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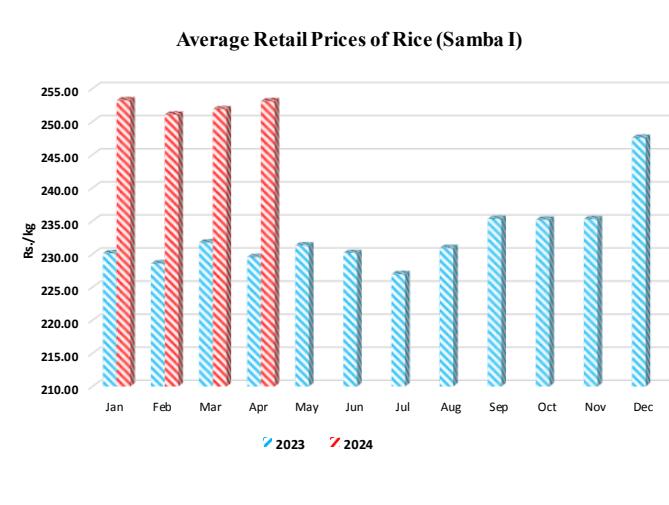
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Highlights

Paddy/Rice

- An upward trend in paddy prices for short grain, long grain white, and keeri samba observed in April 2024 due to limited supply.
- Keeri Samba was scarcely available at the retail level, with prices ranging from Rs.350.00 to Rs.380.00/kg, exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP).



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

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2. Dambulla
3. Matara
4. Kurunegala
5. Bandarawela
6. Kandy
7. Meegoda
8. Kalutara
9. Weeravila
10. Nikaweratiya
11. Polonnaruwa
12. Puttalam
13. Hambanthota
14. Veyangoda
15. Dehiattakandiya
16. Keppetipola
17. Thambuththegama
18. Anuradhapura
19. Badulla
20. Galle
21. Mannar
22. Trincomalee
23. Batticaloa
24. Jaffna
25. Mullativu
26. Kilinochchi
27. Vavuniya
28. Kegalle
29. Ampara
30. Monaragala
31. Rathnapura
32. Embilipitiya
33. Maradagahamula
34. Galenbindunuwewa
35. Rilkillagaskada
36. Matale

1. Paddy/Rice

Producer Prices

Harvesting of Maha 2023/24 was completed in all major producing areas by previous month. An upward trend in paddy prices for short grain, long grain white, and keeri samba was observed due to limited supply during April 2024. As a result, producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased across almost all major producing areas compared to the previous month. Producer prices for short grain paddy rose by 4-13% in all the major producing areas reporting the highest price from Polonnaruwa.

The average producer prices for long grain white paddy ranged between Rs.110.00 and Rs.120.00/kg in major producing areas, marking a 2-12% increase compared to the previous month. The most significant price increase for long grain white was noted in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kalawewa. Meanwhile, producer prices for long grain red paddy, ranging from Rs.88.00 to Rs.110.00/kg in Hambantota, Matara, and Embilipitiya, increased by 8-13% due to decreased supply. Additionally, the producer price of keeri samba ranged from Rs.140.00 to Rs.158.00/kg, showing a 2-11% increase in all major producing areas.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased across almost all price collection areas, with keeri samba experiencing the highest price rise, ranging from 20-36%.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - April 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
		April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023	
		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	120.00-130.00	124.68	113.75	101.05	10.93	9.61	23.63	23.38
Polonnaruwa	129.00-135.00	131.30	116.60	109.75	14.70	12.61	21.55	19.64
Kalawewa	120.00-130.00	124.41	113.02	97.72	11.39	10.08	26.69	27.32
Kurunegala	120.00-130.00	125.20	118.75	101.19	6.45	5.43	24.01	23.73
Dehiattakandiya	125.00-132.00	128.20	123.50	105.58	4.70	3.81	22.62	21.42
Nikaweratiya	120.00-130.00	125.42	117.74	92.39	7.68	6.53	33.03	35.75
Ampara	125.00-130.00	125.87	118.44	99.38	7.43	6.27	26.49	26.66
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	110.00-120.00	115.20	103.65	90.10	11.55	11.14	25.10	27.86
Polonnaruwa	110.00-120.00	116.03	103.71	92.48	12.32	11.88	23.56	25.48
Kalawewa	110.00-118.00	114.27	102.64	88.84	11.63	11.33	25.43	28.62
Kurunegala	110.00-120.00	115.60	106.81	89.69	8.79	8.23	25.91	28.89
Dehiattakandiya	112.00-117.00	114.53	109.83	86.17	4.70	4.28	28.37	32.92
Nikaweratiya	110.00-120.00	115.73	109.00	92.39	6.73	6.17	23.34	25.26
Ampara	110.00-115.00	111.67	109.50		2.17	1.98		

Long Grain Red								
Matara	90.00-110.00	101.35	89.69	85.79	11.66	13.00	15.56	18.14
Hambantota	88.00-107.00	100.30	92.44	81.81	7.86	8.50	18.49	22.60
Embiliptiya	89.00-106.00	99.85	89.94	82.75	9.91	11.02	17.10	20.66
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	140.00-155.00	148.64	138.75	121.45	9.89	7.13	27.19	22.39
Polonnaruwa	155.00-157.00	156.20	140.17	129.85	16.03	11.44	26.35	20.29
Kalawewa	140.00-155.00	146.97	137.50	118.38	9.47	6.88	28.59	24.15
Kurunegala	140.00-155.00	149.00	139.00	123.50	10.00	7.19	25.50	20.65
Dehiattakandiya	152.00-158.50	155.43	151.95	129.62	3.48	2.29	25.81	19.91

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supply of local rice varieties tend to decline in off season. The demand for rice also increased during the festive season. As a result, wholesale prices for almost all the rice varieties have increased by less than 3% recording the highest price increase for raw white. However, the supply of keeri samba rice slightly increased, leading to a 1% price decrease. The price of Keeri Samba ranged between Rs.310.00 and Rs.325.00/kg. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I ranged from Rs.235.00 to Rs.240.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties have increased by 10-28%, with Keeri Samba experiencing the highest rise of Rs.69.00/kg.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	235.00-240.00	236.87	236.94	210.45	-0.07	-0.03	26.42	12.55
Samba 2	228.00-230.00	229.45	229.37	203.94	0.08	0.04	25.51	12.51
Keeri Samba	310.00-325.00	316.79	319.02	247.30	-2.23	-0.70	69.48	28.10
Nadu 1	205.00-210.00	207.86	204.96	184.54	2.90	1.41	23.32	12.64
Nadu 2	195.00-200.00	198.89	194.83	180.25	4.06	2.09	18.64	10.34
Raw red	165.00-190.00	176.61	172.69	156.15	3.91	2.26	20.46	13.10
Raw white	190.00-205.00	197.99	193.07	170.68	4.92	2.55	27.30	16.00
Imported Samba	240.00-255.00	247.56	252.18	203.93	-4.63	-1.83	43.62	21.39
Imported Raw White				176.84				
Imported Nadu				168.90				
Retail Price								
Samba 1	230.00-270.00	253.08	251.88	229.55	1.20	0.52	23.53	10.25

Samba 2				219.71				
Keeri Samba	350.00-380.00	368.48	372.27	264.54	-3.80	-1.43	103.94	39.29
Nadu 1	215.00-230.00	224.07	224.20	217.91	-0.12	-0.06	6.17	2.83
Nadu 2				206.16				
Raw red	180.00-210.00	196.71	199.83	182.80	-3.12	-1.56	13.91	7.61
Raw white	200.00-220.00	214.28	214.31	191.02	-0.03	-0.01	23.25	12.17
Imported Ponne Samba	260.00-290.00	277.37	283.55	222.58	-6.19	-2.18	54.79	24.61
Imported Raw White				194.61				
Imported Nadu				197.08				

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Despite the slight increase in wholesale prices, the retail price of most of the rice varieties have decreased slightly by less than 2%. Keeri Samba was scarcely available at the retail level, with prices ranging between Rs.350.00 and Rs.380.00, significantly exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP). Additionally, the average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Nadu Grade 1, and Keeri Samba surpassed the government-regulated MRP. Imported ponne samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs.260.00 to Rs.290.00/kg.

Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all rice varieties increased by 3-39%, with Keeri Samba showing the highest rise by Rs104.00/kg.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chili from major producing areas increased during the month, leading to a notable drop in both wholesale and retail prices by approximately Rs.126.00/kg and Rs.203.00/kg, respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices for green chili were Rs.145.60/kg and Rs.342.14/kg, respectively. In the Embilipitiya area, higher producer prices for green chili were reported, ranging between Rs.100.00 and Rs.228.00/kg in April. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices for green chili have fallen by around 51% and 34%, respectively.

In April 2024, a total of 1,068 metric tons (mt) of dried chili was imported, a reduction of 4,767 mt from the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.560.29/kg, showing a decrease of Rs.74.80/kg from the previous month. Wholesale and retail prices for imported dried chili decreased by approximately Rs.159.00/kg and Rs.67.00/kg, respectively. Prices ranged from Rs.600.00 to Rs.750.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.750.00 to Rs.1,200.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices for imported dried chili dropped by about 38% and 22%, respectively.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green chillies	70.00-250.00	145.60	271.75	300.27	-126.15	-46.42	-154.67	-51.51
Dried chillies	600.00-750.00	665.68	824.29	1067.38	-158.60	-19.24	-401.69	-37.63
Retail Price								
Green chillies	140.00-600.00	342.14	544.88	518.45	-202.74	-37.21	-176.31	-34.01
Dried chillies	750.00-1200.00	1051.26	1117.92	1352.77	-66.66	-5.96	-301.51	-22.29

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – April 2024

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5 th Week
Dambulla	151.50	175.50	81.80	73.00	59.80
Embilipitiya	228.00	262.00	210.00	118.00	100.00
Puttalam	121.67	123.33	96.67	74.17	59.17
A'Pura	220.00	170.00	216.00	188.00	108.00

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (April 2024 – November 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April-2024	1068.00	598.00	560.29	1051.26	490.97
Mar-2024	5835.00	3706.00	635.09	1117.92	482.83
Feb-2024	3486.08	2367.30	679.07	1218.47	539.40
Jan-2024	3747.22	2730.12	728.57	1278.28	549.71
Dec-2023	3445.19	2665.32	773.63	1298.39	524.75
Nov-2023	3321.30	2572.92	774.67	1327.24	552.57

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions consisted solely of imports this month as well. A total of 11,210 metric tons (mt) of big onions was imported in April 2024, which is 2,400 mt less than the previous month. The average CIF price stood at Rs.218.39/kg, marking a decrease of Rs.28.28/kg from the previous month. The wholesale price of imported big onions dropped by approximately Rs.54.00/kg, while the retail price rose by about Rs.95.00/kg. Average wholesale and retail prices for imported big onions were Rs.404.11/kg and Rs.640.30/kg, respectively, reflecting year-on-year increases of about 342% and 430%.

This month saw a reduced supply of local red onions from main producing areas, leading to price increases for Vedalan onions at both the wholesale and retail levels by roughly Rs.71.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg, respectively. Limited quantities of Sinnan red onions were available only in wholesale markets, priced between Rs.250.00 and Rs.270.00/kg. During April, 3,635 mt of red onions were

imported from India, a decrease of 3,515 mt from the previous month. The average CIF price for imported red onions was Rs.144.94/kg, up by Rs.9.41/kg compared to the previous month. Consequently, wholesale and retail prices for imported red onions rose by about Rs.34.00/kg and Rs.29.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for Vedalan and imported red onions increased by approximately 12% and 8%, respectively.

Table 2.2.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) April 2024

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	250.00-270.00	260.00		242.50			17.50	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	260.00-400.00	324.25	253.36	354.97	70.89	27.98	-30.72	182.47
Red Onion (Imported)	220.00-360.00	288.50	254.11	308.25	34.40	13.54	-19.75	-6.41
Big Onion (imported)	250.00-720.00	404.11	458.39	91.35	-54.28	-11.84	312.77	342.40
Big Onion (Local)								
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)				346.00				
Red Onion (Vedalan)	350.00-480.00	424.48	398.69	483.63	25.78	6.47	-59.16	-12.23
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-480.00	387.57	358.17	423.24	29.39	8.21	-35.67	-8.43
Big Onion (imported)	300.00-850.00	640.30	545.50	120.91	94.79	17.38	519.38	429.55
Big Onion (Local)								

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Apr,2024	218.39	404.11	640.30	185.72	236.18
	Mar,2024	246.67	458.39	545.50	211.72	87.11
	Feb,2024	246.28	338.26	428.49	91.98	90.23
Red onion	Apr,2024	144.94	288.50	387.57	143.56	99.06
	Mar,2024	135.53	254.11	358.17	118.58	104.06
	Feb,2024					

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	Apr,2024	March,2024	Apr,2024	March,2024	Apr,2024	Mar,2024
Red Onion	3635.00	7150.00	527.00	969.00	144.94	135.53
Big Onion	11210.00	13610.00	2448.00	3357.00	218.39	246.67

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices of Imported Big onions (April 2024– November 2023)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
Apr-24	11,210.00	218.39	404.11	640.30	421.91
Mar-24	13,610.00	246.67	458.39	545.50	298.83
Feb-24	10,600.61	246.28	338.26	428.49	182.21
Jan-24	20,910.77	192.19	356.39	481.26	289.07
Dec-23	15,956.33	181.49	339.96	421.39	239.91
Nov-23	18,603.76	135.69	201.47	298.16	162.46

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato – Nov-Apr 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Appr-2024	14,560	1041.00	71.47	205.18	133.71
Mar-2024	18,188	1382.00	76.00	209.55	133.55
Feb-2024	17,952	1282.97	71.47	198.99	127.52
Jan-2024	16,245	1173.16	72.22	196.64	124.43
Dec-2023	19,400	1445.47	74.51	226.75	152.24
Nov-2023	9,269	678.05	73.15	224.32	151.17

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
		April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2024	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	170.00-200.00	186.40	246.50	209.75	-60.10	-24.38	-23.35	-11.13
Nuwara Eliya	190.00-240.00	218.40	279.00	223.00	-60.60	-21.72	-4.60	-2.06
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	170.00-250.00	223.00	292.92	227.50			-4.50	-1.98
Nuwara Eliya	210.00-280.00	251.73	316.67	248.75	-64.93	-20.51	2.98	1.20
Imported	130.00-220.00	156.96	183.36	146.93	-26.41	-14.40	10.03	6.82
Retail Prices(RP)								
Welimada				296.47				
Nuwara Eliya	350.00-480.00	391.11	404.35	361.12	-13.24	-3.28	29.99	8.30
Imported	160.00-240.00	205.18	209.55	178.51	-4.37	-2.08	26.67	14.94
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		172.71	125.35	138.12	47.36	37.78	34.59	25.04
Imported(RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		139.37	87.69	112.37	51.69	58.95	27.00	24.03
Imported		48.22	26.18	31.58	22.04	84.18	16.64	52.71

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail price of Green gram and Cowpea- April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	1150.00-1350.00	1269.62	1197.26	1399.30	72.36	6.04	-129.68	-9.27
Cowpea (White)	650.00-800.00	704.29	768.17	646.22	-63.88	-8.32	58.07	8.99
Cowpea (Red)	600.00-750.00	681.33	725.21	695.55	-43.88	-6.05	-14.22	-2.04
Retail Price								
Green gram	1300.00-1600.00	1427.01	1290.29	1569.02	136.72	10.60	-142.01	-9.05
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1200.00	1081.40	1173.80	1042.74	-92.40	-7.87	38.66	3.71
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	1079.88	1183.53	1057.22	-103.64	-8.76	22.66	2.14

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal (small) -April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	280.00-290.00	282.11	286.58	322.64	-4.48	-1.56	-40.53	-12.56
Retail Prices	300.00-380.00	334.16	335.56	353.39	-1.40	-0.42	-19.23	-5.44

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. VEGETABLES

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Vegetable prices have decreased due to an increased supply from major producing areas. Wholesale prices for up-country vegetables dropped by 16%–60%, with cabbage experiencing the largest decrease at Rs.200.00/kg, ranging from Rs.50.00 to Rs.220.00/kg. Bean prices also fell significantly, down 44%, with prices between Rs.40.00 and Rs.250.00/kg. Other vegetables such as carrot, leeks, beetroot, radish, and knolkhol saw price reductions of 16%–51%.

For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices declined by 7%–50%, with capsicum showing the largest drop of Rs.99.00/kg. Tomato prices fell sharply by 70%, owing to increased supply from producing areas. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most vegetables have declined by 5%–48%, with tomato showing the greatest reduction. However, prices for certain vegetables like carrot, beetroot, cabbage, pumpkin, and cucumber have risen by 17%–117%. Meanwhile, green chili prices have decreased by 46%, whereas lime prices have surged by 270%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024		April 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	40.00-250.00	140.80	250.64	149.16	-109.84	-43.82	-8.36	-5.60
Carrot	100.00-300.00	197.60	313.75	112.07	-116.15	-37.02	85.53	76.32
Leeks	100.00-200.00	141.40	186.75	170.20	-45.35	-24.28	-28.80	-16.92
Beetroot	120.00-250.00	173.83	209.00	147.78	-35.17	-16.83	26.05	17.62
Knolkhhol	40.00-100.00	61.80	125.25	96.09	-63.45	-50.66	-34.29	-35.69
Radish	30.00-70.00	47.80	62.50	76.70	-14.70	-23.52	-28.90	-37.68
Cabbage	50.00-220.00	132.60	332.05	99.48	-199.45	-60.07	33.12	33.30
Tomato	30.00-180.00	79.40	265.75	153.18	-186.35	-70.12	-73.78	-48.17
Ladies Fingers	40.00-160.00	76.00	81.75	102.20	-5.75	-7.03	-26.20	-25.64
Brinjal	80.00-350.00	157.20	196.00	233.02	-38.80	-19.80	-75.82	-32.54
Capsicum	180.00-450.00	299.89	398.75	404.11	-98.86	-24.79	-104.22	-25.79
Pumpkin	50.00-150.00	113.80	191.75	46.01	-77.95	-40.65	67.79	147.33
Cucumber	30.00-150.00	83.80	58.75	56.52	25.05	42.64	27.28	48.26
Bitter Gourd	80.00-220.00	142.20	204.25	180.55	-62.05	-30.38	-38.35	-21.24
Snake Gourd	80.00-200.00	133.00	158.75	146.61	-25.75	-16.22	-13.61	-9.29
Drumstick	200.00-450.00	288.75	289.50	380.00				
Luffa	80.00-200.00	129.20	129.50	158.11	-0.30	-0.23	-28.91	-18.29
Long Beans	40.00-120.00	70.80	140.54	102.75	-69.74	-49.62	-31.95	-31.09
Ash Plantain	120.00-200.00	140.89	220.50	165.80	-79.61	-36.10	-24.90	-15.02
Green Chillies	70.00-250.00	145.60	271.75	300.27	-126.15	-46.42	-154.67	-51.51
Lime	330.00-1000.00	645.40	174.25	297.05	471.15	270.39	348.35	117.27

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the decrease in wholesale prices, retail prices for nearly all vegetable varieties also declined, with the exception of cucumber. Retail prices for up-country vegetables dropped by 11%–42%, with the largest decrease seen in tomato prices, which fell by 52% to Rs.226.00/kg. The highest average price was recorded for drumsticks at Rs.553.00/kg, while radish had the lowest retail price at Rs.182.00/kg. Additionally, green chili prices dropped by 37%, whereas lime prices saw a significant increase of Rs.672/kg. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetable varieties rose by 1%–88%, with pumpkin experiencing the highest increase.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024		April 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-420.00	256.43	407.52	266.81	-151.10	-37.08	-10.39	-3.89
Carrot	140.00-480.00	336.55	464.17	226.05	-127.62	-27.50	110.49	48.88
Leeks	150.00-400.00	290.31	338.39	284.43	-48.08	-14.21	5.88	2.07
Beetroot	180.00-450.00	314.79	378.24	258.63	-63.44	-16.77	56.16	21.71
Knolkhhol	80.00-360.00	228.74	313.80	225.07	-85.06	-27.11	3.68	1.63
Radish	90.00-260.00	182.30	206.31	169.60	-24.01	-11.64	12.70	7.49
Cabbage	130.00-420.00	301.06	520.25	212.11	-219.18	-42.13	88.96	41.94

Tomato	80.00-380.00	206.97	432.46	290.49	-225.49	-52.14	-83.52	-28.75
Ladies Fingers	100.00-320.00	219.01	244.12	223.33	-25.11	-10.28	-4.31	-1.93
Brinjal	120.00-460.00	282.53	330.34	346.85	-47.82	-14.47	-64.32	-18.54
Capsicum	230.00-800.00	524.23	640.43	639.86	-116.20	-18.14	-115.63	-18.07
Pumpkin	80.00-340.00	240.50	330.30	127.84	-89.80	-27.19	112.66	88.13
Cucumber	80.00-320.00	203.59	186.32	148.43	17.27	9.27	55.16	37.16
Bitter Gourd	160.00-480.00	299.09	375.94	333.10	-76.85	-20.44	-34.01	-10.21
Snake Gourd	160.00-460.00	280.70	327.77	272.85	-47.07	-14.36	7.85	2.88
Drumstick	300.00-800.00	553.79	759.94	622.50				
Luffa	140.00-420.00	288.31	327.64	289.24	-39.33	-12.00	-0.93	-0.32
Long Beans	80.00-340.00	207.76	306.81	223.10	-99.05	-32.28	-15.34	-6.88
Ash Plantain	150.00-360.00	271.79	356.17	270.85	-84.38	-23.69	0.94	0.35
Green Chillies	140.00-600.00	342.14	544.88	518.45	-202.74	-37.21	-176.31	-34.01
Lime	440.00-1600.00	1062.44	390.59	520.76	671.85	172.01	541.68	104.02

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In April, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *kolikuttu* (46%), *ambul* (26%), *seeni* (14%), *anamalu* (13%), and *ambun* (11%) banana have increased. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 46%-61% due to availability of limited stocks received from Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.1,020.00/fruit (large), Rs.764.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.618.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. Considering the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* mango has decreased further by 57% due to arrival of ample stocks from major producing areas and the prices are expected to be decreased further due to on-going harvesting season till June.

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the highest price increase was recorded for slime apple (46%). Further, the prices of orange and wood apple have increased by 40% and 14% respectively. However, the prices of avocado (42%), papaw (39%) and passion fruit (27%) have decreased due to availability of sufficient stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 81% reported for pineapple (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Mar-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Mar-23	Feb-24		Mar-23		
					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	100.00-120.00	152.34	121.17	220.47	31.18	25.73	-68.13	-30.90	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	300.00-520.00	413.57	283.92	486.88	129.65	45.67	-73.30	-15.06	
Seenii (Rs/kg)	100.00-180.00	138.03	120.16	156.68	17.87	14.88	-18.65	-11.90	
Anamalu (Fruit)	25.00-40.00	30.93	27.40	32.98	3.54	12.91	-2.05	-6.21	
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-45.00	35.43	32.00	36.65	3.43	10.73	-1.22	-3.33	
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	640.00-1300.00	1020.17	631.79	564.72	388.38	61.47	455.44	80.65	

Medium (Fruit)	540.00-950.00	764.08	524.22	464.17	239.86	45.76	299.91	64.61
Small (Fruit)	440.00-750.00	618.33	416.28	364.45	202.06	48.54	253.89	69.66
Other fruits								
Betti (Fruit)	25.00-80.00	47.20		59.92				
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00-200.00	135.52	318.00	135.67	-182.48	-57.38	-0.15	-0.11
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-90.00	69.85	135.83	75.69				
Kohu (Fruit)	18.00-50.00	29.86						
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00-200.00	127.41	208.78	201.03	-81.37	-38.97	-73.62	-36.62
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	55.00-100.00	76.83	104.69	44.45	-27.86	-26.61	32.38	72.84
Wood Apple (Fruit)	90.00-140.00	114.90	100.47	75.12	14.43	14.36	39.77	52.95
Orange (Fruit)	38.00-80.00	54.18	38.63	64.31	15.56	40.28	-10.13	-15.75
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00-220.00	155.62	267.25	113.87	-111.63	-41.77	41.75	36.66
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	36.60	24.99	27.38	11.61	46.44	9.22	33.68
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1700.00-1900.00	1797.14		1743.75	84.35	4.92	53.39	3.06

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with wholesale price trends, retail prices for most fruit varieties rose in April. Among banana varieties, the highest price increase was noted for kolikuttu bananas, up by 30%, while prices for other varieties increased by 16%–19%. Retail prices ranged from Rs.350.00 to Rs.700.00/kg for kolikuttu, Rs.150.00 to Rs.350.00/kg for ambul, and Rs.150.00 to Rs.300.00/kg for seeni bananas in Colombo and surrounding areas.

For pineapples, retail prices increased by 40%–54% due to rising wholesale costs, with prices ranging from Rs.450.00 to Rs.1,360.00 per fruit in Colombo suburbs.

Among other fruits, avocado showed the largest retail price increase at 40%, followed by wood apple at 16% and orange at 12%. In contrast, prices for passion fruit and papaw decreased by 21% and 13%, respectively, due to lower wholesale prices. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most fruit varieties have risen, with the highest increase of 90% reported for passion fruit.

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – April 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24		Apr-23		
					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	150.00-350.00	248.05	207.98	286.23	40.07	19.26	-38.18	-13.34	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	350.00-700.00	536.49	411.16	591.31	125.32	30.48	-54.82	-9.27	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	150.00-300.00	238.14	204.68	248.02	33.47	16.35	-9.87	-3.98	
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00-60.00	37.39	31.47	34.74	5.91	18.79	2.65	7.62	
Ambun (Fruit)	35.00-70.00	48.24	41.29	42.87	6.95	16.83	5.37	12.53	
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	700.00-1350.00	1085.84	704.29	649.42	381.55	54.18	436.42	67.20	
Medium (Fruit)	560.00-1200.00	870.63	600.16	551.52	270.46	45.06	319.10	57.86	
Small (Fruit)	460.00-1000.00	705.83	503.00	434.50	202.83	40.32	271.34	62.45	

Other fruits								
Betti (Fruit)								
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	80.00-450.00	229.31		188.10			41.21	21.91
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-160.00	104.59		124.17			-19.58	-15.77
Kohu (Fruit)								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	120.00-350.00	267.90	308.63	320.15	-40.73	-13.20	-52.26	-16.32
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	115.60	147.14	60.66	-31.53	-21.43	54.94	90.57
Wood Apple (Fruit)	140.00-250.00	178.40	153.82	135.02	24.58	15.98	43.39	32.13
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-140.00	86.93	77.58	102.52	9.35	12.05	-15.59	-15.21
Avocado (Fruit)	140.00-300.00	207.70	148.18	137.37	59.52	40.16	70.33	51.20
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-120.00	77.15	76.86	85.64	0.29	0.38	-8.50	-9.92
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1800.00-2800.00	2380.03	2288.67	2583.85	91.36	3.99	-203.83	-7.89

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka exported 1,113 metric tons (mt) of fresh fruits in April 2024, valued at Rs.144 million. Papaw accounted for 96% of the exports, while fresh pineapple made up 3%. Compared to April 2023, when 807 mt were exported, the quantity has increased this year (Table 4.3).

Regarding imports, Sri Lanka imported 1,128 mt of fresh fruits in April, valued at Rs.563 million. Apples were the most imported fruit, totaling 583 mt, followed by grapes at 442 mt. Compared to April 2023, when 700 mt were imported, the import quantity also rose this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – February 2024 to April 2024

Type of Fruit	Apr-24			Mar-24			Feb-24		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs. mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Papaw (fresh)	1,063.3	103.3	97.1	1,159.3	115.5	99.7	1,505.4	124.6	82.8
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	8.1	8.6	1,052.5	14.1	19.3	1,365.5	39.4	49.0	1,244.0
Avocados (fresh)	1.5	1.7	1,135.3	2.6	2.1	785.1	2.5	2.5	1,017.6
Pineapples (fresh)	39.7	30.1	759.3	24.5	19.4	792.3	18.4	16.9	914.5

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – February 2024 to April 2024

Type of Fruit	Apr-24			Mar-24			Feb-24		
	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	583.00	225.00	385.31	512.00	199.00	388.93	197.50	73.30	371.15
Grapes	442.00	317.00	715.65	277.00	181.00	654.43	307.20	177.23	576.93
Oranges	103.00	21.00	201.68	102.00	25.00	246.51	179.42	43.60	242.98

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
		April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024		April 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	200.00-500.00	346.00	259.59	386.88	86.41	33.29	-40.88	-10.57
Hurulla	550.00-800.00	650.34	546.50	699.50	103.84	19.00	-49.16	-7.03
Balaya	450.00-1000.00	697.68	544.06	833.00	153.62	28.24	-135.32	-16.24
Kelawalla	850.00-1600.00	1215.41	1047.50	1180.00	167.91	16.03	35.41	3.00
Thora	1600.00-2500.00	1977.99	1929.38	1820.75	48.62	2.52	157.24	8.64
Paraw	1100.00-1450.00	1311.81	1213.56	1156.75	98.25	8.10	155.06	13.40
Mora	800.00-1450.00	1116.73	846.13	1037.33	270.60	31.98	79.39	7.65
Shrimps (small)	1600.00-2300.00	2009.28	1815.00	1527.50	194.28	10.70	481.78	31.54
Thalapath	1400.00-2200.00	1744.68	1610.00	1575.00	134.68	8.37	169.68	10.77
Retail Prices								
Salaya	350.00-900.00	604.73	451.81	600.63	152.92	33.85	4.10	0.68
Hurulla	700.00-1200.00	883.21	833.66	971.84	49.55	5.94	-88.63	-9.12
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	967.84	859.65	1326.51	108.19	12.59	-358.67	-27.04
Kelawalla	1100.00-2600.00	1975.45	1807.40	1842.79	168.05	9.30	132.67	7.20
Thora	2000.00-4000.00	3025.95	2839.00	2716.06	186.95	6.59	309.88	11.41
Paraw	1300.00-2600.00	1924.43	1901.72	1921.08	22.71	1.19	3.35	0.17
Mora				1603.47				
Shrimps (small)	1800.00-2700.00	2366.19	2156.36	1819.71	209.83	9.73	546.48	30.03
Thalapath	1600.00-3000.00	2539.57	2475.13	2359.71	64.44	2.60	179.85	7.62

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Headline inflation, measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100), rose to 1.5% in April 2024, up from 0.9% in March 2024. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) eased slightly to 2.9% in April from 3.8% in March.

Despite the slight decline in inflation, wholesale prices for most fish varieties increased in April due to high demand during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year season. However, favorable fishing weather along the southern and eastern coasts led to higher fish supplies during the month.

Wholesale prices for all fish varieties rose in April, with the largest increase reported for salaya at 33%, followed by mora at 32% and balaya at 28%. Prices of other varieties increased between 3% and 19%. Despite the high supply of deep-sea fish from all fishing districts due to favorable weather, demand remained strong, driving prices upward. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties increased by 3% to 32%, with the highest rise seen in small shrimps.

Retail fish prices followed a similar trend, with prices for all varieties increasing. Salaya saw the highest retail price rise at 34%, followed by balaya and small shrimps at 13% and 10%, respectively. Prices for other varieties increased by 1% to 9%. Compared to the same period last year, retail

prices for most fresh fish varieties were higher, with small shrimps showing the largest increase at 30%.

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Despite the rise in fresh fish prices, wholesale prices for most dried fish varieties dropped in April 2024 due to low demand during the New Year festival season. The largest price decrease was recorded for salaya, with a drop of 16%. Prices for both imported sprats and balaya also fell by 6%. Other dried fish varieties, excluding mora, saw price drops of less than 2%. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most dried fish varieties have decreased, with the highest drop recorded for salaya at 39%.

At the retail level, prices for all dried fish varieties, except salaya, also declined. The biggest price decrease at retail was for balaya, which fell by 8%, followed by a 5% drop for sprats and a 3% decrease for anguluwa. Prices for other dried fish varieties, except salaya, decreased slightly by less than 3%. However, the price of salaya increased by 11% in April. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most dried fish varieties rose, with the highest increase noted for sprats at 8%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024		April 2023	
		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried Fish - Wholesale								
Sprats	1100.00-1300.00	1187.73	1186.80	1169.75	0.93	0.08	17.98	1.54
Sprats (imported)	700.00-900.00	807.01	858.40	825.21	-51.40	-5.99	-18.20	-2.21
Kattawa (imported)	1200.00-1380.00	1279.86	1284.38	1566.50	-4.51	-0.35	-286.64	-18.30
Mora	1700.00-1900.00	1815.47	1698.88	1702.63	116.59	6.86	112.84	6.63
Balaya	700.00-900.00	789.90	837.69	982.00	-47.79	-5.70	-192.10	-19.56
Anguluwa (imported)	1300.00-1450.00	1402.47	1427.75	1715.91	-25.28	-1.77	-313.45	-18.27
Maduwa	1200.00-1400.00	1306.83	1305.02	1237.25	1.81	0.14	69.58	5.62
Salaya	300.00-450.00	373.91	445.83	609.81	-71.92	-16.13	-235.90	-38.68
Dried Fish - Retail								
Sprats (imported)	1000.00-1400.00	1209.22	1203.60	1203.95	5.62	0.47	5.27	0.44
Sprats	1400.00-2200.00	1842.53	1931.92	1698.65	-89.39	-4.63	143.89	8.47
Kattawa	1800.00-2400.00	2119.49	2153.88	2375.03	-34.39	-1.60	-255.54	-10.76
Mora	2000.00-2600.00	2243.06	2290.45	2304.88	-47.38	-2.07	-61.82	-2.68
Balaya	1000.00-1800.00	1492.94	1619.86	1403.62	-126.91	-7.83	89.33	6.36
Anguluwa	1800.00-2600.00	2263.89	2330.54	2251.79	-66.65	-2.86	12.10	0.54
Salaya	600.00-1200.00	967.03	867.53	1062.33	99.50	11.47	-95.31	-8.97

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
		April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024		April 2023
			Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs
Wholesale Prices								
Eggs - Brown (each)	44.00-50.00	47.76	51.25	46.00	-3.49	-6.81	1.76	3.83
Eggs - White(each)	41.00-48.00	45.13	48.81	48.25	-3.68	-7.54	-3.12	-6.46
Retail Prices								
Eggs - Brown (each)	46.00-55.00	50.40	53.58	52.96	-3.18	-5.93	-2.56	-4.84
Eggs - White (each)	43.00-54.00	47.73	50.81	52.31	-3.07	-6.05	-4.58	-8.75

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

With the increase in local egg production, driven by the resumed importation of day-old chicks, poultry feeds, and veterinary medicines, egg prices continued to decline in April. Additionally, egg producers expanded their operations in anticipation of the New Year festival season, resulting in higher egg supplies during the month. Meanwhile, the availability of imported eggs remained low in the market. These factors led to a decrease in the prices of both brown and white eggs at the wholesale market, with brown eggs dropping by 7% and white eggs by 8%.

In line with the decrease in wholesale prices, retail prices for both brown and white eggs also fell by 6%. The average retail prices for brown and white eggs decreased to Rs.50.40 and Rs.47.73, respectively, in April. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for both types of eggs declined by 5% for brown eggs and 9% for white eggs.

Meat

Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
		April 2024	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024		April 2023
			Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2400.00-2500.00	2,422.67	2,351.67	2279.17	71.00	3.02	143.50	6.30
Chicken (Broiler)	1180.00-1450.00	1,297.28	1,266.14	1456.14	31.14	2.46	-158.86	-10.91
Chicken (curry)	1000.00-1450.00	1,214.72	1,288.64	1431.67	-73.92	-5.74	-216.95	-15.15
Mutton	3100.00-3400.00	3,280.69	3,263.93	3023.61	16.77	0.51	257.08	8.50
Pork	1300.00-1500.00	1,321.43	1,285.83	1700.48	35.60	2.77	-379.05	-22.29

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to March, prices for most meat varieties saw a slight increase at the retail market during the New Year festival season. The highest price increases were observed for beef (without bones) and pork, both rising by 3% in April. Chicken (broiler) also experienced a price increase of 2% during the month. However, the price of chicken (curry) dropped by 6%. When compared to the

same period last year, prices for most meat varieties decreased, with the largest decrease recorded for pork, which dropped by 22%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - April 2024

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April 2024	April 2024	Mar 2024	April 2023	Mar 2024		April 2023	
		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	208.04-208.75	208.30	209.67	228.32	-1.37	-0.65	-20.02	-8.77
Sugar	278.73-284.76	281.53	285.09	233.53	-3.56	-1.25	48.00	20.55

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain- Nov 2023-Apr 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
April - 2024	9,048.00	1050.00	116.07	208.30	92.23
March - 2024	12,268.00	1400.00	114.15	209.67	95.52
February - 2024	7,463.36	882.26	118.21	211.15	92.94
January - 2024	8,424.16	1032.80	122.60	212.05	89.45
December - 2023	16,242.01	1957.33	120.51	210.46	89.95
November - 2023	7,831.71	995.04	127.05	210.00	82.95
Wheat Grain					
April - 2024	143,130.00	12,893.00	90.08	208.30	118.22
March - 2024	28,589.00	2,765.00	96.70	209.67	112.97
February - 2024	1,499.12	153.99	102.72	211.15	108.43
January - 2024	31,414.40	3,389.33	107.89	212.05	104.16
December - 2023	35,256.28	3,689.38	104.64	210.46	105.82
November - 2023	30,628.73	3,268.13	106.70	210.00	103.30

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery -Nov 2023-Apr 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Apr - 2024	17,304.00	3639.00	210.27	281.53	71.26
March - 2024	32,527.00	7015.00	215.68	285.09	69.41
February - 2024	31,502.80	7187.53	228.16	291.26	63.10
January - 2024	31,036.12	7491.82	241.39	301.01	59.62
December- 2023	48,892.20	12525.07	256.18	314.35	22.80
November- 2023	32,534.18	8213.61	252.46	308.68	32.18

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

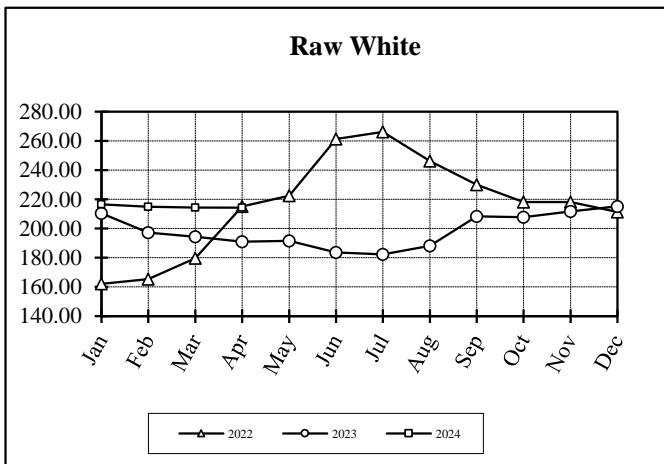
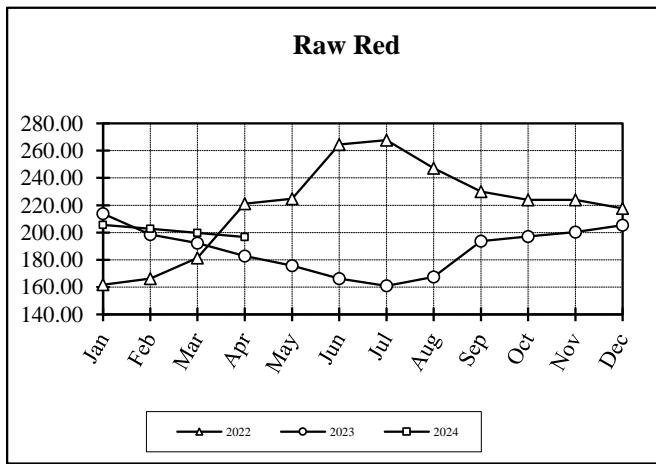
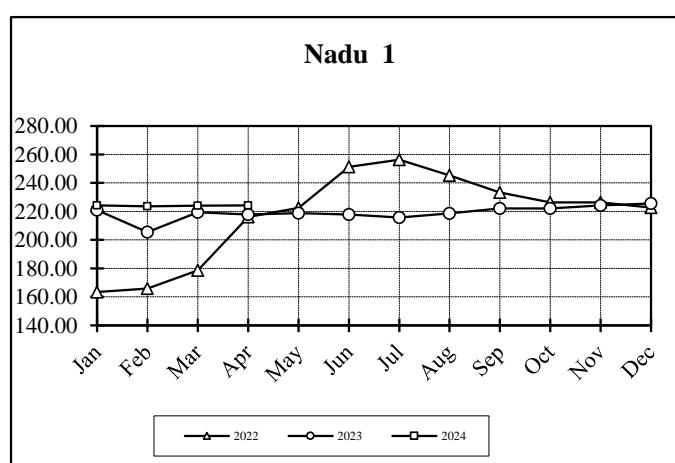
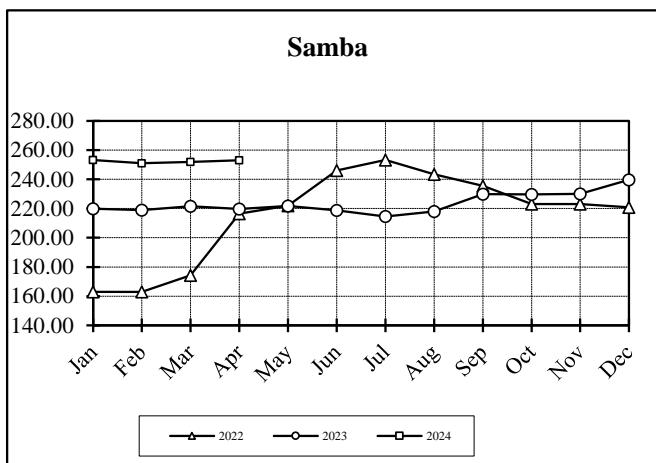
Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - April 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	Apr 2024	Mar 2024		Apr 2024	Mar 2024		Apr 2024	Mar 2024	
Rice	3052.00	1329.00	129.65	972.00	445.00	118.43	318.49	335.00	-4.93
Dried Chillies	1068.00	5835.00	-81.70	598.00	3706.00	-83.86	560.29	635.10	-11.78
Red Onion	3635.00	7150.00	-49.16	527.00	969.00	-45.61	144.94	135.53	6.94
Big Onion	11210.00	13610.00	-17.63	2448.00	3357.00	-27.08	218.39	246.67	-11.46
Potato	14560.00	18188.00	-19.95	1041.00	1382.00	-24.67	71.47	75.97	-5.92
Masoor Dhal	20104.00	14291.00	40.68	4507.00	3260.00	38.25	224.18	228.11	-1.72
Garlic	3518.00	4498.00	-21.79	1572.00	1579.00	-0.44	446.93	351.01	27.33
Wheat flour	9048.00	12268.00	-26.25	1050.00	1400.00	-25.00	116.07	114.15	1.68
Wheat grain	143130.00	28589.00	400.65	12893.00	2765.00	366.29	90.08	96.70	-6.85
Sugar & sugar confectionery	17304.00	32527.00	-46.80	3639.00	7015.00	-48.13	210.27	215.68	-2.51
Maize (Other)	1613.00	5397.00	-70.11	162.00	439.00	-63.10	100.15	81.30	23.19

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

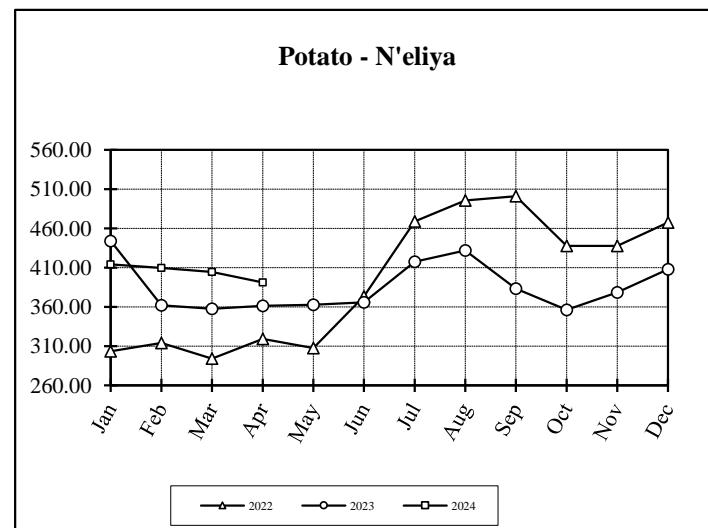
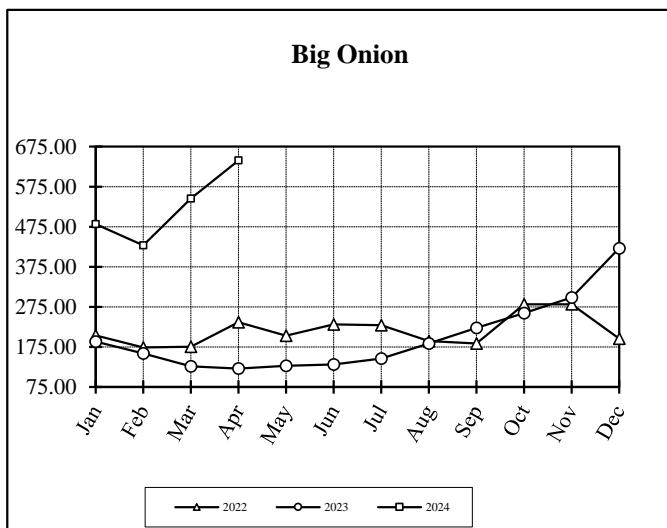
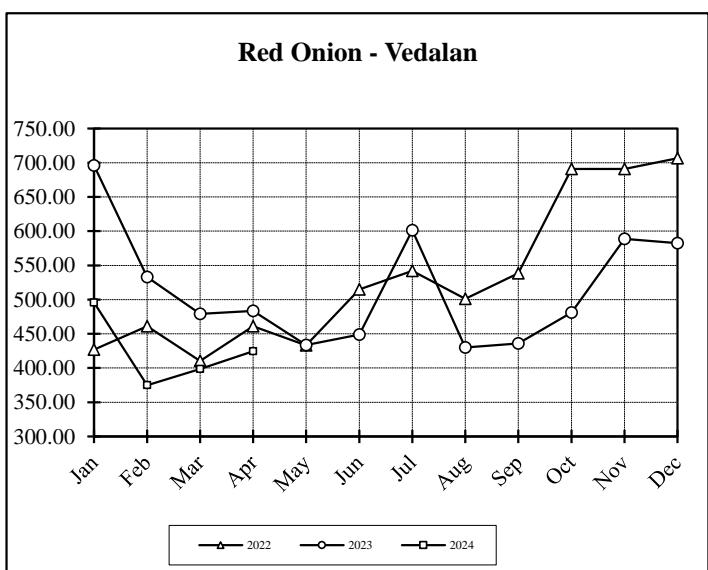
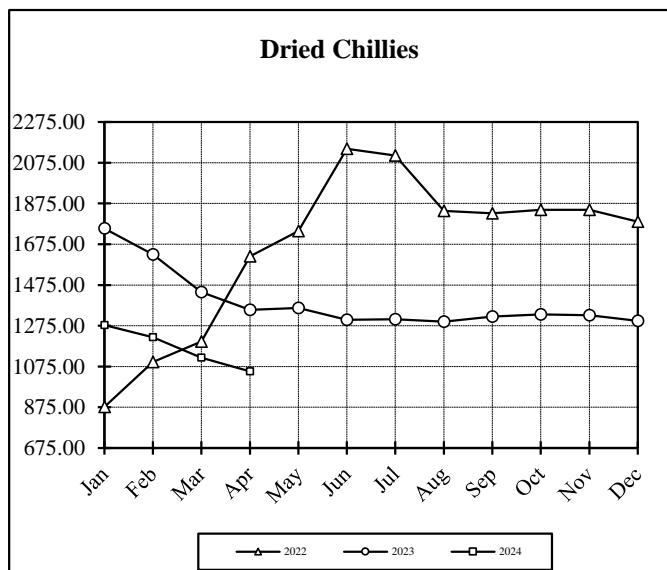
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	163.05	219.81	253.23	163.43	220.92	224.25	161.74	213.83	205.60	162.13	210.47	216.55
Feb	162.91	218.90	251.06	165.94	205.48	223.59	166.21	198.52	202.86	165.39	197.12	214.99
Mar	174.23	221.53	251.88	178.69	219.37	224.07	181.30	192.21	199.83	179.60	194.29	214.31
Apr	216.46	219.71	253.08	216.03	217.91	224.20	221.05	182.80	196.71	215.19	191.02	214.28
May	221.87	221.71		222.47	218.80		224.78	175.69		222.45	191.48	
Jun	246.00	218.83		251.20	217.79		264.53	166.19		261.37	183.70	
Jul	253.30	214.56		256.35	215.78		267.75	160.92		266.15	182.31	
Aug	243.37	218.05		245.23	218.62		247.19	167.50		246.15	188.16	
Sep	235.46	229.85		233.33	222.08		230.02	193.71		229.95	208.29	
Oct	223.04	229.65		226.45	222.17		224.05	197.08		218.10	207.77	
Nov	223.04	230.00		226.45	224.19		224.05	200.36		218.10	211.66	
Dec	220.88	239.69		222.77	225.59		217.65	205.36		211.26	215.19	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	876.68	1752.35	1278.28	426.78	696.10	495.78	203.69	188.50	481.26	303.42	443.97	414.09
Feb	1096.90	1625.09	1218.47	461.00	532.96	374.83	173.63	158.70	428.49	314.05	361.86	409.60
Mar	1197.17	1439.94	1117.92	410.30	479.02	398.69	175.30	126.33	545.50	294.04	357.69	404.35
Apr	1615.64	1352.77	1051.26	461.12	483.63	424.48	236.52	120.91	640.30	319.03	361.12	391.11
May	1739.46	1361.98		433.13	433.52		203.29	127.64		307.54	362.70	
Jun	2143.50	1303.59		514.80	448.76		230.89	131.09		373.16	365.72	
Jul	2110.93	1307.02		541.94	601.36		228.96	146.26		468.93	417.37	
Aug	1838.64	1295.06		501.24	430.04		189.33	183.45		495.71	431.92	
Sep	1827.19	1319.49		538.53	435.98		183.42	222.62		500.91	383.36	
Oct	1843.52	1331.19		690.99	480.95		281.28	259.39		437.60	356.19	
Nov	1843.52	1327.24		690.99	588.73		281.28	298.16		437.60	378.31	
Dec	1785.38	1298.39		706.59	582.53		195.56	421.39		467.45	407.86	



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

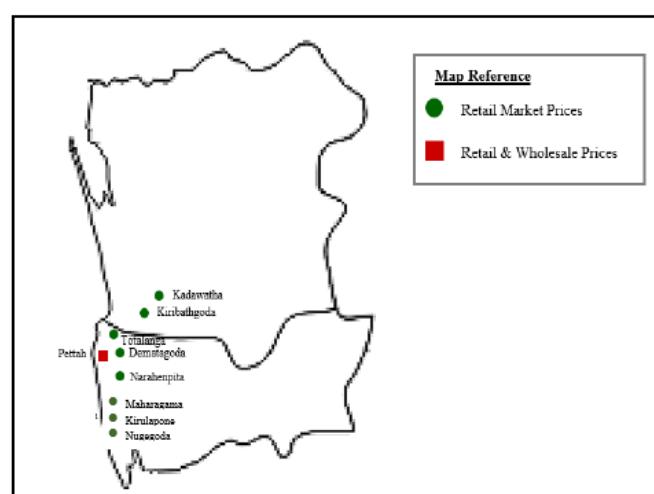
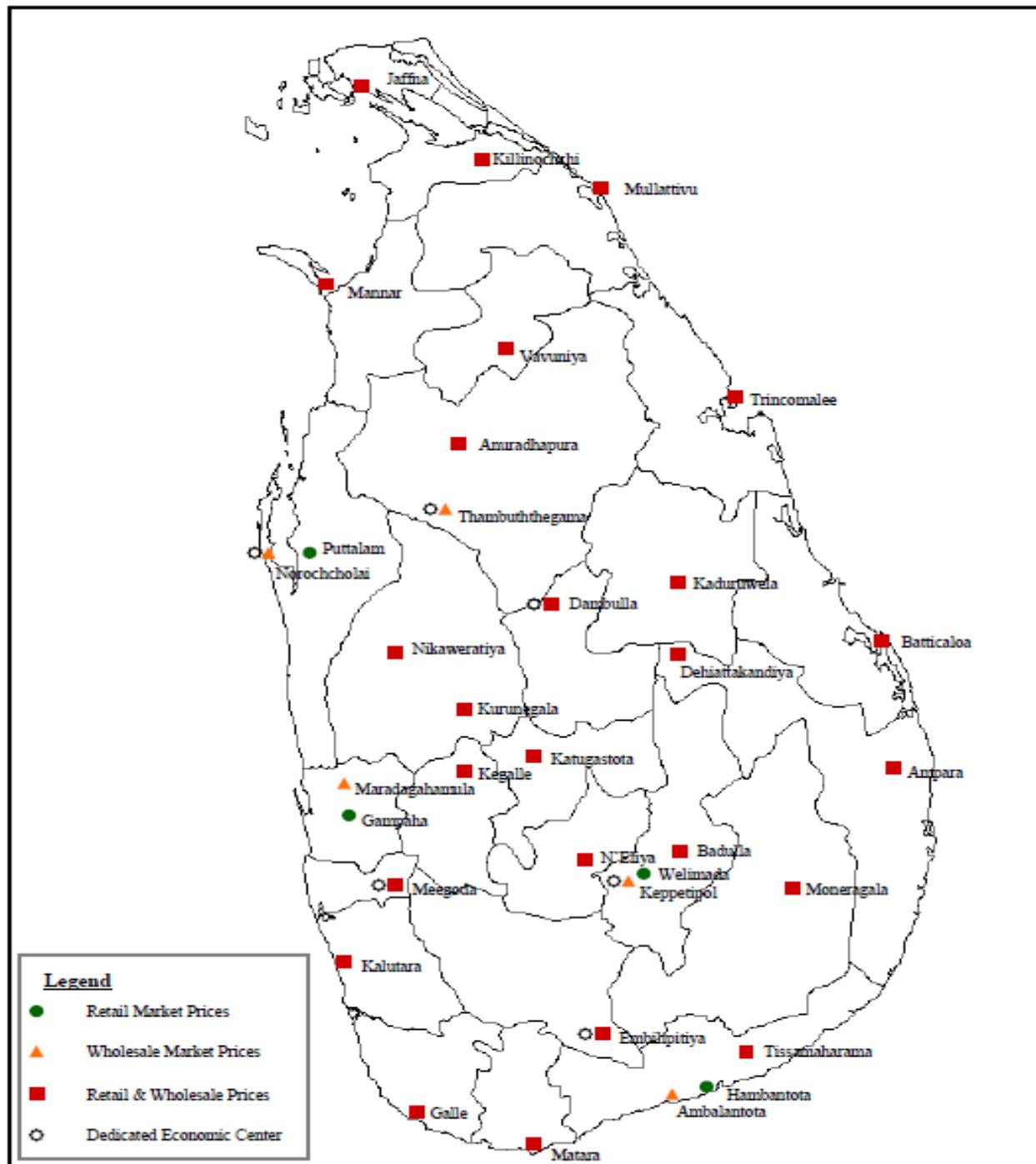
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	5 th Week	
Paddy						Potato						Leeks						
Short grain						N'Eliya	224.00	236.00	222.00	216.00	194.00	Welimada	112.00	76.00	119.00	101.00	101.00	
A'pura	122.00	122.40	125.00	127.00	127.00	Badulla						N'Eliya	132.00	136.00	119.00	124.00	116.00	
P'naruwa	131.00	132.83	131.50	130.83	130.33	Welimada	184.00	186.00	183.00	197.00	182.00	Beetroot						
Kalawewa	122.00	122.40	124.25	126.40	127.00	Pulses						Hanguranketha	115.40	101.60	80.60	86.00	85.60	
Kurunegala	122.25	124.25	126.75	127.00	125.75	Green Gram						N'Eliya	96.00	96.00	110.00	109.00	114.00	
Dehiattakandiya	128.33	128.33	128.33	128.00	128.00	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	165.00	118.75				
Ampara	126.67	125.00	125.00	126.33	126.33	Kalawewa	1176.67	950.00	950.00	1168.33	1136.67	Kurunegala						
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya						Welimada	80.00	74.00	94.00	94.00	89.00	
A'pura	111.20	113.20	117.00	117.00	117.60	Kurunegala						Knokhol						
P'naruwa	112.00	116.50	117.00	116.83	117.83	A'pura	1200.00	975.00	975.00	950.00	825.00	Hanguranketha	39.00	34.60	35.60	37.00	35.60	
Kalawewa	111.33	112.60	115.00	116.20	116.20	Cowpea						N'Eliya	33.00	33.00	40.00	32.00	56.00	
Kurunegala	112.00	114.50	117.25	117.75	116.50	A'pura						Welimada	26.00	23.00	39.00	39.00	42.00	
Dehiattakandiya	114.67	114.67	114.67	114.33	114.33	Galgamuwa	712.50	675.00	625.00	612.50	625.00	Radish						
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Hanguranketha	12.83	14.00	15.00	16.60	17.80	
Ampara	111.67	111.67	110.00	111.67	113.33	Kalawewa	733.33	733.33	733.33			N'Eliya	17.80	19.00	22.00	22.00	26.00	
Matara						Embilipitiya	565.00	676.67	676.67	676.67	676.67	Welimada	12.80	14.40	15.20	16.40	18.40	
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Maize						
Long grain (Red)												A'Pura	127.50	127.50	127.50	150.00	152.50	
Matara	92.50	106.25	100.50	103.75	103.75	Kalawewa	123.40	135.00		141.67	145.00	Hanguranketha	141.00	119.00	86.00	70.00	71.25	
Hambantota	91.40	103.00	102.40	104.40								N'Eliya	116.00	135.00	129.00	114.80	55.00	
Ampara	99.75	107.33	105.50	110.67	113.00	Gingelly						Welimada	71.00	74.00	117.00	41.00	22.00	
Embilipitiya	89.60	99.80	100.60	105.00	104.25	A'Pura	675.00	725.00	725.00	625.00	625.00	Hambantota						
Keeri Samba						Kalawewa						Badulla						
A'pura	144.00	147.00	149.00	152.00	151.20	Black Gram						Tomato						
Polonnaruwa	156.00	156.33	156.50	156.50	155.67	Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	61.60	46.60	71.00	20.40	20.00	
Kalawewa	145.00	145.00	148.33	147.50	149.00	A'Pura	690.00	690.00	690.00	650.00	675.00	Welimada	35.00	56.00	11.80	9.60	11.20	
Kurunegala	141.25	146.25	152.50	152.50	152.50	Vegetables (Up Country)						Hambantota						
Dehiattakandiya	156.17	156.50	156.50	154.00	154.00	Beans						Dambulla	62.60	131.00	31.00	28.00	32.80	
Red Onion						Dambulla	71.00	110.00	55.60	108.00	107.00	Tomato						
Big Onion						Welimada	55.00	176.00	40.00	78.00	124.00	Hanguranketha	61.60	46.60	71.00	20.40	20.00	
Dambulla						Badulla	65.00	50.00	42.50	48.00	48.00	Welimada	35.00	56.00	11.80	9.60	11.20	
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota						
A'Pura						Hanguranketha	170.00	167.00	181.00	150.60	113.00	Dambulla	62.60	131.00	31.00	28.00	32.80	
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	226.00	236.00	230.00	154.00	77.00	Low Country						
						Welimada	174.00	180.00	204.00	107.00	66.00	Ladies Fingers						

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 rd Week	5 th Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	108.00	158.00	188.00	108.00	88.00	Dambulla	104.00	103.00	71.40	66.20	38.40	Hambantota					
Dambulla	120.00	135.00	85.80	60.60	63.00	Hambantota	128.00	116.00	112.00	82.00		Embilipitiya	324.00	378.00	365.00	1087.50	817.50
Hambantota						Embilipitiya	125.00	130.00	107.50	72.00	72.00	Moneragala	288.00	408.00	570.00	770.00	720.00
Embilipitiya	129.00	126.67	97.50	58.00	78.00	Matara	115.00			85.00	43.75	Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	100.00	125.00	128.75	57.50	75.00	A'pura	128.00	98.00	108.00	98.00	78.00	Banana					
Welimada	94.00	172.00	174.00	40.00	30.00	Moneragala	114.00	74.00	108.00	108.00	54.00	Ambul					
Capsicum						Cucumber						Moneragala	84.00	108.00	108.00	64.00	64.00
Welimada	314.00	346.00	352.00	172.00	130.00	A'pura	34.00	44.00	44.00	74.00	108.00	Embilipitiya	90.00	112.00	92.50	76.00	60.00
Bitter Gourd						Dambulla	25.60	40.00	59.20	82.00	88.60	Hambantota	70.00	125.00	125.00	115.00	
A'pura	128.00	108.00	128.00	108.00	148.00	Hambantota	22.50	37.50	42.50	42.50		Kolikuttu					
Dambulla	91.20	118.00	73.00	76.40	103.00	Matara	27.67	31.67	31.67	32.50	65.00	Moneragala	216.00	308.00	358.00	308.00	216.00
Hambantota						Long beans						Embilipitiya	316.00	350.00	300.00	315.00	222.50
Embilipitiya	228.00	220.00	217.50	156.00	152.00	Dambulla	54.80	70.80	50.20	62.00	59.60	Hambantota					
Snake Gourd						Hambantota	115.00	115.00	115.00	62.50		Papaw					
Dambulla	62.60	81.60	53.00	44.00	72.60	Embilipitiya	90.00	84.00	65.00	84.00	88.00	Moneragala	94.00	94.00	94.00	64.00	72.00
Hambantota	118.00	112.00	120.00	94.00		Matara	82.50	95.00	77.50	77.50	65.00	Embilipitiya	106.00	114.00	110.00	88.00	76.25
Embilipitiya	88.00	82.00	75.00	85.00	100.00	A'Pura	88.00	88.00	88.00	88.00	88.00	Hambantota	117.50	117.50	117.50	125.00	
Matara	95.00	110.00	110.00	91.25	95.00	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
A'pura	98.00	78.00	78.00	74.00	88.00	Hambantota						Divulapitiya					
Luffa						Embilipitiya	128.00	92.00	80.00	68.00	68.00						
Dambulla	109.00	104.00	107.50	92.20	91.60	Matara	107.50	107.50	101.25	101.25	100.00						
Hambantota	135.00	107.50	120.00	87.50		Green Chillies											
Embilipitiya	82.00	98.00	90.00	106.00	150.00	Dambulla	151.50	175.50	81.80	73.00	59.80						
Matara	95.00	110.00	110.00	93.75	96.25	Hambantota											
A'pura	128.00	108.00	88.00	88.00	118.00	Embilipitiya	228.00	262.00	210.00	118.00	100.00						
						Puttalam	121.67	123.33	96.67	74.17	59.17						
						A'Pura	220.00	170.00	216.00	188.00	108.00						

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