month, broken rice quantity of this month has increased by 54%. Majority of broken rice had been imported from India and the rest from Myanmar and Pakistan respectively. The average CIF price for broken rice was Rs.52.00/kg. Quantities of 16,879mt. and 9,853mt had been imported as nadu and *ponni* samba respectively. All most all imported *ponni* samba and nadu had been imported from India. Further, nadu was also imported from Myanmar, Pakistan and China. Likewise, *ponni* samba was also imported from Myanmar, Pakistan and Vietnam. Average CIF prices for both nadu and samba were reported as Rs.69.00/kg and Rs.71.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, the highest quantity of raw white had been imported from Myanmar and the rest from India, Pakistan, Vietnam and China respectively. The average CIF price for raw white was reported as Rs.58.00/kg. In addition, a quantity of 454mt. of basmati had been also imported during the month. The highest quantities of basmati had been imported from both Pakistan and India and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.174.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 17%-20%, whilst the price of imported *ponni* samba has decreased by 44%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased during the month in line with the wholesale prices. Accordingly, the highest price increment of Rs.2.00/kg was reported for local samba grade II and price ranged between Rs.105.00-112.00/kg. Further, price of local raw white and local nadu grade II has increased by Rs.1.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg and Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. In addition, prices of local samba grade I and local raw red have also increased slightly and price ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg and Rs.75.00-95.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties have decreased during the month of November. Hence, the highest price decrement was noted as Rs.3.00/kg for imported *ponni* samba and price ranged between Rs.105.00-110.00/kg. Further, prices of both imported raw white and imported nadu have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and average prices were Rs.77.00/kg and Rs.83.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg from Kandy and Hambantota markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.100.00-103.00/kg from Trincomalee market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-110.00/kg from Embilipitiya and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price

ranged between Rs.90.00-95.00/kg from Batticaloa market. The highest price of Rs.88.00/kg for raw red was reported from Mannar market, while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was reported from Matara market. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.98.00/kg for raw white was reported from Thabuththegama market, while the lowest price of Rs.82.00/kg was reported from Batticaloa market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 18%-26%, while the price of imported samba has decreased by 39%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	106.00-112.00	108.54	106.41	92.18	2.14	2.01	16.37	17.76
Samba 2	100.00-106.00	103.44	102.04	86.86	1.39	1.37	16.58	19.08
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	82.47	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-96.00	92.06	92.83	78.76	-0.77	-0.83	13.31	16.90
Raw red	80.00-86.00	83.07	84.42	70.69	-1.35	-1.60	12.38	17.52
Raw white	87.00-93.00	90.12	89.04	75.09	1.08	1.22	15.03	20.01
Imported Samba	70.00-74.00	71.93	76.81	130.00	-4.88	-6.36	-58.07	-44.67
Imported Raw White	60.00-70.00	64.56	67.92	-	-3.36	-4.94	-	-
Imported Nadu	70.00-74.00	71.58	72.36	-	-0.78	-1.08	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-120.00	116.63	116.54	98.64	0.09	0.08	17.99	18.24
Samba 2	105.00-112.00	109.73	108.14	91.60	1.59	1.47	18.13	19.79
Samba 3	-	-	-	85.55	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	80.00-100.00	107.14	-	86.28	-	-	20.86	24.18
Nadu 2	70.00-85.00	102.42	101.84	81.56	0.58	0.57	20.86	25.58
Raw red	75.00-95.00	92.67	92.38	78.12	0.29	0.31	14.55	18.62
Raw white	90.00-100.00	96.81	95.80	79.14	1.00	1.05	17.67	22.32
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	105.00-110.00	87.07	89.79	140.00	-2.72	-3.03	-52.93	-37.81
Imported Raw White	95.00-110.00	77.10	78.14	-	-1.04	-1.32	-	-
Imported Nadu	85.00-100.00	82.86	83.68	-	-0.82	-0.98	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

About 11,644 ha were targeted for chilli cultivation for *Maha* 2017/18 in Sri Lanka and 3,609 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2017. This was about only 31% of the targeted extent. The highest cultivated extent was reported from Anuradhapura district (620 ha) followed by Moneragala (938 ha) and Puttalam (493 ha). Compared to the same period of previous season, the cultivated extent of green chilli has dropped by about 30%. In Anuradhapura district it had decreased by about 70%. The total expected production of green chilli is 18,690 mt and 55% of that production could be expected from Anuradhapura (18%), Puttalam (24%) and Moneragala (13%).

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2017/18

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of November 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,405	620	18	3,442
Puttalam	895	493	55	4,483
Moneragala	938	260	28	2,358
Ampara	485	261	54	696
Badulla	454	240	53	762
Kurunegala	323	154	48	778
Hambantota	294	194	66	667
Other areas	4,850	1,387	29	5,504
Total	11,644	3,609	31	18,690

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas had decreased further during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.268.00/kg and Rs.310.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.667.50/kg and Rs.889.18/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the prices of imported dried chilli. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 1162% and 424% respectively.

A quantity of 4,085 mt of dried chilli was imported this month from India and it was a decrease of 601 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.161.97/kg and it was an increase of Rs.3.18/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively due to low imports. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.203.09/kg and Rs.259.31/kg and both prices were lower than that of the prices of green chilli. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 18% and 26% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	500.00-800.00	667.50	399.15	52.90	268.35	67.23	614.60	1161.81
Dried Chilli	185.00-220.00	203.09	198.41	247.54	4.68	2.36	-44.45	-17.96
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	650.00-1000.00	889.18	578.70	169.59	310.48	53.65	719.59	424.31
Dried Chilli	220.00-300.00	259.31	256.20	351.86	3.11	1.21	-92.55	-26.30

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli
June to November 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	4,085	661.69	161.97	259.31	97.33
October	4,686	744.14	158.79	256.20	97.41
September	3,376	517.91	153.42	249.10	95.69
August	5,183	755.45	145.75	238.44	92.68
July	4,004	509.13	127.15	232.12	104.97
June	3,181	393.87	123.83	230.27	106.44

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – November 2017

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	413.00	542.00	604.00	604.00
Hambantota	625.00	475.00	525.00	525.00
Embilipitiya	510.00	570.00	574.00	510.00
Puttalam	552.00	536.00	670.00	678.00
A'Pura	523.33	550.00	666.67	700.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Yala harvest of big onion in Matale district was almost ended by the end of November 2017. The targeted extent of red onion for *Maha* 2017/18 was 3,777 ha in Sri Lanka and around 518 ha were cultivated by the end of November 2017 representing only about 14% of the targeted extent. About 1,900 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district this *Maha* season and out of that only 49 ha were cultivated by the end of November. This was about 3% of the targeted extent.

Red onion cultivation progress in Puttalam district was comparatively higher than the other districts and about 364 ha were cultivated by the end of November representing about 89% of the targeted extent. The total expected production of red onion is 9,329 mt at the end of November 2017 and 88% of that production could be expected from Puttalam (82%) and Jaffna (6%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Maha* 2017/18

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of November 2017		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	%of the target	
Jaffna	1,900	49	3	564
Puttalam	410	364	89	7,617
Trincomalee	753	1	0.13	15
Other areas	714	104	15	1,133
Total	3,777	518	14	9,329

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of local big onion showed a decreasing trend from main producing areas due to reaching of the end of the harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion had increased by about Rs.80.00/kg and Rs.73.00/kg respectively. About 22,326 mt big onion were imported from India (21,557 mt – 97%) and Egypt (711 mt – 3%) during this month and it was an increase of 16,195 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.97.87/kg and it was an increase of Rs.7.74/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.15.00/kg and Rs.19.00/kg respectively due to limited stock position of local big onion and increased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of imported big onion and local big onion have increased by about 80% and 110% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from main producing areas has decreased further due to end of the harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about Rs.83.00/kg and Rs.109.00/kg respectively.

About 933 mt of red onion were imported from India (879 mt – 94%), China (29 mt – 3%) and Indonesia (25 mt – 3%) during this month and it was an increase of 345 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.214.64/kg and it was an increase of Rs.85.20/kg compared to last month. Hence, wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.15.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan has increased by about 223%.

**Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
November 2017**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	262.64	72.92	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	360.00-410.00	389.86	306.39	94.28	83.47	27.24	295.58	313.51
Red Onion (Imported)	350.00-420.00	389.95	302.50	87.85	87.46	28.91	302.11	343.90
Big Onion (imported)	95.00-190.00	126.35	111.19	73.18	15.16	13.63	53.18	72.67
Big Onion (Local)	180.00-190.00	188.57	109.07	76.55	79.50	72.90	112.02	146.32
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)			-		-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	400.00-600.00	498.85	389.38	154.23	109.48	28.12	344.62	223.45
Red Onion (Imported)	400.00-600.00	485.19	0.00	122.83	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	110.00-180.00	165.87	147.37	91.96	18.51	12.56	73.91	80.38
Big Onion (Local)	200.00-240.00	220.00	146.89	104.56	73.11	49.78	115.44	110.41

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Nov , 2017	97.87	126.35	165.87	28.48	39.52
	Oct , 2017	90.13	111.19	147.37	21.07	36.17
	Nov , 2016	38.35	73.18	91.96	34.83	18.78
Red onion	Nov , 2017	214.64	389.95	485.19	175.32	95.23
	Oct , 2017	129.44	302.50	-	173.06	-
	Nov , 2016	64.26	87.85	122.83	23.59	34.98

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

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017
Red Onion	933	588	200.2	76.1	214.64	129.44
Big Onion	22,326	6,131	2,185.1	552.5	97.87	90.13

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
June to November 2017**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
November	22,326	97.87	126.35	165.87	68.00
October	6,131	90.13	111.19	147.22	57.10
September	14,120	65.16	100.66	141.57	76.42
August	18,172	56.60	101.17	132.19	75.59
July	20,552	31.88	71.97	96.33	64.46
June	22,746	30.41	74.08	97.25	66.84

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2017/18 is 3,343 ha which is greater than the targeted extent of *maha* 2016/17. About 703 ha had been cultivated by the end of November achieving 21% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season by the end of November is slightly at a low level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 12,107 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,296 ha and about 254 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (20% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at low level during this *maha* season. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,846 ha in the Badulla district and 448 ha have been cultivated by the end of November achieving 24% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at high level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district. As the *yala* harvesting of potato was completed in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in November.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (Maha 2017/18)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18		
N'Eliya	1,248	1,296	326	254	20	5,137
Badulla	1,712	1,846	405	448	24	6,980
Sri Lanka	2,974	3,343	730	703	21	12,107

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, Maha 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 13,330 mt of potato had been imported in November which was 6,577 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been reduced to Rs.1.00/kg with effect from 09/11/2017. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan and India. About 42% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed by India (33%), Bangladesh (12%) and China (10%). Compared to November, 2016 (8,423 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.39.00/kg in November.

With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Wholesale prices of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 18% and 14% respectively due to availability of ample stocks of imported potato at low price. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 4% and 5% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.95.00/kg in November. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 32% and 8% respectively due to availability of high stocks. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.85.00-120.00/kg, Rs.70.00-100.00/kg and Rs.40.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (4%), Nuwara Eliya (6%) and imported (14%) potatoes have decreased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
June to November 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	13,330	522.87	39.22	106.07	66.84
October	6,753	253.88	37.59	114.63	77.03
September	9,322	406.69	43.63	117.72	74.09
August	13,832	533.55	38.57	115.06	76.49
July	11,483	419.33	36.52	112.13	75.61
June	15,227	643.34	42.25	115.84	73.59

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	65.00-93.00	75.00	83.50	120.00	-8.50	-11.33	-45.00	-60.00
Nuwara Eliya	80.00-110.00	94.66	95.12	110.90	-0.46	-0.48	-16.24	-17.15
Imported – CIF	27.61-53.68	39.22	37.59	48.29	1.63	4.16	-9.07	-23.13
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	70.00-100.00	82.60	97.43	107.78	-14.83	-17.95	-25.17	-30.48
Nuwara Eliya	85.00-120.00	102.15	116.99	126.33	-14.84	-14.52	-24.18	-23.67
Imported	40.00-110.00	68.20	89.88	101.07	-21.68	-31.79	-32.88	-48.21
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	130.00-14.00	133.33	138.70	138.82	-5.37	-4.02	-5.49	-4.11
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-200.00	160.43	167.88	169.46	-7.45	-4.65	-9.03	-5.63
Imported	60.00-120.00	106.07	114.70	120.83	-8.63	-8.14	-14.76	-13.92
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		58.33	55.20	18.82	3.13	5.37	39.51	67.74
Nuwara Eliya		65.76	72.76	58.56	-7.00	-10.64	7.20	10.95
Imported (CIF-RP)		66.85	77.11	72.54	-10.26	-15.36	-5.69	-8.52
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		50.73	41.27	31.04	9.46	18.65	19.69	38.81
Nuwara Eliya		58.27	50.89	43.13	7.38	12.67	15.14	25.98
Imported		37.87	24.82	19.76	13.05	34.45	18.11	47.83

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the latest Crop Forecast published by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted cultivation extent of green gram for 2017/18 *Maha* season is 11302 ha; however, only 35% of the targeted extent, equivalent to 3907 ha has been achieved by the end of November 2017. The achieved extent approximately equals to 96% of the cultivation extent in 2016/17 *Maha* season. By the end of November the highest green gram cultivation extent is observed in Hambantota as 2243 ha which accounts for 57% of the total cultivation extent. In the meantime, the targeted cultivation extent for Hambantota is 4041 ha and around 56% of the targeted extent has been achieved. The second highest cultivation extent is observed as 354 ha in Kurunegala, followed by 257 ha in Monaragala. Cultivation extents in all other districts are lower than 200 ha. The expected production from the total cultivation extent is 5108 MT, and it shows an increase of 212 MT, which is equivalent to 104% compared to the total production in 2016/17 *Maha* season. The production is estimated to be highest at Hambantota (3377 MT), followed by Monaragala (266 MT). Estimated production in all other districts is reported to be lower than 200 MT.

Cultivation extent of cowpea in November 2017 is recorded to be the lowest when compared to those in the same month of 2013-2015 and 2016. Even though an extent of 10060 ha is targeted for cowpea in 2017/18 *Maha* season, only 20% of that (i.e., 1974 ha) has been achieved by the end of November 2017. Moreover, the cultivation extent in November equals to only 49% of the total cultivation extent in the 2016/17 *Maha* season. The highest cultivation extent is recorded in Kurunegala (258 ha), followed by Batticaloa (240 ha) and Monaragala (231 ha). Interestingly, the cultivation extent in Ampara is noted as 195 ha even though the highest extent (i.e., 4234 ha) has been expected from it. The expected production for 2017/18 *Maha* season from the achieved extent by the end of November is 2205 MT, which equals to 45% of the total production in 2016/17 *Maha* season. The highest production is expected from Ampara as 435 MT followed by Monaragala and Hambantota (228 MT).

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Wholesale price of green gram has not changed significantly, and its price ranged between Rs.195.00/kg and Rs.210.00/kg with an average of Rs.199.00/kg during this month. Retail price of green gram has decreased by 1%, and its price ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.243.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of green gram have increased by 12% and 10%, respectively. Compared to the previous month, the average CIF price has decreased by approximately Rs.4.00/kg; however, the quantities imported have increased by 47% resulting 1371 MT of imported green gram. The net worth of the imported green gram is recorded as Rs.188 million. The highest quantity of green gram has been imported from Australia (74%) followed by Argentina and Uzbekistan (12%), and Myanmar (2%). Green gram quantities imported from India is significantly low (<1%).

Wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 3% and 5% respectively compared to the previous month. The average wholesale price of white cowpea is recorded as Rs.225.00/kg, whilst that of red cowpea is recorded as Rs.231.00/kg. In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 1% and 4%. Average prices of white and

red cowpea are noted as Rs.298.00/kg and Rs.317.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of both white and red cowpea have increased by 11%, whilst retail prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 17% and 27%. Of both types of cowpea, around 901 MT of white cowpea has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.137.00/kg. The highest quantity is imported from Madagascar (78%) followed by Turkey (17%) and Brazil (6%). The total value of the imported cowpea is reported as Rs.123 million, which is a reduction of less than Rs.3 million compared that in the previous month.

**Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
June to November 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	1,371	188.04	137.16	243.26	106.10
October	931	131.17	140.93	245.00	104.07
September	1,509	219.74	145.64	248.72	103.08
August	2,205	323.08	146.52	248.47	101.95
July	1,031	160.57	155.76	249.56	93.80
June	1,694	267.98	158.19	249.99	91.79

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

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
June to November 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	901	123.12	136.63	297.63	161.00
October	910	119.96	131.84	301.20	169.36
September	887	119.07	134.31	304.57	170.27
August	837	116.58	139.32	296.36	157.04
July	236	32.90	139.39	302.22	162.83
June	359	50.40	140.37	296.90	156.54

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	195.00-210.00	199.13	199.19	178.29	-0.06	-0.03	20.83	11.69
Cowpea (White)	215.00-235.00	224.84	230.99	203.18	-6.15	-2.66	21.66	10.66
Cowpea (Red)	185.00-190.00	231.35	242.52	209.20	-11.17	-4.61	22.15	10.59
Retail Prices								
Green gram	210.00-280.00	243.26	245.00	221.28	-1.74	-0.71	21.98	9.93
Cowpea (White)	260.00-340.00	297.63	301.20	254.48	-3.57	-1.18	43.15	16.96
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-360.00	316.70	331.40	250.21	-14.71	-4.44	66.49	26.57

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	Nov , 2017	137.16	199.13	243.26	61.97	44.13
	Oct , 2017	140.93	199.19	245.00	58.26	45.81
	Nov , 2016	145.88	178.29	221.28	32.41	42.99
Cowpea (White)	Nov , 2017	136.63	224.84	297.63	88.20	72.79
	Oct , 2017	131.84	230.99	301.20	99.15	70.21
	Nov , 2016	117.42	203.18	254.48	85.76	51.30
Cowpea (Red)	Nov , 2017	-	231.35	316.70	-	85.34
	Oct , 2017	-	242.52	331.40	-	88.88
	Nov , 2016	-	209.20	250.21	-	41.01

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A total quantity of 16361 MT red dhal had been imported this month and of that, 85% was whole type red dhal. The average CIF price of Rs.87.00/kg was reported for whole type red dhal. The highest quantity of whole type red dhal had been imported from Australia (59%) and the rest from Canada (39%) and United States (1%) respectively. Out of the total imports 2443 MT consisted of split type red dhal and from that 2328 MT which was 95% had been imported from Canada and the rest from Australia. The average CIF price of Rs.120.00/kg was reported for split type red dhal. Further, the highest CIF price for whole type red dhal was reported as Rs.95.00/kg for the United States stocks and the lowest CIF price of Rs.85.00/kg applied for Canada stocks.

The local wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.112.00-131.00/kg and the average price was Rs.119.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by Rs.14.00/kg. When considering the retail price of red dhal, price ranged between Rs.130.00-170.00/kg and the average price was reported as Rs.151.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, retail price of red dhal has also decreased by Rs.5.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by 26%, whilst the retail price has increased by 25%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	112.00-131.00	118.63	132.17	160.71	-13.54	-10.25	-42.08	-26.19
Retail Price	130.00-170.00	151.23	156.42	120.83	-5.20	-3.32	30.40	25.16

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
June to November 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
November	16,361	92.07	118.63	151.23	26.55	32.60
October	12,658	92.79	132.17	156.42	39.38	24.25
September	12,562	101.54	132.93	156.79	31.39	23.85
August	11,970	105.12	131.30	156.96	26.17	25.66
July	12,016	106.83	137.59	159.18	30.75	21.59
June	9,967	102.53	140.47	159.55	37.94	19.08

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

With the onset of north eastern monsoon, land preparation was completed and crop establishment for the *Maha* season was underway in all the up and mid country areas. Most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla reported a cultivation progress of 31% and 43% respectively, for upcountry varieties, of the seasonal target, by the end of November. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported for Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts were 24%, 24% and 16% respectively, by the end of November 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had been improved for up country varieties in Jaffna and Kurunegala districts from its last month's figures, up to 15% and 26% respectively, by the end of November.

Meanwhile, crop establishment in most of the lowcountry areas also commenced with the onset of the north eastern monsoon rain. Anuradhapura and Hambantota, the two leading districts for lowcountry vegetable cultivation reported 44% and 70% cultivation progress respectively for *Maha* season by the end of November. Of the other lowcountry vegetable producing districts, the highest cultivation progress was reported for Puttlam as 56% of the seasonal target whilst the lowest figure was recorded for Monaragala district as 8% by the end of November, 2017.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the peak phase of the off season for vegetable harvesting is reached, supplies have drastically decreased from both up and lowcountry districts. Compared to last month, the daily supply of vegetables recorded a 33% drop at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre with the reported daily arrival of 1100 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased, compared to previous month due to decreasing trend in market supplies. The highest price increase was reported for carrot as 52% due to low supply from Nuwara Eliya, Badulla and Jaffna districts throughout the month and its price ranged between Rs.120.00-200.00/kg. Next, price of beetroot had increased by 37%, as a result of low supplies from major up, mid and low country producing districts, namely Nuwara Eliya, Badulla and Kurunegala respectively. Its price ranged between Rs.50.00-140.00/kg. At the same time, price of raddish, leeks and knolkhol had increased by 14%, compared to last month due to low stocks received at the market from all the up, mid and low country producing areas. In the meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties, had increased in the range of 2%-12% compared to last month due to low supplies received during the peak off season. As the off season continues, prices are expected to remain at a high range in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of tomato had decreased by 46% compared to last month due to arrival of low quality stocks to the market from latter harvesting cycles. In contrast, prices of capsicum had further increased by 48% as a result of low supply from both up and low country areas. Its price ranged as high as Rs.200.00 - 350.00/kg in November.

Supply of most of the domestic vegetables had also decreased with the approaching of the off season in low country areas and as a result a noticeable price increase was observed for most of the lowcountry varieties. The highest prices increases were recorded for both pumpkin and long beans as 53% each compared to last month due to reaching of the off season in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Puttalam and Hambantota. The observed price ranges for pumpkin and long beans were Rs.50.00-80.00/kg and Rs.60.00-150.00/kg respectively. Next, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties except bittergourd and cucumber had increased in the range of 3% - 19%. As the supplies of intermediated season's cultivation continued to reach the market, prices of cucumber had further decreased in November with the value of 6% compared to last month. As the off season continues, prices are expected be at a high range in the coming month too.

Meanwhile, prices of green chili had further increased by 67% due to low stocks received at the market from Jaffna and Puttalam.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had increased in November. The highest price increase was reported for capsicum as 37%. Compared to last year, prices of most of the vegetables had increased in the retail market with the highest value recorded for drumsticks as 122%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	60.00-170.00	120.87	118.83	177.41	2.04	1.71	-56.54	-31.87
Carrot	120.00-200.00	153.33	100.83	69.90	52.50	52.07	83.43	119.36
Leeks	130.00-200.00	161.67	141.67	56.15	20.00	14.12	105.52	187.92
Beetroot	50.00-140.00	96.53	70.43	39.86	26.10	37.06	56.67	142.16
Knolkhol	60.00-120.00	87.74	76.92	41.81	10.82	14.07	45.93	109.86
Radish	40.00-80.00	62.71	55.08	39.48	7.63	13.84	23.23	58.84
Cabbage	50.00-130.00	96.61	85.90	17.86	10.72	12.48	78.75	440.95
Tomato	40.00-110.00	71.04	131.47	32.23	-60.43	-45.97	38.81	120.42
Ladies Fingers	60.00-100.00	78.12	67.17	53.68	10.96	16.32	24.44	45.54
Brinjal	110.00-180.00	141.22	123.35	53.21	17.87	14.49	88.01	165.40
Capsicum	200.00-350.00	273.65	184.60	103.96	89.05	48.24	169.69	163.23
Pumpkin	50.00-80.00	62.29	40.67	31.60	21.63	53.18	30.69	97.13
Cucumber	25.00-50.00	37.71	40.08	56.52	-2.37	-5.93	-18.81	-33.28
Bittergourd	120.00-200.00	148.59	194.99	140.72	-46.40	-23.80	7.87	5.59
Snakegourd	90.00-130.00	114.97	96.96	83.07	18.01	18.57	31.90	38.40
Drumstick	100.00-220.00	169.17	140.83	47.50	28.33	20.12	121.67	256.14
Luffa	60.00-130.00	93.17	70.62	106.67	22.55	31.94	-13.50	-12.65
Long Beans	60.00-150.00	113.96	74.55	106.04	39.41	52.87	7.92	7.47
Ash Plantain	70.00-90.00	78.33	76.17	55.59	2.16	2.83	22.74	40.91
Green Chillies	500.00-800.00	667.50	399.15	52.90	268.35	67.23	614.60	1161.81
Lime	50.00-180.00	97.92	216.83	434.38	-118.92	-54.84	-336.46	-77.46

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-320.00	196.56	187.08	238.66	9.48	5.07	-42.10	-17.64
Carrot	160.00-320.00	223.94	176.20	139.03	47.74	27.09	84.91	61.08
Leeks	180.00-320.00	253.35	231.59	131.60	21.77	9.40	121.75	92.52
Beetroot	100.00-320.00	169.44	143.08	114.71	26.36	18.42	54.73	47.71
Knolkhol	120.00-240.00	177.99	160.44	123.06	17.54	10.93	54.93	44.64
Radish	100.00-200.00	150.06	133.89	108.15	16.17	12.08	41.91	38.75
Cabbage	140.00-240.00	190.17	168.55	91.80	21.63	12.83	98.37	107.16
Tomato	80.00-240.00	153.64	204.31	82.69	-50.67	-24.80	70.95	85.81
Ladies Fingers	100.00-200.00	155.81	135.18	117.79	20.63	15.26	38.02	32.28
Brinjal	1160.00-320.00	218.98	209.35	110.80	9.63	4.60	108.18	97.63
Capsicum	300.00-500.00	386.28	282.71	185.65	103.57	36.64	200.63	108.07
Pumpkin	80.00-160.00	130.45	113.12	89.48	17.33	15.32	40.97	45.78
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	111.84	108.19	114.19	3.66	3.38	-2.35	-2.05
Bittergourd	16.00-320.00	250.70	275.02	207.86	-24.32	-8.84	42.84	20.61
Snakegourd	140.00-240.00	189.12	170.77	150.44	18.36	10.75	38.68	25.71
Drumstick	200.00-500.00	307.53	259.41	138.76	48.12	18.55	168.77	121.62
Luffa	120.00-240.00	189.14	157.82	181.04	31.32	19.84	8.10	4.47
Long Beans	140.00-320.00	185.56	154.18	171.98	31.38	20.35	13.58	7.89
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	145.51	138.52	122.80	6.99	5.04	22.71	18.49
Green Chillies	650.00-1000.00	889.18	578.70	169.59	310.48	53.65	719.59	424.31
Lime	120.00-400.00	318.89	428.02	858.18	-109.13	-25.50	-539.29	-62.84

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in November. Harvesting seasons for most of the fruit varieties were observed in the month and increased supply had contributed to make the fruit prices decline compared to the previous month. At the same time, the rainy weather condition prevailed in the country had resulted in a low demand for fruits and it also had contributed to these price decreases.

Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 4%-21% with the harvesting season. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.50.00-90.00/kg, Rs.100.00-150.00/kg and Rs.50.00-90.00/kg respectively. Prices of an Ambun fruit and an Anamalu fruit were Rs.15.00-22.00 and Rs.12.00-18.00 respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased significantly by 46%, 44% and 35% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.56.07/fruit, Rs.83.75/fruit and Rs.126.08/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-160.00/fruit.

In addition, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad also had decreased by 39% and 24% respectively with the increased supply. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.30.00-50.00. Further, prices of papaw had decreased by 23% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.54.25kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit and wood apple had decreased by 21% and 13% respectively.

However, increased prices were observed for avocado, slime apple, orange and imported grapes and prices had increased by 50%, 46%, 28% and 17% respectively. Price range recorded for imported grapes was between Rs.460.00-698.00/kg.

According to the data in previous years and market information, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of banana, papaw, passion fruit, wood apple, avocado and orange could increase in the coming month with the limited supply and the high demand due to the festive season. However, decreased prices could be expected for pineapple, mango and slime apple in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for pineapple (small) as 61%.

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 4%-14%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.80.00-150.00/kg, Rs.160.00-240.00/kg and Rs.100.00-160.00/kg respectively. Prices of other banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.15.00-30.00/fruit and Rs.17.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased in the range of 21%-35% and the retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.60.00-250.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad also had decreased by 23% and 14% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.40.00-100.00/fruit and Rs.25.00-50.00/fruit respectively. In addition, price of papaw had decreased by 15% and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-160.00/kg and price of passion fruit had also decreased by 15%. However, prices of orange, avocado, slime apple and wood apple had increased by 29%, 10%, 9% and 7% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for pineapple (small) as 52%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the previous month. The prices had decreased by 27% for Ambul, 18% for Kolikuttu and 15% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.25.00-65.00/kg, Rs.77.50-128.75/kg and Rs.17.50 - 46.33/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had decreased for Kolikuttu by 28% and Ambul by 7% and producer prices for papaw had not changed significantly (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 673.7mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs.124.3mn. Of the exported quantity, 81% were papaw and 14%, 4% and 1% were fresh pineapple, fresh mangoes and fresh avocados respectively. In the month of October, 2017, the quantity exported was 922.4mt. Therefore, compared to last month the exported quantity had decreased by 27%.

With reference to imports Sri Lanka had imported 3,114mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.505mn. Of the imported quantity 62% were apple and 17%, 12% and 9% were grapes, oranges and mandarin respectively. The main importing countries of apple were China, the United States, France and Italy. Grapes had been imported from China, the United States, Italy and India. South Africa and Australia were the importing countries of oranges. In addition, mandarin had been imported from China and Australia. In the month of October, 2017, the quantity imported was 4,868mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 36%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-90.00	65.82	83.23	63.61	-17.41	-20.92	2.21	3.47
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-150.00	123.86	142.66	156.21	-18.80	-13.18	-32.35	-20.71
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-90.00	67.77	81.21	67.50	-13.44	-16.55	0.27	0.41
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-18.00	14.18	14.96	9.81	-0.78	-5.24	4.37	44.54
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	19.00	19.78	14.79	-0.78	-3.96	4.21	28.47
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	126.08	194.27	235.24	-68.18	-35.10	-109.16	-46.40
Medium (Fruit)	70.00-100.00	83.75	149.69	188.76	-65.94	-44.05	-105.01	-55.63
Small (Fruit)	50.00-70.00	56.07	104.44	142.21	-48.37	-46.32	-86.14	-60.57
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	18.63	-	19.53	-	-	-0.91	-4.63
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	38.42	62.92	55.73	-24.50	-38.93	-17.31	-31.06
Vilad (Fruit)	17.00-27.00	21.93	28.94	21.48	-7.01	-24.24	0.45	2.08
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	12.28	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-890.00	54.25	70.95	52.29	-16.69	-23.53	1.96	3.76
Passionfruit (Fruit)	6.00-12.00	7.96	10.11	13.66	-2.15	-21.24	-5.70	-41.71
Woodapple (Fruit)	7.00-15.00	9.77	11.19	16.66	-1.42	-12.71	-6.89	-41.36
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	38.54	30.21	45.48	8.33	27.56	-6.94	-15.26
Avocado (Fruit)	35.00-60.00	44.18	29.50	59.74	14.68	49.78	-15.56	-26.04
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00-50.00	39.75	27.20	39.79	12.55	46.14	-0.04	-0.11
Grapes Imported (Kg)	460.00-698.00	570.68	485.66	542.11	85.01	17.50	28.57	5.27

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-150.00	120.82	140.34	117.12	-19.52	-13.91	3.70	3.16
Kolikuttu (Kg)	160.00-240.00	191.83	206.61	230.20	-14.78	-7.15	-38.37	-16.67
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	123.60	138.20	104.61	-14.60	-10.57	18.99	18.15
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	21.65	22.52	20.45	-0.87	-3.85	1.20	5.88
Ambun (Fruit)	17.00-30.00	24.14	25.44	21.95	-1.30	-5.10	2.19	9.99
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	180.00-250.00	217.96	277.59	327.57	-59.63	-21.48	-109.61	-33.46
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-180.00	154.10	205.24	249.50	-51.14	-24.92	-95.40	-38.24
Small (Fruit)	60.00-100.00	89.34	137.44	185.12	-48.10	-35.00	-95.78	-51.74
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	31.02	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	65.65	85.00	64.79	-19.35	-22.76	0.86	1.33
Vilad (Fruit)	25.00-50.00	37.22	43.36	42.94	-6.14	-14.16	-5.72	-13.32
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	60.00-160.00	92.81	109.76	89.33	-16.95	-15.45	3.48	3.90
Passionfruit (Fruit)	12.00-20.00	15.88	18.76	24.09	-2.88	-15.35	-8.21	-34.08
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-70.00	41.67	38.96	30.95	2.71	6.95	10.72	34.64
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-80.00	64.48	49.99	73.50	14.49	28.99	-9.02	-12.27
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	71.20	64.50	111.78	6.69	10.37	-40.58	-36.31
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	82.99	75.93	76.17	7.06	9.30	6.82	8.96
Grapes Imported (Kg)	600.00-1000.00	783.14	799.80	784.95	-16.66	-2.08	-1.81	-0.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – November 2017

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	25.00-65.00	46.46	63.90	49.81	-17.44	-27.30	-3.35	-6.73
Kolikuttu	77.50-128.75	101.02	123.00	139.73	-21.98	-17.87	-38.71	-27.70
Papaw	17.50-46.33	32.50	38.45	32.45	-5.95	-15.48	0.05	0.14
Pineapple	-	-	-	116.00	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
September – November 2017**

Type of Fruit	November			October			September		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	92.23	65.58	711.08	68.87	19.66	285.48	100.88	40.71	403.55
Papaw	548.82	47.55	86.63	819.87	70.27	85.71	480.16	47.25	98.40
Fresh Mango	28.60	10.33	361.18	28.36	10.84	382.31	23.31	7.53	323.19
Avocados, fresh	4.07	0.88	217.25	5.33	1.60	300.01	8.30	2.71	326.91

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
September – November 2017**

Type of Fruit	November			October			September		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,928	254.09	131.81	2,947	368.20	124.96	2,851	346.39	121.49
Grapes	541	183.41	338.91	523	149.37	285.55	652	176.84	271.37
Oranges	374	50.62	135.47	839	111.66	133.07	1,167	151.22	129.56
Mandarin	271	17.42	64.19	559	40.91	73.14	379	31.56	83.26

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 fish types ranged between Rs.130.00/kg and Rs.1067.00/kg in November 2017. Due to the dry climate observed during prior weeks of the month, fishing activities had taken place without much interruption. Consequently, compared to the previous month wholesale prices of all fish types except Shrimp have decreased during this month. The highest price decrease was noted for Kelawalla as 19%. All other price decreased fish types showed price decrements lower than 10%. Prices of Paraw, Hurulla, and Thora have decreased by 9%, 8%, 7%, respectively. In addition, price of Thalapath has decreased by 6%. Prices of both Balaya and Mora have decreased by 4%. The lowest price decrement was noted as 2% in Salaya. The only fish type that showed a price increment was Shrimp and its price has increased by 1% compared to the previous month.

Weekly price observations indicated that fish prices have increased only in the first week of the month; later, prices have started decreasing mainly due to high availability of stocks in the market. Increased fish stocks have been received from Southern (e.g., Matara), Eastern (e.g., Trincomalee), and Western (Negombo) coastal areas resulting in low fish prices. Fish types, especially, Kelawalla, Balaya, Hurulla, and Salaya were prominently available in markets in Marassana, Monaragala, Negombo, and the southern coast. However, fish prices are expected to increase next month due to the growing demand during the festive season.

Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices most fish types have increased during this month. The highest price increment was noted as 22% in Thalapath, followed by 18% in Shrimp and Thora. Prices of Paraw, Mora, and Salaya have increased by less than 10%. Of price decreased fish types, Balaya showed the highest price decrement as 28%, followed by Hurulla (17%). Price of Kelawalla has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.184.00/kg and Rs.1370.00/kg during this month. Consumers have paid between Rs.120.00 and Rs.1800.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. In line with the price behaviour in the wholesale market, retail prices of all fish types except Shrimp have decreased. The highest price decrement was noted as 10% in Kelawalla, followed by 8% in Thora and 7% in Salaya. Prices of Mora and Hurulla have decreased by 4% and 3%, respectively. Furthermore, prices of both Paraw and Balaya have decreased by 2%, whilst, that of Thalapath has decreased by 1%. On the contrary, only Shrimp showed a price increment of 1%. Compared to the same period of the previous year retail prices of all fish types except Hurulla and Balaya have increased by 2%-29% and the highest price increment was noted in Thalapath. Prices of Hurulla and Balaya have decreased by 8% and 7%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-150.00	130.00	132.80	128.88	-2.80	-2.11	1.12	0.87
Hurulla	180.00-300.00	212.34	229.96	255.81	-17.61	-7.66	-43.47	-16.99
Balaya	150.00-280.00	209.75	219.29	292.75	-9.54	-4.35	-83.00	-28.35
Kelawalla	350.00-550.00	467.61	577.76	466.75	-110.14	-19.06	0.86	0.18
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1067.22	1148.00	907.79	-80.78	-7.04	159.43	17.56
Paraw	400.00-600.00	521.00	574.60	480.20	-53.60	-9.33	40.80	8.50
Mora	500.00-580.00	520.25	542.04	494.57	-21.79	-4.02	25.68	5.19
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1000.00	916.81	907.30	778.50	9.51	1.05	138.31	17.77
Thalapath	600.00-900.00	783.08	830.00	644.00	-46.92	-5.65	139.08	21.60
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-300.00	183.88	198.78	180.05	-14.89	-7.49	3.83	2.13
Hurulla	220.00-500.00	320.79	330.65	350.32	-9.86	-2.98	-29.53	-8.43
Balaya	200.00-720.00	404.13	411.70	432.83	-7.57	-1.84	-28.70	-6.63
Kelawalla	450.00-1000.00	773.70	862.77	741.10	-89.07	-10.32	32.60	4.40
Thora	1000.00-1800.00	1370.21	1481.32	1219.78	-111.12	-7.50	150.43	12.33
Paraw	550.00-1200.00	880.50	901.35	688.83	-20.85	-2.31	191.67	27.83
Mora	550.00-1000.00	757.78	787.11	635.56	-29.33	-3.73	122.22	19.23
Shrimp (small)	720.00-1400.00	1136.00	1124.09	906.00	11.91	1.06	230.00	25.39
Thalapath	800.00-1300.00	1084.78	1101.05	841.14	-16.27	-1.48	243.64	28.97

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.269.00/kg and Rs.1176.00/kg during November 2017. Compared to previous month prices of most dried fish types have decreased. The highest price decrement was noted in Sprats as 11% followed by 5% in local Anguluwa and 4% in imported Anguluwa. Moreover, price of imported Balaya has decreased by 3% whilst prices of imported and local Kattawa and imported Mora have decreased by 2%. The lowest price decrement of 1% was noted in local Balaya and imported Maduwa. Of price increased dried fish types, the highest price increment was noted as 7% in imported Sprats, followed by 4% in local Salaya and 2% in both local Maduwa and imported Thora. Interestingly, prices of local Thora and Mora have not changed significantly. In the meantime, an increment of prices is anticipated for the next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was noted as 19% in local Thora followed by 10% in both imported Thora and local Salaya. Moreover, prices of local and imported Kattawa, Maduwa, imported Sprats, Mora and local Anguluwa have increased by less than 10%. Price decrements that ranged between 9% and 35% were observed in local and imported Balaya and local Sprats. Significant price variations were not observed in local Mora and imported Anguluwa.

Weekly observations showed that dried fish prices have shown a declining trend throughout all weeks except in the second week; dried fish prices have increased during the second week. With the imposition of a controlled price for Sprats by the government, prices of other dried fish types also have shown decreasing price trends. In the meantime, the quantity of Sprats imported has drastically reduced; it has reduced by 78% (i.e., 1459 MT) compared to the quantity of Sprats imported in the previous month. The average CIF price also has decreased by Rs.38.00/kg compared to that in the previous month. Due to the decrements of the imports and the CIF price, total expenditure on Sprats importation lowered to Rs.140 million a reduction of Rs.552 million, compared to the expenditure on imported Sprats during the previous month. The highest quantity of Sprats is imported from Thailand (68%) followed by the United Arab Emirates (16%) and Vietnam (9%). Each quantity of Sprats imported from Oman and Iran are reported to be lower than 5%.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.624.00/kg and Rs.1570.00/kg during November 2017. Consumers have paid a price between Rs.400.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase a kilo of any dried fish type. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most dried fish types have decreased by less than 10%. The highest price decrement was observed as 8% in local Sprats followed by 4% in Anguluwa. In addition, prices of Kattawa, Maduwa, and Balaya have decreased by 2%, 2%, and 1% respectively. Only imported Sprats and Thora showed price increments of 17% and 1% respectively. In the meantime, prices of Mora and Salaya have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of all dried fish types except Balaya have increased by 3%-48%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	600.00-900.00	797.34	899.25	875.23	-101.92	-11.33	-77.89	-8.90
Sprats (imported)	380.00-550.00	470.14	438.64	440.11	31.49	7.18	30.02	6.82
Kattawa	750.00-850.00	814.91	828.38	773.92	-13.47	-1.63	40.99	5.30
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-800.00	741.94	758.80	738.25	-16.86	-2.22	3.69	0.50
Thora	1000.00-1220.00	1176.39	1181.07	991.25	-4.68	-0.40	185.14	18.68
Thora (imported)	1050.00-1200.00	1133.25	1108.80	1028.25	24.45	2.21	105.00	10.21
Mora	760.00-860.00	818.53	821.60	817.05	-3.07	-0.37	1.48	0.18
Mora (imported)	600.00-800.00	760.50	774.07	747.00	-13.57	-1.75	13.50	1.81
Balaya	290.00-390.00	320.75	323.13	426.50	-2.38	-0.74	-105.75	-24.79
Balaya (imported)	200.00-320.00	268.99	277.80	410.75	-8.81	-3.17	-141.76	-34.51
Anguluwa	650.00-850.00	765.63	802.51	755.59	-36.89	-4.60	10.03	1.33
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-800.00	715.00	741.87	717.44	-26.87	-3.62	-2.44	-0.34
Maduwa	400.00-680.00	547.75	536.23	523.14	11.52	2.15	24.61	4.70
Maduwa (imported)	360.00-500.00	444.75	447.47	440.75	-2.72	-0.61	4.00	0.91
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	250.00-350.00	303.00	290.40	275.00	12.60	4.34	28.00	10.18
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	828.98	706.33	559.02	122.65	17.36	269.96	48.29
Sprats	900.00-1800.00	1058.33	1150.81	946.76	-92.48	-8.04	111.57	11.78
Kattawa	900.00-1800.00	1153.27	1180.92	1118.29	-27.65	-2.34	34.98	3.13
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1569.66	1551.72	1373.56	17.94	1.16	196.10	14.28
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1090.59	1089.20	1024.10	1.40	0.13	66.49	6.49
Balaya	500.00-1100.00	814.97	823.78	822.63	-8.81	-1.07	-7.66	-0.93
Anguluwa	800.00-1200.00	1040.78	1080.15	954.44	-39.37	-3.64	86.34	9.05
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	812.50	825.57	652.90	-13.07	-1.58	159.60	24.44
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	624.42	622.74	544.87	1.67	0.27	79.55	14.60

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – June to November 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	423	139.67	329.85	828.98	499.13
October	1,882	691.86	367.57	706.33	338.76
September	2,073	836.65	403.50	742.16	338.66
August	2,205	917.04	415.87	758.14	342.27
July	2,208	951.25	430.90	802.46	371.56
June	1,797	737.15	410.30	792.77	382.48

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

Eggs

During November 2017, the wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.14.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.14.38; that of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.50 and Rs.13.00 with an average of Rs.12.73. Prices of both egg types have increased by 34% compared to the previous month. Weekly price observations showed that egg prices have increased in the first two weeks and prices have dropped in the latter weeks of the month. Compared to the same period of the previous year wholesale price of a brown egg has increased by 6%, whereas that of a white

egg has decreased by 2%. Egg supply may not change next month; however, due to the upcoming festive season, wholesale prices of both egg types are expected to increase by Rs.2.00/egg.

In the meantime, retail prices of brown eggs ranged between Rs.15.00 and Rs.16.00 with an average of Rs.15.22. Retail prices of white eggs ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.93. Compared to the previous month, brown and white egg prices have increased by 23% and 25%, respectively. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail egg prices have changed slightly. Price of brown eggs have increased by 2%, whereas, the price of white eggs have decreased by 1%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.00-15.00	14.38	10.75	13.53	3.63	33.72	0.85	6.25
White (each)	12.50-13.00	12.73	9.50	13.03	3.23	33.99	-0.30	-2.31
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	15.00-16.00	15.22	12.37	14.93	2.85	23.08	0.29	1.94
White (each)	13.00-15.00	13.93	11.10	14.00	2.82	25.44	-0.07	-0.53

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of Beef, Pork, and Mutton have not changed significantly during November 2017. The average prices of these three meat types were recorded as Rs.954.00/kg, Rs.517.00/kg, Rs.1790.00/kg, respectively. Prices of Curry and Broiler Chicken had increased by 5% and 3%, and their average prices were recorded as Rs.490.00/kg and Rs.492.00/kg, respectively. More layer hens had been used for meat purposes; thus, prices of Chicken had not increased during this month as anticipated. However, prices of meat types are expected to increase with the festive season in the following month. Compared to the same period of the previous year prices of Beef, Mutton, and Curry Chicken have increased by 13%, 10%, and 1% respectively. In the meantime, prices of Pork and Broiler Chicken have decreased by 8% and 2% respectively.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – November 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	954.17	954.17	845.44	0.00	0.00	108.73	12.86
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-560.00	492.04	477.70	503.98	14.34	3.00	-11.94	-2.37
Chicken (curry)	420.00-580.00	490.22	466.61	486.79	23.61	5.06	3.43	0.70
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1790.45	1789.56	1627.15	0.90	0.05	163.30	10.04
Pork	450.00-650.00	516.67	516.67	560.00	0.00	0.00	-43.33	-7.74

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total of 227,970mt. worth of 8,636mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of November. Compared to the previous month wheat grain quantity of November has increased by 55,522mt. World wheat prices have increased by 2% during the month of November compared to the previous month. However, the average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged during the month and was recorded as Rs.38.00/kg. Subsequently, the average retail price of wheat grain has also remained unchanged and recorded as Rs.90.00/kg. Out of total imports the highest wheat grain quantity which was 75,836mt. worth of 4,771mn. were imported from Canada. The CIF price of Rs.42.00/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks. The second highest quantity was imported from Russia and the average CIF price was Rs.34.00/kg. In addition, wheat grain was also imported from the United States, Australia, Ukraine and India. The CIF price ranged between Rs.34.00-52.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst the lowest was recorded for Russian stocks.

Total imported quantity of wheat flour for the month of November was 71mt. worth of 5.6mn. Imported quantity has further decreased by 165mt. compared to the previous month. Wheat flour had been imported from India, China and Singapore. The CIF price ranged between Rs.49.00-90.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat flour was reported as Rs.75.00/kg. The average CIF price for wheat flour has increased by 6% compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the Singapore stocks. Meanwhile, the retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. Even though the average CIF price for wheat flour has increased, average local retail prices remained unchanged during the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has increased only by 1%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2016	Oct 2017		Nov 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-95.00	89.96	89.98	88.76	-0.02	-0.02	1.20	1.35
Sugar	100.00-120.00	111.16	111.37	97.57	-0.21	-0.19	13.59	13.93

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – June to November 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
November	71	5.58	78.68	89.96	11.28
October	236	16.77	71.18	89.98	18.80
September	323	21.16	65.49	89.05	23.55
August	361	25.89	71.63	88.68	17.04
July	652	43.33	66.41	89.20	22.79
June	88	6.34	72.25	89.24	16.99
Wheat Grain					
November	227,970	8636.28	37.88	89.96	52.08
October	172,448	6539.09	37.92	89.98	52.06
September	222,037	8525.93	38.40	89.05	50.65
August	164,673	6350.05	38.56	88.68	50.12
July	165,737	6448.11	38.91	89.20	50.29
June	103,969	3819.93	36.74	89.24	52.50

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 27,840mt. worth of 1,931mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of November. Compared to the previous month the quantity has decreased by 3,155mt. Out of the total imports for the month of November the highest quantity which was 8,113mt. worth 560mn. had been imported from the United Arab Emirates. The CIF price of Rs.69.00/kg was applied for the highest quantity of imports to the country. The second highest quantity of 6,734mt. was imported from Pakistan. Further, sugar had been imported from Thailand (14%), Netherland (7%), Guatemala (5%), Germany (3%), India (3%), Poland (3%), Tunisia (3%), Brazil (2%), Ukraine (2%) and Belgium (2%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Nicaragua, Egypt, Korea, Singapore and Malaysia. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.63.00-97.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.69.00/kg. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Pakistan stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of November, price ranged between Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.111.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average retail price remained static and compared to the same period of last year average retail price has increased by 14%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- June to November 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	27,840	1930.8	69.35	111.16	41.81
October	30,995	2162.9	69.78	111.37	41.59
September	25,204	1768.6	70.17	110.35	40.18
August	42,264	3084.5	72.98	106.96	33.97
July	33,791	2560.1	75.76	106.05	30.28
June	44,132	3526.8	79.92	106.87	26.95

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – November 2017

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Nov 2017	Oct 2017		Nov 2017	Oct 2017		Nov 2017	Oct 2017	
Rice	62,916	88,289	-28.7	3895.8	5602.1	-30.5	61.92	63.45	-2.4
Red Onion	933	588	58.7	200.2	76.1	163.2	214.64	129.44	65.8
Big Onion	22,326	6,131	264.2	2185.1	552.5	295.5	97.87	90.13	8.6
Potato	13,330	6,753	97.4	522.9	253.9	105.9	39.22	37.59	4.3
Dried Chillies	4,085	4,686	-12.8	661.7	744.1	-11.1	161.98	158.79	2.0
Masoor Dhal	16,361	12,658	29.3	1506.4	1174.6	28.2	92.07	92.79	-0.8
Green Gram	1,371	931	47.3	188.0	131.2	43.4	137.16	140.93	-2.7
Cowpea	901	910	-1.0	123.1	120.0	2.6	136.63	131.84	3.6
Garlic	1,264	2,004	-36.9	172.4	288.0	-40.1	136.44	143.75	-5.1
Wheat flour	71	236	-69.9	5.6	16.8	-66.8	78.68	71.18	10.5
Wheat grain	227,970	172,448	32.2	8636.3	6539.1	32.1	37.88	37.92	-0.1
White crystalline cane sugar	27,840	30,995	-10.2	1930.8	2162.9	-10.7	69.35	69.78	-0.6
Maize (Seed)	62	45	37.8	37.5	22.1	69.4	604.73	491.84	23.0
Maize (Other)	78,918	17,889	341.2	2888.4	709.9	306.9	36.60	39.69	-7.8
Sprats, dried unsalted	423	1,883	-77.5	139.7	692.0	-79.8	329.85	367.57	-10.3

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

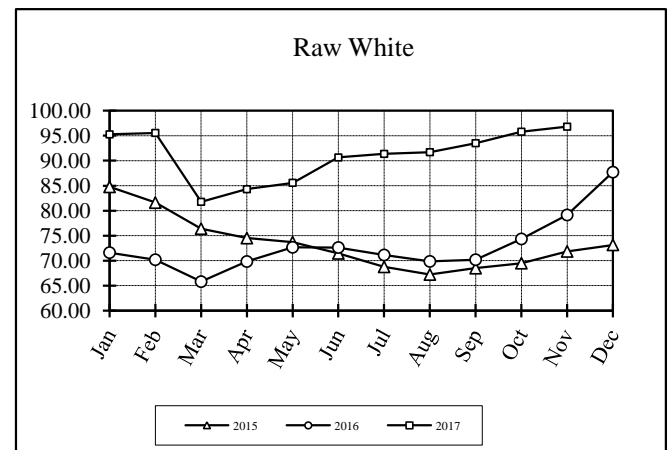
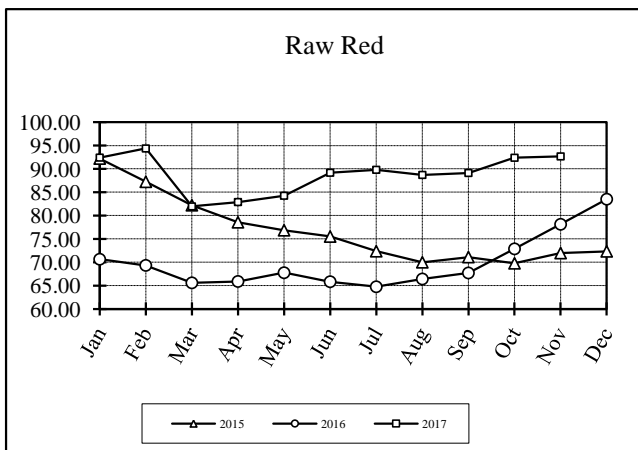
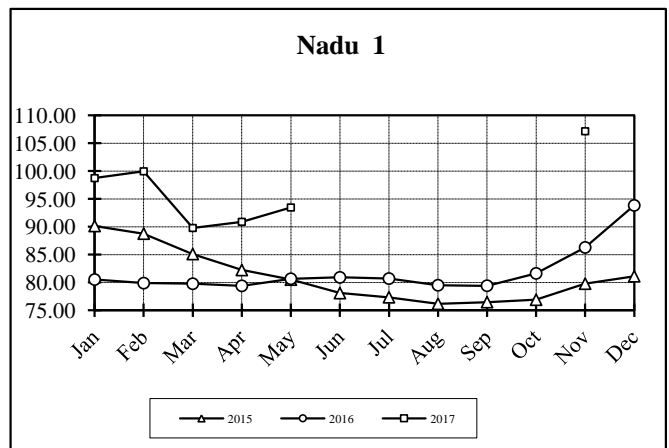
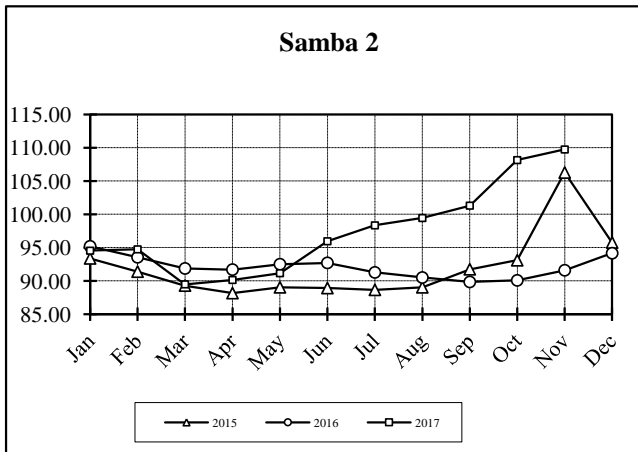
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) November 2017

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	420.9	229.7	20	16
Badulla	264.5	253.0	19	18
Bandarawela	373.4	224.3	20	18
Batticaloa	417.1	349.6	19	16
Colombo	294.2	314.4	15	15
Galle	549.2	321.0	19	16
Hambantota	274.3	187.5	18	13
Jaffna	611.7	336.1	17	14
Katugastota	197.4	295.6	19	16
Katunayaka	312.7	313.7	20	14
Kurunegala	115.1	318.6	18	15
Mahailuppallama	234.3	250.4	15	16
Mannar	226.3	235.0	19	14
Nuwara Eliya	289.6	221.7	19	17
Pottuvil	375.4	232.0	17	na
Puttalam	192.8	250.3	22	14
Ratmalana	247.9	314.7	19	16
Ratnapura	509.1	371.4	21	18
Trincomalee	510.9	342.9	23	16
Vavuniya	223.5	278.2	19	16
Polonnaruwa	213.8	na	19	na
Moneragala	239.8	na	18	na
Mattala	339.0	na	17	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

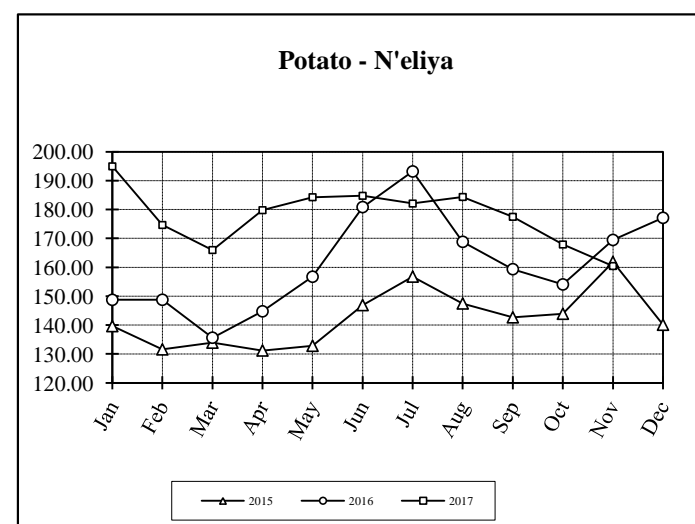
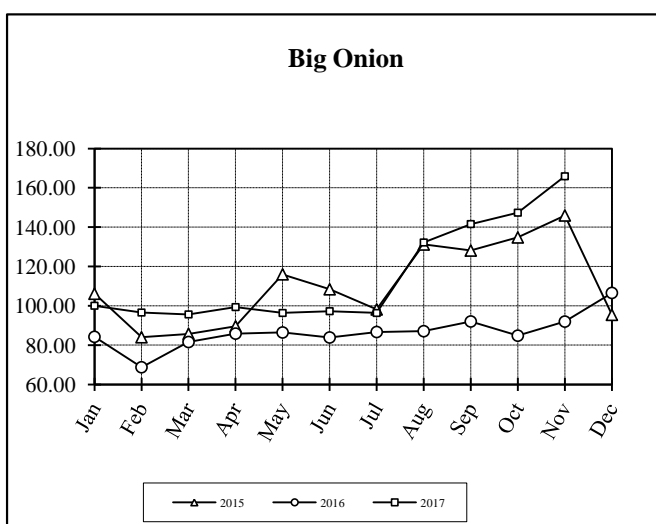
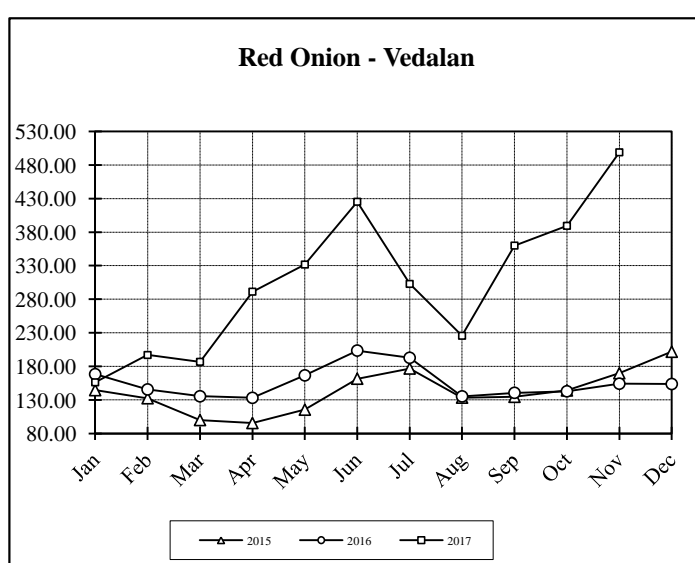
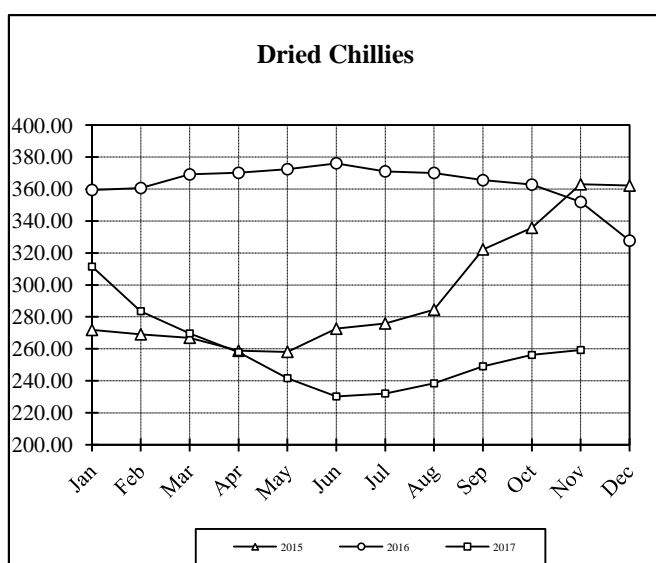
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	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	91.16	80.50	80.65	93.46	76.85	67.75	84.24	73.70	72.67	85.58
Jun	88.93	92.71	95.95	78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82	89.17	71.45	72.63	90.65
Jul	88.66	91.28	98.34	77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74	89.80	68.75	71.13	91.36
Aug	89.04	90.51	99.45	76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41	88.70	67.22	69.85	91.71
Sep	91.75	89.85	101.30	76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70	89.11	68.49	70.19	93.51
Oct	93.10	90.08	108.14	76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86	92.38	69.49	74.34	95.80
Nov	106.27	91.60	109.73	79.77	86.28	107.14	71.96	78.12	92.67	71.84	79.14	96.81
Dec	95.76	94.16		81.10	93.83		72.33	83.50		73.15	87.71	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	271.85	359.36	311.44	144.64	168.42	156.25	106.11	84.20	100.02	139.63	148.73	194.94
Feb	269.09	360.56	283.58	132.59	145.71	197.00	83.99	68.73	96.57	131.58	148.75	174.64
Mar	266.95	369.06	269.67	100.10	135.49	186.80	85.73	81.58	95.60	133.91	135.62	165.97
Apr	258.81	370.07	257.93	95.65	133.19	291.30	89.56	85.83	99.33	131.19	144.75	179.77
May	258.15	372.34	241.70	115.55	166.64	331.70	115.99	86.42	96.33	132.82	156.73	184.26
Jun	272.61	376.04	230.28	161.67	203.59	425.19	108.39	83.87	97.25	146.91	180.84	184.74
Jul	275.90	370.97	232.12	176.85	192.81	302.86	98.14	86.66	96.33	156.77	193.18	182.06
Aug	284.48	369.99	238.44	133.51	135.32	225.63	131.16	87.07	132.19	147.47	168.81	184.34
Sep	322.19	365.44	249.10	134.69	140.64	359.93	128.09	92.01	141.57	142.68	159.34	177.47
Oct	335.70	362.69	256.20	144.23	142.94	389.38	134.76	84.79	147.37	143.91	154.06	167.88
Nov	362.89	351.86	259.31	169.84	154.23	498.85	145.93	91.96	165.87	161.86	169.46	160.43
Dec	362.08	327.65		201.81	153.77		95.39	106.54		140.10	177.13	



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

Nov-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	97.25	81.40	92.40	107.60	Welimada	111.67	105.75	141.00	175.75
A'pura	54.20	55.20	55.80	55.80	Badulla					N'Eliya	127.50	145.00	138.00	173.00
P'narawa	56.13	55.94	56.00	55.63	Welimada	91.50	65.75	71.50	71.25	Beetroot				
Kalawewa	56.00	56.00	61.50	57.35	Pulses					Hanguranketha		65.00		67.50
Kurunegala	51.50	55.00	58.00	55.50	Green Gram					N'Eliya	47.50	46.20	87.00	101.00
Dehiattakandiya					Galgamuwa					Dambulla	58.60	51.60	91.40	91.40
Ampara	57.00	57.00	55.50	56.50	Kalawewa	165.00	165.00	170.00	143.33	Kurunegala				
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	196.00	196.00	196.00	196.00	Welimada		57.00	76.50	92.00
A'pura	51.40	52.60	54.00	54.00	Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'narawa	54.81	54.56	54.56	54.75	A'pura	181.25	179.00	188.33	193.33	Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	55.00	54.67	58.05	56.53	Cowpea					N'Eliya		62.00	62.00	73.00
Kurunegala	52.50	52.50	55.50	55.50	A'pura	173.75	185.00	186.00	190.00	Welimada		76.00	94.33	103.33
Dehiattakandiya					Galgamuwa		57.00	76.50	92.00	Radish				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya		210.00	180.00	200.00	Hanguranketha	32.50	30.00		30.00
Ampara					Kalawewa	173.33	173.33	175.00	186.67	N'Eliya	42.50	42.00	54.00	54.00
Matara	45.33	45.33	44.00	44.50	Embilipitiya	217.50	217.50	217.50	217.50	Welimada		34.00	34.00	36.50
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Hanguranketha	45.00	47.50	82.50	72.50
Matara	45.33	45.33	44.00	44.50	A'Pura	51.67	52.40	52.00	53.33	N'Eliya	72.50	68.00	112.00	112.00
Hambantota	47.57	47.71	48.00	48.00	Kalawewa					Welimada	56.00	64.33	95.75	86.00
Ampara	49.33	49.00			Gingelly					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	47.67	47.50	47.50	47.67	A'Pura	166.25	170.00	175.00	180.00	Badulla	57.00	61.00	96.00	57.00
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa	146.67	146.67	170.00	160.00	Tomato				
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Hanguranketha	63.25	71.67	48.33	35.00
A'Pura					Kalawewa	100.00	90.00	105.00	87.50	Welimada		64.67	34.33	34.33
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	154.00	146.67	190.00	193.33	Hambantota	55.00	65.00	45.00	29.00
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Dambulla	49.00	69.20	53.40	53.40
Red Onion					Beans					Low Country				
Puttalam	342.00	354.00	354.00	304.00	Dambulla	70.80	118.00	91.40	91.40	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Welimada	67.00	109.33	95.75	86.50	A'pura	68.33	61.67	73.33	73.33
Dambulla					Badulla	84.00	90.00	79.00	84.00	Dambulla	43.60	54.80	45.20	45.20
Kalawewa					Carrot					Hambantota	85.00	75.00	75.00	72.50
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	88.75	110.00	165.00	147.50	Embilipitiya	70.71	84.00	84.00	70.71
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	147.50	148.00	139.00	149.00	Matara	53.33	56.67	63.33	56.67
					Welimada	109.50	120.00	123.25	122.75					

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	106.67	146.67	120.00	116.67	Dambulla	42.40	62.20	42.60	42.60	Hambantota	160.00	110.00	110.00	95.00
Dambulla	85.60	131.00	109.00	109.00	Hambantota	57.50	55.00	62.50	50.00	Embilipitiya	190.00	151.67	146.67	190.00
Hambantota	95.00	105.00	95.00	77.50	Embilipitiya	64.00	66.00	66.00	64.00	Moneragala	163.33	43.67	61.67	44.00
Embilipitiya	99.17	124.00	90.83	99.17	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	76.67		76.67	56.67	A'pura	68.33	51.67	58.33	55.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada			96.00		Moneragala	51.67	51.67	51.67	41.67	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	65.00	63.33	61.67	61.67
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	31.67	21.67	36.67	36.67	Embilipitiya	50.00	41.67	36.67	50.00
Welimada			268.33	264.00	Dambulla	29.80	29.00	39.00	39.00	Hambantota	27.50	37.50	25.00	37.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	32.50	22.50	32.50	29.00	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	190.00	196.67	180.00	193.33	Matara					Moneragala	128.75	120.00	108.33	108.33
Dambulla	156.60	161.80	138.00	138.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	99.17	99.17	95.83	99.17
Hambantota	130.00	135.00	130.00	102.50	Dambulla	54.60	80.80	93.00	93.00	Hambantota		90.00	85.00	77.50
Embilipitiya	148.00	148.00	128.00	148.00	Hambantota	67.50	75.00	85.00	77.50	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	79.17	105.83	107.50	79.17	Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	83.33	86.67	86.67	86.67	Embilipitiya	31.71	31.71	46.33	31.71
Dambulla	66.80	78.20	81.40	81.40	A'Pura	90.00	106.67	120.00	113.33	Hambantota		17.50	26.00	42.50
Hambantota	65.00	65.00	67.50	77.50	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	73.00	87.00	95.00	73.00	Hambantota	52.50	52.50	57.50	52.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara	53.33	63.33	63.33	63.33	Embilipitiya	55.40	55.40	55.40	55.40					
A'pura	81.67	96.67	90.00	90.00	Matara	43.33	56.67	63.33	63.33					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	61.80	70.80	99.00	99.00	Dambulla	413.00	542.00	604.00	604.00					
Hambantota	72.50	72.50	67.50	85.00	Hambantota	625.00	475.00	525.00	525.00					
Embilipitiya	54.29	79.17	76.67	54.29	Embilipitiya	510.00	570.00	574.00	510.00					
Matara	63.33	66.67	66.67	66.67	Puttalam	552.00	536.00	670.00	678.00					
A'pura	76.67	81.67	100.00	100.00	A'Pura	523.33	550.00	666.67	700.00					