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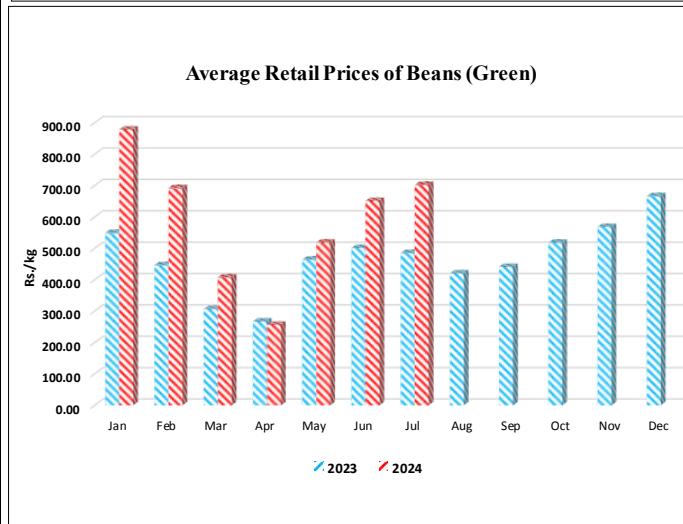
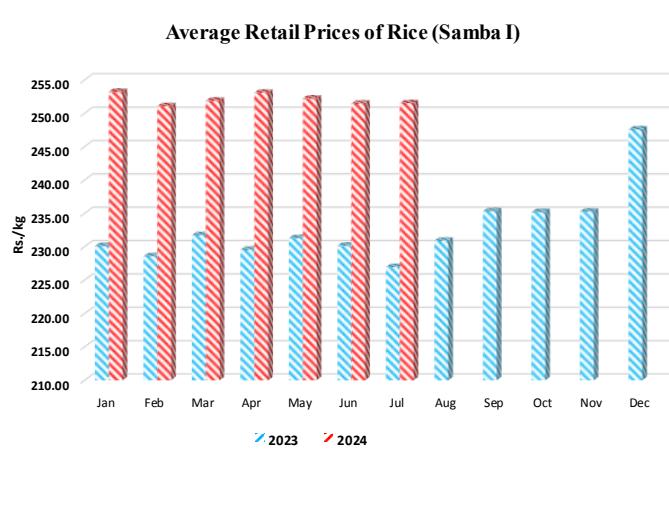
- Keeri Samba was scarcely available at the retail level, with prices ranging between Rs.320.00 and Rs.370.00, significantly exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP).

Vegetables

- Prices of most of the vegetables have decreased due to increased supply from the main producing areas.

Fruits

- Retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased recording the highest price increase for mango



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

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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

Crop Situation

According to the Crop Forecast from the Department of Agriculture (*Yala 2024, Vol 3*), Paddy area target for the 2024 Yala season is 543, 631 ha. Sown extent reported as at the end of July 2024 is 486,416 ha, 89% achievement from the target. Paddy production forecast based on the reported sown extent as at end of July 2024 is 1.79 million metric tons, accounting for crop losses. The expected paddy production from yala 2024 would be sufficient to feed the nation for 5.33 months.

Producer Prices

Harvesting of paddy has been commenced in Eastern province during the Month. Hence, the producer prices of all the paddy varieties has decreased in all most all the producing areas. Producer price of short grain paddy ranged from Rs.110.00-125.00/kg and droped from 1-5% in Ampara, Anuradhapura and Dehiattakandiya recording the highest decrease from Ampara. Producer price of keeri samba ranged from Rs.112.00 to Rs.140.00/kg, showing a 8% and 9% decrease in Dehiattakandiya and Anuradhapura respectively.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - July 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain										
Anuradhapura	110.00	-	124.00	118.52	123.35	105.08	-4.83	-3.92	13.44	12.79
Kalawewa	110.00	-	118.00	113.75		106.00	-	-	7.75	7.31
Dehiattakandiya	112.00	-	125.00	119.80	121.33	106.00	-1.53	-1.26	13.80	13.02
Nikaweratiya	117.00	-	125.00	121.34		101.81	-	-	19.53	19.19
Ampara	113.00	-	120.00	115.50	121.67	101.00	-6.17	-5.07	14.50	14.36
Long Grain White										
Anuradhapura	112.00	-	119.00	116.32	116.40	88.20	-0.08	-0.07	28.12	31.88
Kalawewa	112.00	-	118.00	114.60		89.00	-	-	25.60	28.76
Dehiattakandiya	113.00	-	125.00	117.60	113.83	87.07	3.77	3.31	30.53	35.07
Nikaweratiya	100.00	-	118.00	108.13		89.02	-	-	19.11	21.47
Ampara	105.00	-	115.00	110.18	116.67	82.25	-6.49	-5.56	27.93	33.95
Long Grain Red										
Matara	110.00	-	118.00	115.25	113.81	80.95	1.44	1.26	34.30	42.37
Hambantota	110.00	-	115.00	112.50	113.58	81.15	-1.08	-0.95	31.35	38.63
Embiliptiya	109.00	-	115.00	111.35	112.28	79.56	-0.93	-0.82	31.79	39.96
Keeri Samba										
A'pura	115.00	-	140.00	130.00	143.25		-13.25	-9.25		
Kalawewa	120.00	-	125.00	122.50			-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	112.00	-	133.00	123.08	133.83	138.50	-10.75	-8.03	-15.42	-11.13

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased across all the price collection areas, with long grain red experiencing the highest price rise, ranging from 39-42%.

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices for all the rice varieties except for keeri samba have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. The price of Keeri Samba ranged between Rs.260.00 and Rs.320.00/kg and dropped by 5%. Wholesale prices for Samba Grade I ranged from Rs.235.00 to Rs.240.00/kg remaining same as the previous month. Average wholesale prices of Samba grade 1 and keeri samba had surpassed the maximum retail price even at wholesale level. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties have increased by 13-40%, with raw red experiencing the highest rise of Rs.40.00/kg.

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices										
Samba 1	235.00	-	240.00	236.34	236.80	207.16	-0.46	-0.20	29.18	14.09
Samba 2	225.00	-	230.00	229.34	229.50	197.70	-0.16	-0.07	31.64	16.00
Keeri Samba	260.00	-	320.00	291.25	307.85	257.79	-16.60	-5.39	33.46	12.98
Nadu 1	210.00	-	215.00	211.99	211.90	177.95	0.09	0.04	34.04	19.13
Nadu 2	205.00	-	207.00	206.01	205.51	169.47	0.50	0.24	36.54	21.56
Raw red	190.00	-	200.00	194.55	189.41	140.01	5.14	2.71	54.54	38.95
Raw white	195.00	-	210.00	203.26	206.54	164.30	-3.28	-1.59	38.96	23.71
Imported Samba	275.00	-	290.00	283.38	271.95	213.91	11.43	4.20	69.47	32.48
Retail Price										
Samba 1	230.00	-	280.00	251.51	251.44	226.96	0.07	0.03	24.55	10.82
Keeri Samba	320.00	-	370.00	354.27	359.60	267.00	-5.33	-1.48	87.27	32.69
Nadu 1	220.00	-	230.00	224.66	224.81	215.78	-0.15	-0.07	8.88	4.12
Raw red	200.00	-	220.00	206.14	203.30	160.92	2.84	1.40	45.22	28.10
Raw white	210.00	-	220.00	216.31	217.02	182.31	-0.71	-0.33	34.00	18.65
Imported Ponne Samba	290.00	-	300.00	294.05	286.07	230.57	7.98	2.79	63.48	27.53

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the rice varieties have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Keeri Samba was scarcely available at the retail level, with prices ranging between Rs.320.00 and Rs.370.00, significantly exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP). Additionally, the average retail prices of Samba Grade 1 and Nadu Grade 1 surpassed the government-regulated MRP.

Imported ponne samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs.290.00 to Rs.300.00/kg.

Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all rice varieties increased by 4-33%, with Keeri Samba showing the highest rise by Rs. 87.00/kg.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent for green chilli cultivation during the Yala season of 2024 was 7,243 ha. By the end of July 2024, 4,897 ha had been cultivated, achieving 68% of the target. The crop is at various growth stages across the main producing areas. In the Anuradhapura district, 549 ha had been cultivated by the end of July, reaching 89% of the district's target. Based on the cultivated extent as of this month, the expected green chilli production for the Yala season is 30,907 MT, with contributions from key areas as follows: Puttalam (9%), Anuradhapura (14%), Mahaweli areas (11%), Batticaloa (8%), Jaffna (7%), and Matale (7%).

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation progress of green chili for Yala 2024

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of July,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Puttalam	686	285	42	2,668
Anuradhapura	617	549	89	4,322
Kurunegala	195	194	99	1,010
Jaffna	351	170	48	2,140
Batticaloa	500	423	85	2,453
Vavuniya	160	319	199	1,227
Matale	333	174	52	2,196
Monaragala	182	218	120	982
Badulla	297	233	78	972
Kandy	242	150	62	802
Interprovincial DDA areas	480	375	78	1,991
Mahaweli areas	1,350	565	42	3,423
Other areas	1,850	1,242	67	6,721
Total	7,243	4,897	68	30,907

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 03, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies from major producing areas decreased further this month, leading to an increase in both wholesale and retail prices by approximately Rs. 175.00/kg and Rs. 177.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices of green chillies ranged between Rs. 100.00–600.00/kg, while retail prices varied from Rs. 240.00–1,200.00/kg. The highest producer prices were reported from the Embilipitiya area, ranging from Rs. 180.00–765.00/kg during July. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by 31% and 22%, respectively.

In July 2024, a total of 4,068 MT of dried chillies was imported, reflecting a slight decrease of 11 MT compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 597.70/kg, showing an

increase of Rs. 8.31/kg from the previous month. While the wholesale price of imported dried chillies remained largely unchanged, the retail price decreased by approximately Rs. 34.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs. 700.00–850.00/kg, and retail prices were in the range of Rs. 800.00–1,200.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies decreased by about 31% and 23%, respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – July, 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	July, 2024	July, 2024	Jun, 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023	Rs/kg	%
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green chillies	100.00-600.00	390.4	215.25	563.80	175.15	81.37	-173.40	-30.76
Dried chillies	700.00-850.00	759.56	759.68	1097.04	-0.12	-0.02	-337.48	-30.76
Retail Price								
Green chillies	240.00-1200.00	654.13	477.20	835.80	176.93	37.08	-181.67	-21.74
Dried chillies	800.00-1200.00	1002.13	1036.27	1307.02	-34.14	-3.29	-304.89	-23.33

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – July 2024

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Dambulla	122.00	326.00	432.00	536.00	392.00
Embilipitiya	180.00	515.00	535.00	765.00	596.00
A'pura	248.00	370.00	470.00	620.00	570.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (July, 2024 – February, 2024)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July-2024	4068.00	2431.00	597.70	1002.13	404.43
June-2024	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1036.27	446.88
May-2024	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1047.46	458.07
Apr-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

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation

The targeted extent for big onion cultivation during the Yala season of 2024 was approximately 3,943 ha. By the end of July 2024, 1,387 ha had been cultivated, achieving only 35% of the target. In the Matale district, the targeted extent was 1,647 ha, but only 421 ha had been cultivated by the end of July, representing 26% of the target. The estimated production of big onions for this Yala season is 21,241 MT, with 72% of the supply coming from Matale (31%), Anuradhapura IP (26%), and Anuradhapura (15%) areas.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of July,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	1,647	421	26	6,538
Anuradhapura	475	211	44	3,271
Anuradhapura IP	519	358	69	5,569
Mahaweli – H	300	143	48	2,222
Mahaweli – H1	200	182	91	2,828
Other areas	802	72	9	813
Total	3,943	1,387	35	21,241

Source: *Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 03, Department of Agriculture*

The targeted extent for red onion cultivation during the Yala season of 2024 was 3,487 ha. By the end of July 2024, approximately 2,233 ha had been cultivated, achieving 64% of the target. The Jaffna district recorded both the highest targeted extent (2,086 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (1,642 ha), representing 84% of its target. The estimated production for this Yala season is 24,778 MT, with 84% of the supply originating from the Jaffna (74%) and Puttalam (10%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Yala 2024

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of July,2024		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,086	1,642	78	18,226
Puttalam	450	169	38	2,358
Vavuniya	170	77	45	911
Mullathivu	100	120	120	1,337
Other area	681	225	33	1,946
Total	3,487	2,233	64	24,778

Source: *Crop Forecast, Yala 2024, Volume 03, Department of Agriculture*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions in July 2024 was entirely comprised of imports, a situation expected to persist until the Yala harvest begins in August. A total of 20,973 MT of big onions was imported during the month, a reduction of 2,094 MT compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 143.93/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs. 22.78/kg from the previous month. Wholesale prices of imported big onions dropped by Rs. 14.00/kg, while retail prices increased by Rs. 19.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs. 130.00–240.00/kg, while retail prices were recorded at Rs. 180.00–320.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have risen by approximately 68% and 83%, respectively.

The supply of *Vedalan* red onions from major producing areas increased slightly this month, leading to price reductions. Wholesale prices decreased by Rs. 41.00/kg, while retail prices dropped by Rs. 1.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs. 280.00–420.00/kg, and retail prices varied from Rs. 460.00–640.00/kg.

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2.2.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) July 2024

Crop	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	160.00-270.00	213.75							
Red Onion (Vedalan)	280.00-420.00	363.71	404.88	436.76	-41.17	-10.17	-73.05	-16.73	
Red Onion (Imported)	220.00-380.00	299.19	308.19	422.41	-9.00	-2.92	-123.22	-29.17	
Big Onion (imported)	130.00-240.00	187.65	201.69	111.62	-14.04	-6.96	76.03	68.12	
Big Onion (Local)									
Retail Price									
Red Onion (Sinnan)									
Red Onion (Vedalan)	460.00-640.00	537.38	538.28	601.36	-0.90	-0.17	-63.98	-10.64	
Red Onion (Imported)	320.00-480.00	437.13	483.24	448.59	-46.11	-9.54	-11.46	-2.55	
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-320.00	268.42	249.64	146.26	18.78	7.52	122.16	83.52	
Big Onion (Local)									

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2.4: 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	Jul-24	143.93	187.65	268.42	43.72	80.77
	Jun-24	166.71	201.69	249.64	34.98	47.95
	May,2024	192.33	191.40	266.88	-0.93	75.48
Red onion	Jul-24	177.45	299.19	437.13	121.74	137.94
	Jun-24	160.42	308.19	483.24	147.77	175.05
	May,2024	155.19	308.19	403.39	153.00	95.20

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions- July 2024

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	July,2024	June,2024	July,2024	June,2024	July,2024	June,2024
Red Onion	189.00	1580.00	33.00	254.00	177.45	160.42
Big Onion	20973.00	23067.00	3019.00	3845.00	143.93	166.71

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

During this month, 189 MT of red onions were imported from India, a reduction of 1,391 MT compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 177.45/kg, marking an increase of Rs. 17.03/kg from the previous month. Wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions decreased by Rs. 9.00/kg and Rs. 46.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of *Vedalan* and imported red onions have decreased by approximately 11% and 3%, respectively

2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices of Imported Big onions (February 2024– July 2024)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
Jul-24	20,973.00	143.93	187.65	268.42	124.49
Jun-24	23,067.00	166.71	201.69	249.64	82.93
May-24	23,681.00	192.33	191.40	266.88	74.55
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

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato – Feb 2024 - July 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Jul-2024	16033	1606	100.14	284.09	183.95
Jun-2024	12,780	1105.00	86.50	174.17	87.67
May-2024	10,626	846.00	79.58	204.13	124.55
Apr-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

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
		July 2024	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023	July 2023
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	260.00-340.00	301.40	239.13	273.80	62.27	26.04	27.60	10.08
Nuwara Eliya	265.00-370.00	322.20	258.25	288.60	63.95	24.76	33.60	11.64
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-420.00	359.63	280.89	223.30	78.74	28.03	136.33	61.05
Imported	160.00-300.00	229.84	174.17	197.38	55.67	31.96	32.46	16.45
Retail Prices(RP)								
Nuwara Eliya	360.00-560.00	464.08	399.66	417.34	64.42	16.12	46.74	11.20
Imported	190.00-400.00	284.09	223.41	239.80	60.68	27.16	44.29	18.47
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Nuwara Eliya		141.88	141.41	128.74	0.47	0.33	13.14	10.21
Imported(RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada								
Nuwara Eliya		104.45	118.77	194.04	-14.32	-12.06	-89.59	-46.17
Imported		54.25	49.24	42.42	5.01	10.17	11.83	27.89

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	700.00-900.00	804.74	952.54	893.23	-147.80	-15.52	-88.49	-9.91	
Cowpea (White)	700.00-850.00	793.46	810.89	715.94	-17.43	-2.15	77.52	10.83	
Cowpea (Red)	700.00-850.00	745.29	769.64	805.43	-24.35	-3.16	-60.14	-7.47	
Retail Price									
Green gram	850.00-1500.00	1262.76	1339.33	1238.00	-76.57	-5.72	24.76	2.00	
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1200.00	1013.92	1037.82	956.69	-23.90	-2.30	57.23	5.98	
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1200.00	1011.88	1048.83	981.39	-36.95	-3.52	30.49	3.11	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	270.00-290.00	283.86	279.70	265.80	4.16	1.49	18.06	6.79	
Retail Prices	300.00-360.00	329.38	330.12	307.36	-0.74	-0.22	22.02	7.16	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

The cultivation progress for up-country and low-country vegetables has reached 73% (11,522 ha) and 84% (19,359 ha), respectively. Several crops, including ash plantain (180%), kekiri (161%), carrots (110%), and winged beans (100%), have surpassed their respective targets. For the Yala season of 2024, a total cultivation extent of 38,733 ha has been planned, comprising 15,805 ha for up-country vegetables and 22,927 ha for low-country vegetables. The total expected vegetable production for this season is 387,940 MT, according to the Crop Forecast, Vol. 03, Yala-2024 (Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The prices of most vegetables have decreased due to increased supply from major producing areas. Wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have fallen by 15%–47%, except for beans, carrots, and cabbages, which saw price increases of 8%, 17%, and 61%, respectively. The most significant price drop was recorded for leeks, at Rs. 85.00/kg. Tomato prices have also decreased by 22%, now at Rs. 83.00/kg.

For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices have decreased by 18%–66%, except for ladies' fingers, pumpkin, long beans, and ash plantain. Capsicum prices increased by 42%, while drumsticks recorded the highest price drop of Rs. 438.00/kg. Green chili prices increased significantly by 81%, whereas lime prices fell by 45%.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most vegetable varieties have increased by 4%–151%, with the highest increase reported for leeks. However, prices for carrots, tomatoes, brinjals, and drumsticks have decreased by 12%–28%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – July 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Beans (green)	250.00	-	450.00	545.16	506.50	344.40	38.66	7.63	200.76	58.29
Carrot	150.00	-	250.00	325.80	279.00	369.78	46.80	16.77	-43.98	-11.89
Leeks	180.00	-	300.00	372.60	457.75	148.20	-85.15	-18.60	224.40	151.42
Beetroot	80.00	-	250.00	357.06	419.92	252.71	-62.86	-14.97	104.35	41.29
Knolkhok	60.00	-	150.00	182.40	263.73	107.20	-81.33	-30.84	75.20	70.15
Radish	50.00	-	80.00	89.60	168.25	78.20	-78.65	-46.75	11.40	14.58
Cabbage	130.00	-	280.00	201.04	124.67	140.40	76.37	61.26	60.64	43.19
Tomato	130.00	-	200.00	294.80	377.75	330.00	-82.95	-21.96	-35.20	-10.67
Ladies Fingers	50.00	-	100.00	135.40	123.00	120.00	12.40	10.08	15.40	12.83
Brinjal	170.00	-	300.00	208.00	354.50	273.20	-146.50	-41.33	-65.20	-23.87
Capsicum	350.00	-	800.00	671.00	471.75	325.60	199.25	42.24	345.40	106.08
Pumpkin	70.00	-	150.00	153.60	116.25	116.60	37.35	32.13	37.00	31.73
Cucumber	20.00	-	80.00	75.60	96.75	70.40	-21.15	-21.86	5.20	7.39
Bitter Gourd	100.00	-	200.00	322.40	569.00	264.00	-246.60	-43.34	58.40	22.12
Snake Gourd	150.00	-	220.00	188.35	280.00	180.89	-91.65	-32.73	7.46	4.12
Drumstick	40.00	-	180.00	222.56	660.61	309.35	-438.05	-66.31	-86.80	-28.06
Luffa	100.00	-	200.00	205.40	249.00	130.20	-43.60	-17.51	75.20	57.76
Long Beans	70.00	-	200.00	254.23	239.50	225.40	14.73	6.15	28.83	12.79
Ash Plantain	160.00	-	250.00	203.40	169.00	152.20	34.40	20.36	51.20	33.64
Green Chillies	100.00	-	450.00	390.40	215.25	563.80	175.15	81.37	-173.40	-30.76
Lime	300.00	-	450.00	577.00	1042.50	280.60	-465.50	-44.65	296.40	105.63

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the decrease in wholesale prices, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have also declined, except for beans, carrots, cabbages, capsicum, pumpkins, long beans, and ash plantains. Retail prices of up-country vegetables have dropped by 12%–24%, with the highest decrease of 24% recorded for radish, now priced at Rs. 77.00/kg. For low-country vegetables, retail prices have decreased by 1%–26%. However, prices for capsicum, pumpkins, long beans, and ash plantains have risen by 5%–41%.

The highest average retail price was reported for capsicum at Rs. 935.00/kg, while the lowest price was recorded for cucumber at Rs. 211.00/kg. Additionally, the price of green chili increased by 37%, whereas lime prices dropped by 36%.

Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have risen by 13%–79%, with the highest increase reported for capsicum.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - July 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	300.00 - 660.00	702.36	651.11	485.05	51.24	7.87	217.31	44.80	
Carrot	220.00 - 480.00	498.21	428.36	502.53	69.85	16.31	-4.32	-0.86	
Leeks	200.00 - 600.00	538.91	626.84	314.55	-87.93	-14.03	224.35	71.33	
Beetroot	150.00 - 480.00	532.13	662.08	420.24	-129.96	-19.63	111.88	26.62	
Knolkhok	110.00 - 420.00	391.65	445.26	274.35	-53.61	-12.04	117.30	42.76	
Radish	80.00 - 320.00	248.23	325.24	202.96	-77.01	-23.68	45.27	22.30	
Cabbage	180.00 - 600.00	380.38	302.18	296.23	78.20	25.88	84.15	28.41	
Tomato	170.00 - 480.00	486.44	544.80	494.96	-58.36	-10.71	-8.51	-1.72	
Ladies Fingers	120.00 - 360.00	301.59	305.05	271.23	-3.46	-1.13	30.37	11.20	
Brinjal	210.00 - 480.00	360.27	493.53	407.03	-133.26	-27.00	-46.77	-11.49	
Capsicum	400.00 - 1400.00	934.94	662.71	523.21	272.22	41.08	411.73	78.69	
Pumpkin	120.00 - 360.00	283.23	229.83	201.79	53.41	23.24	81.45	40.36	
Cucumber	70.00 - 260.00	210.99	226.39	171.67	-15.39	-6.80	39.32	22.90	
Bitter Gourd	200.00 - 480.00	556.72	715.57	443.13	-158.84	-22.20	113.60	25.63	
Snake Gourd	180.00 - 480.00	376.40	456.33	334.02	-79.93	-17.52	42.39	12.69	
Drumstick	100.00 - 480.00	738.12	987.62	518.84	-249.50	-25.26	219.29	42.27	
Luffa	120.00 - 420.00	415.31	439.46	300.08	-24.15	-5.50	115.23	38.40	
Long Beans	180.00 - 480.00	442.65	408.09	371.44	34.56	8.47	71.21	19.17	
Ash Plantain	180.00 - 400.00	352.78	338.04	286.15	14.74	4.36	66.64	23.29	
Green Chillies	220.00 - 800.00	654.13	477.20	835.80	176.93	37.08	-181.67	-21.74	
Lime	400.00 - 1000.00	1076.08	1667.97	538.36	-591.89	-35.49	537.72	99.88	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In July, wholesale prices for most major fruit types increased. Prices for all banana varieties rose by 15%–37%, driven by decreased supply from major producing areas. Prices for all sizes of pineapple increased, ranging from 11% to 21%. Furthermore, all mango varieties experienced price increases, with *Karthakolomban* showing the highest rise (102%), followed by *Betti* (57%) and *Vilad* (52%), due to the end of the main harvesting period. Considering other fruits, the highest price increase was recorded for *slime apple* (102%), followed by *passion fruit* (46%), attributed to low stock availability. Conversely, prices decreased for *Wood apple* (-56%), *Passion fruit* (-27%), *Imported grapes* (-24%). These declines were due to the ongoing harvesting period for wood apple and passion fruit, as well as sufficient imported stocks of grapes.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase was recorded for *slime apple* at 69% (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – July 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		Jul-24	Jun-24	Jul-23	Jun-24		Jul-23		
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	150.00	-	200.00	173.58	126.47	132.73	47.11	37.25	40.85	30.78
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	300.00	-	480.00	432.99	327.83	392.45	105.16	32.08	40.54	10.33
Seeni (Rs/kg)	120.00	-	170.00	139.24	120.55	112.89	18.69	15.50	26.35	23.34
Anamalu (Fruit)	30.00	-	37.00	32.23	25.68	22.25	6.56	25.53	9.98	44.86
Ambun (Fruit)	35.00	-	45.00	37.61	31.19	28.26	6.42	20.58	9.35	33.07
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	450.00	-	600.00	516.44	464.60	863.09	51.85	11.16	-346.65	-40.16
Medium (Fruit)	340.00	-	500.00	418.44	346.79	663.24	71.66	20.66	-244.80	-36.91
Small (Fruit)	250.00	-	370.00	308.17	257.37	512.41	50.80	19.74	-204.24	-39.86
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)		-		34.89	22.26	38.24	12.64	56.77	-3.35	-8.76
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	200.00	-	370.00	137.76	66.97	89.08	70.79	105.70	48.67	54.64
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00	-	120.00	75.14	49.44	62.96	25.69	51.97	12.18	19.35
Kohu (Fruit)		-		19.00	19.55		-0.55	-2.82		
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00	-	180.00	149.23	149.71	102.05	-0.48	-0.32	47.17	46.22
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	30.00	-	65.00	49.32	68.00	31.01	-18.68	-27.47	18.30	59.01
Wood Apple (Fruit)	14.00	-	25.00	66.17	149.50	82.96	-83.33	-55.74	-16.78	-20.23
Orange (Fruit)	80.00	-	130.00	104.75	122.53	67.49	-17.78	-14.51	37.26	55.21
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00	-	120.00	98.00	67.25	68.28	30.75	45.72	29.72	43.52
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00	-	100.00	42.28	20.93	25.05	21.35	102.03	17.23	68.77
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1150.00	-	1260.00	1248.97	1639.78	1282.86	-390.80	-23.83	-33.88	-2.64

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in July. Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the highest price increase of 29% was reported for *ambun* banana, followed by *kolikuttu* (22%) and *anmalu* (18%). Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have increased further in the range of 7%-17% due to increased wholesale prices. Among the mango varieties, the prices of *karthakolomban* and *vilad* have increased by 107% and 50% respectively.

Considering the other types of fruits, the prices of most of the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 52% for avocado, followed by slime apple (33%). However, the prices of wood apple (31%) and passion fruit (9%) have increased. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 65% reported for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – July 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		Jul-24	Jun-24	Jul-23	Jun-24		Jul-23		
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	180.00	-	300.00	233.31	204.89	194.74	28.42	13.87	38.57	19.81
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	400.00	-	650.00	519.36	426.01	473.97	93.36	21.91	45.39	9.58
Seeni (Rs/kg)	170.00	-	280.00	216.95	205.07	192.68	11.88	5.79	24.27	12.59
Anamalu (Fruit)	38.00	-	54.00	43.96	37.31	31.17	6.65	17.82	12.79	41.04
Ambun (Fruit)	50.00	-	76.00	61.52	47.54	40.69	13.98	29.40	20.83	51.18
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	600.00	-	900.00	659.08	613.26	1028.49	45.82	7.47	-369.41	-35.92
Medium (Fruit)	500.00	-	700.00	510.03	459.67	798.15	50.36	10.96	-288.12	-36.10
Small (Fruit)	300.00	-	520.00	391.48	333.62	601.45	57.87	17.35	-209.96	-34.91
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)		-								
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	400.00	-	530.00	214.46	103.51	135.85	110.95	107.19	78.61	57.87
Vilad (Fruit)	120.00	-	300.00	107.67	71.73	88.98	35.93	50.09	18.69	21.00
Kohu (Fruit)		-								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	150.00	-	320.00	246.49	235.57	200.55	10.92	4.64	45.94	22.91
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	55.00	-	100.00	82.80	90.90	50.13	-8.09	-8.90	32.67	65.17
Wood Apple (Fruit)	25.00	-	100.00	126.22	183.22	126.85	-57.00	-31.11	-0.63	-0.50
Orange (Fruit)	100.00	-	160.00	166.08	163.52	102.45	2.56	1.56	63.63	62.11
Avocado (Fruit)	90.00	-	200.00	158.37	104.17	98.75	54.20	52.03	59.62	60.37
Slime Apple (Fruit)	100.00	-	170.00	104.81	78.57	74.65	26.24	33.40	30.17	40.41
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1500.00	-	2500.00	2222.92	2358.68	2346.17	-135.76	-5.76	-123.25	-5.25

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka exported 1,394 mt of fresh fruits in July 2023, valued at Rs. 218 million. Of the total export quantity, 94% consisted of papaw and mango, while guava and mangosteen accounted for 4%. Compared to July 2023, when 1,661 mt of fresh fruits were exported, the quantity has decreased this year (Table 4.3).

In July 2024, Sri Lanka imported 1,088 mt of fresh fruits, valued at Rs. 471 million. The top imported fruit was apple, with a quantity of 514 mt, followed by grapes at 297 mt. Compared to the same period last year, the imported quantity has increased this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – May, 2024 to July, 2024

Type of Fruit	Jul-24			Jun-24			May-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)	1309.9	137.3	104.8	1605.6	154.3	96.1	1243.0	119.2
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	54.2	66.4	1225.4	18.5	29.3	1617.8	8.7	9.6	1109.4
Avocados (fresh)	2.7	2.3	867.5	2.3	1.9	835.0	1.6	1.6	984.9
Pineapples (fresh)	26.6	12.6	474.2	15.1	8.1	533.5	12.9	6.2	479.8

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – May, 2024 to July, 2024

Type of Fruit	Jul-24			Jun-24			May-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	514.00	198.00	386.12	3459.00	1375.00	397.59	681.00	259.00	472.02
Grapes	297.00	199.00	668.65	377.00	281.00	747.26	204.00	172.00	840.42
Oranges	277.00	74.00	211.96	103.00	22.00	211.96	230.00	49.00	214.40

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 - July 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices										
Salaya	120.00	-	450.00	297.17	482.38	490.00	-185.21	-38.40	-192.83	-39.35
Hurulla	400.00	-	900.00	729.68	886.67	909.80	-156.99	-17.71	-180.12	-19.80
Balaya	550.00	-	1100.00	695.67	961.04	1036.40	-265.37	-27.61	-340.73	-32.88
Kelawalla	800.00	-	1350.00	1296.00	1481.04	1495.20	-185.04	-12.49	-199.20	-13.32
Thora	1600.00	-	2800.00	2560.96	2488.54	2513.00	72.42	2.91	47.96	1.91
Paraw	900.00	-	1450.00	1387.67	1494.38	1476.80	-106.71	-7.14	-89.13	-6.04
Mora	800.00	-	1350.00	1138.00	1036.11	1099.50	101.89	9.83	38.50	3.50
Shrimps (small)	1550.00	-	2100.00	1785.17	1754.35	1679.20	30.82	1.76	105.97	6.31
Thalapath	1200.00	-	2400.00	1961.67	2060.94	2030.00	-99.27	-4.82	-68.33	-3.37
Retail Prices										
Salaya	200.00	-	700.00	537.80	676.16	759.41	-138.36	-20.46	-221.62	-29.18
Hurulla	580.00	-	1100.00	933.72	1042.05	1154.56	-108.33	-10.40	-220.84	-19.13
Balaya	650.00	-	1400.00	990.07	1258.10	1649.39	-268.03	-21.30	-659.32	-39.97
Kelawalla	1000.00	-	3000.00	2153.18	2306.22	2571.11	-153.04	-6.64	-417.93	-16.25
Thora	2150.00	-	4600.00	3281.48	3370.81	3689.18	-89.33	-2.65	-407.70	-11.05
Paraw	1100.00	-	2800.00	2087.60	2272.17	2607.52	-184.57	-8.12	-519.92	-19.94
Mora	1050.00	-	1800.00	1469.19	1433.06	2345.53	36.14	2.52	-876.34	-37.36
Shrimps (small)	1800.00	-	2400.00	2034.48	1973.86	1977.79	60.62	3.07	56.69	2.87
Thalapath	1500.00	-	3200.00	2942.53	2959.21	3159.10	-16.68	-0.56	-216.57	-6.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100) showed some increment, recorded at 2.4% in July 2024, compared to 1.4% in June, 2024. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) accelerated marginally to 1.5% in July 2024 from 1.4% in June 2024.

However, prices of most of the fish varieties observed a price drop following a price hike in two consecutive months, due to favorable fishing weather in Southern and Western coastal belts. Further, high supplies received to the market during the middle phase of the main season in Southern and Western coasts.

The highest price drop was reported for salaya at 38% followed by balaya 27% and hurulla at 18%. Prices of remaining varieties had decreased in the range of 5% - 12%, except for mora, thora and shrimp (small). However, prices of mora, shrimp (small) and thora and increased at 10%, 2% and 3%. respectively, during the month. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had dropped, ranging from 3% to 40%, with the highest drop reported for salaya.

In line with price variation in the wholesale market, prices of most of the fish varieties, had dropped in the retail market. The highest price drop was reported for balaya at 21%. Prices of salaya had decreased by 20%. Prices of remaining varieties had dropped by less than 11% except for mora and shrimp (small). When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased, with the most significant decrease noted for balaya at 40%.

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In line with the price variation in fresh fish prices, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties experienced a decrease in July 2024, mainly due to high supply of raw materials (fresh fish). The highest price drop at the wholesale level was recorded for salaya as 35%. Additionally, prices of maduwa had decreased at 6%. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties had dropped by less than 3%, except for sprats (imported) and balaya. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for balaya at 36%.

Prices of 50% of the dried fish varieties had dropped at the retail market. The highest price drop at the retail level was recorded for salaya at 10%. Meanwhile, prices of sprats (imported) and balaya had decreased at 3 % and 5% respectively. However, prices of sprats (local) kattawa and anguluwa had increased by 11% and 2% respectively. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for maduwa at 39%.

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Dried Fish -Wholesale										
Sprats	1200.00	-	1750.00	1664.50	1666.33	2118.40	-1.83	-0.11	-453.90	-21.43
Sprats (imported)	800.00	-	1000.00	872.83	835.60	986.50	37.24	4.46	-113.67	-11.52
Kattawa (imported)	1250.00	-	1400.00	1331.50	1357.92	1654.40	-26.42	-1.95	-322.90	-19.52
Mora	1650.00	-	1850.00	1857.55	1880.42	1955.80	-22.87	-1.22	-98.25	-5.02
Balaya	950.00	-	1200.00	1101.50	1099.17	1708.35	2.33	0.21	-606.85	-35.52
Anguluwa (imported)	1350.00	-	1500.00	1439.83	1452.08	1566.71	-12.25	-0.84	-126.88	-8.10
Maduwa	1200.00	-	1450.00	1365.39	1456.25	1488.78	-90.86	-6.24	-123.38	-8.29
Salaya	300.00	-	500.00	388.67	601.34	909.56	-212.67	-35.37	-520.89	-57.27
Dried Fish -Retail										
Sprats (imported)	1000.00	-	1300.00	1211.55	1249.79	1258.18	-38.25	-3.06	-46.64	-3.71
Sprats	2000.00	-	2400.00	2177.26	1957.61	2317.52	219.66	11.22	-140.26	-6.05
Kattawa	1800.00	-	2400.00	2078.98	2030.02	2473.68	48.96	2.41	-394.70	-15.96
Mora	2000.00	-	2600.00	2371.02	2371.61	2426.83	-0.60	-0.03	-55.81	-2.30
Balaya	1200.00	-	1800.00	1627.25	1705.39	2056.39	-78.14	-4.58	-429.14	-20.87
Anguluwa	1600.00	-	2400.00	2155.17	2107.44	2380.06	47.73	2.26	-224.89	-9.45
Maduwa	1400.00	-	1900.00	1466.67		2391.21			-924.55	-38.66
Salaya	600.00	-	1000.00	929.29	1034.08	1229.50	-104.79	-10.13	-300.21	-24.42

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Prices										
Eggs - Brown (each)	39.000	-	47.00	51.14	49.97	53.00	1.17	2.34	-1.86	-3.51
Eggs - White(each)	37.000	-	44.00	48.43	48.14	55.53	0.28	0.59	-7.10	-12.79
Retail Prices										
Eggs - Brown (each)	42.000	-	48.00	53.14	52.12	55.53	1.02	1.96	-2.40	-4.32
Eggs - White (each)	39.000	-	45.00	50.83	50.11	56.97	0.71	1.43	-6.14	-10.78

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Prices of all types of eggs reported a slight increase compared to last month. At the wholesale level, prices of brown eggs had increased by 2% per egg and prices of white eggs has increased by 1% per egg in July. When it comes to the retail level, price of an egg had increased by 2% and 1% respectively for brown egg and white egg. Average price was Rs. 53.00 per brown egg and Rs. 51.00 per white egg. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 4% and 11% respectively at the retail level.

Meat - Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - July 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Meat										
Beef (without bones)	2500	-	2600.00	2,564.44	2,520.23	2341.00	44.22	1.75	223.44	9.54
Chicken (Broiler)	1100	-	1300.00	1,162.75	1,218.22	1503.46	-55.47	-4.55	-340.71	-22.66
Chicken (curry)	1000	-	1450.00	1,243.54	1,204.65	1552.54	38.89	3.23	-309.00	-19.90
Mutton	3300	-	3600.00	3,414.36	3,405.90	3227.44	8.46	0.25	186.92	5.79
Pork	1200	-	1500.00	1,360.95	1,355.36	1586.67	5.60	0.41	-225.71	-14.23

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to June, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market. The highest price increases were noted for chicken (curry) at 3%. Meantime, prices of beef (without bones) had increased by 2%. However, prices of chicken (broiler) had dropped by 5%. Compared to last year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for chicken (broiler) at 23%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

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

Item	Price Range		Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2024		July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024		July 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	206.43-209.46	208.25	205.93	219.75	2.32	1.12	-11.51	-5.24	
Sugar	274.97-284.16	279.16	286.23	239.15	-7.07	-2.47	40.01	16.73	

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain- Feb 2024- July 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
July - 2024	31,827.00	3675.00	115.47	208.25	92.78
June - 2024	5,567.00	664.00	119.28	205.93	86.65
May - 2024	4,594.00	545.00	118.64	206.14	87.50
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
Wheat Grain					
July - 2024	78271	7634	97.54	208.245	110.71
June - 2024	31817	3074	96.6	205.93	109.33
May - 2024	173,536.00	14,258.00	82.16	285.02	202.86
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

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery -Feb 2024- July 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
July - 2024	66,798.00	13,158.00	196.99	279.16	82.17
June - 2024	44,557.00	9,013.00	202.27	286.23	83.96
May - 2024	22,901.00	4709.00	205.62	285.02	79.40
April - 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	22.80

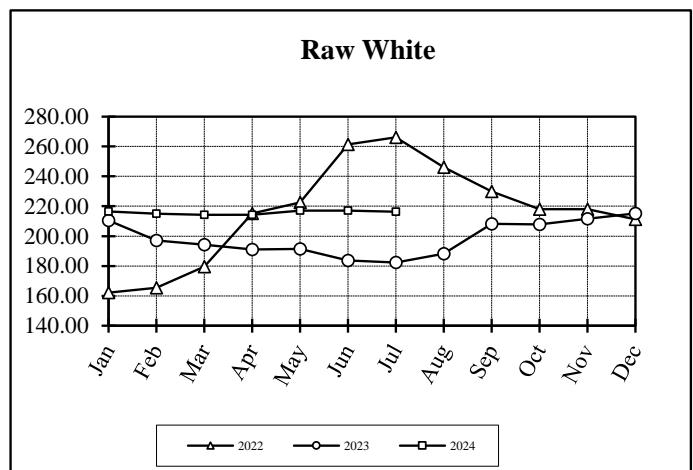
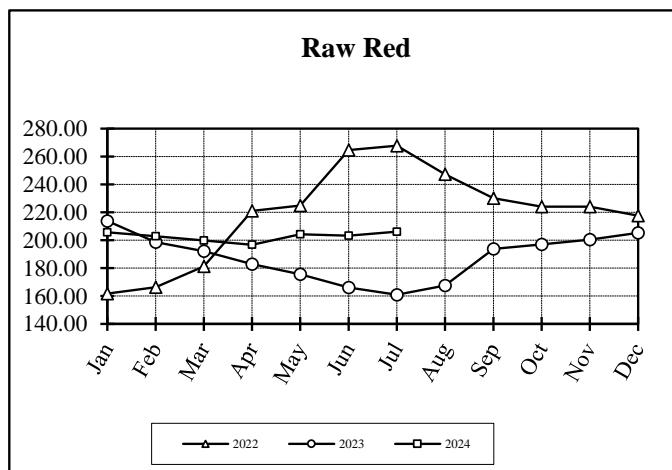
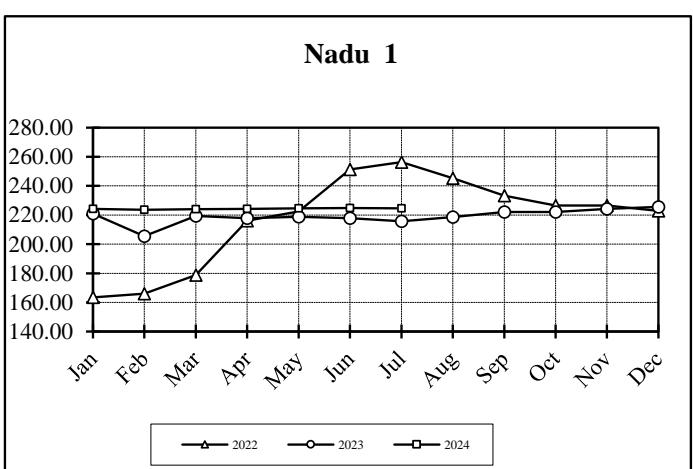
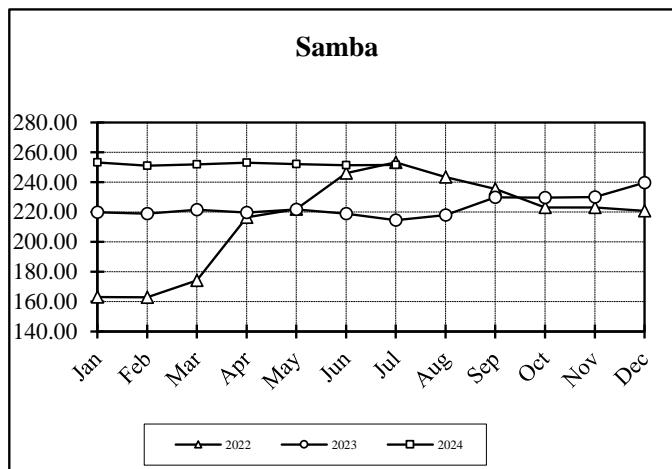
Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - July 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	July	June		July	June		July	June	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	2715.00	850.00	219.41	817.00	290.00	181.72	300.82	341.74	-11.97
Dried Chillies	4068.00	2039.00	99.51	2431.00	1263.00	92.48	597.70	619.40	-3.50
Red Onion	189.00	1580.00	-88.04	33.00	254.00	-87.01	177.45	160.42	10.62
Big Onion	20973.00	23067.00	-9.08	3019.00	3845.00	-21.48	143.93	166.71	-13.66
Potato	16033.00	12780.00	25.45	1606.00	1105.00	45.34	100.14	86.50	15.77
Masoor Dhal	15250.00	15865.00	-3.88	3407.00	3514.00	-3.04	223.41	221.51	0.86
Garlic	4141.00	3459.00	19.72	1568.00	1375.00	14.04	378.78	397.59	-4.73
Wheat flour	31827.00	5567.00	471.71	3675.00	664.00	453.46	115.47	119.28	-3.19
Wheat grain	78271.00	31817.00	146.00	7634.00	3074.00	148.34	97.54	96.60	0.97
Sugar & sugar confectionery	66798.00	44557.00	49.92	13158.00	9013.00	45.99	196.99	202.27	-2.61
Maize (Other)	3296.00	4480.00	-26.43	307.00	351.00	-12.54	93.20	38.34	143.09

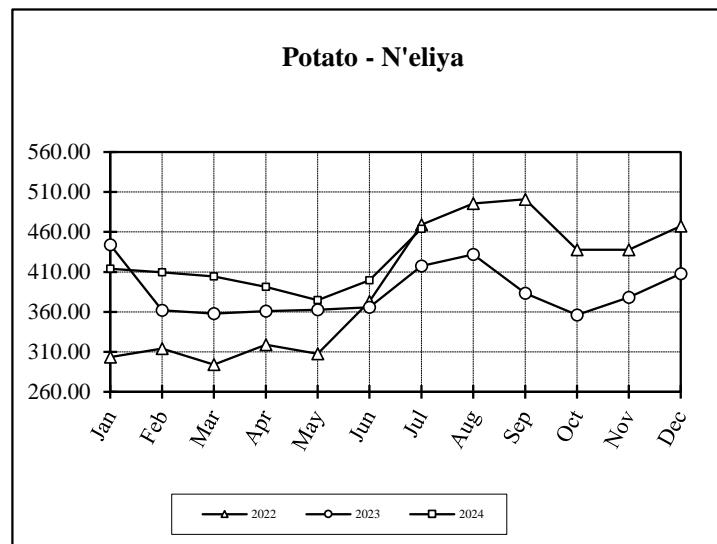
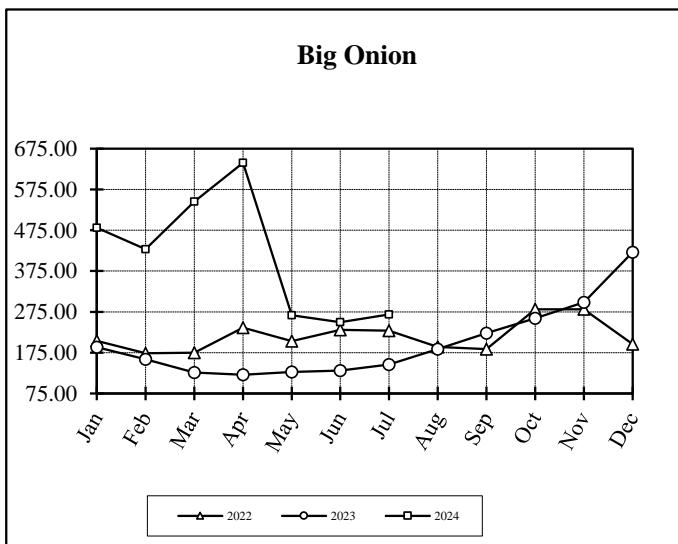
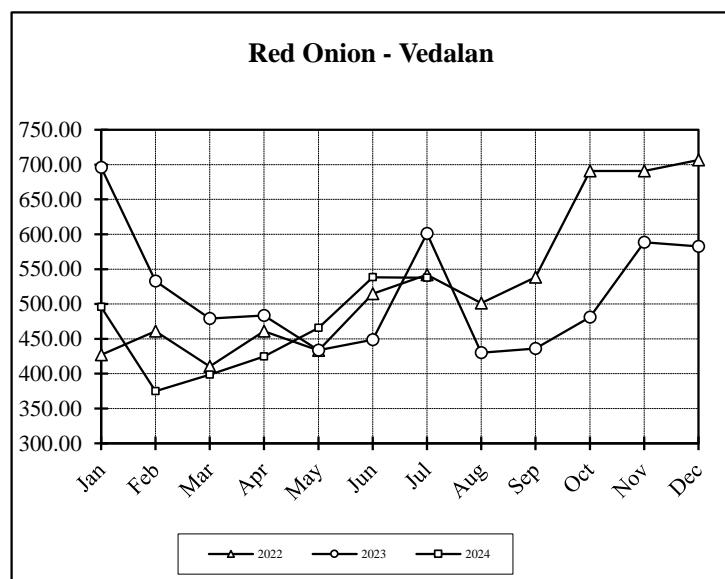
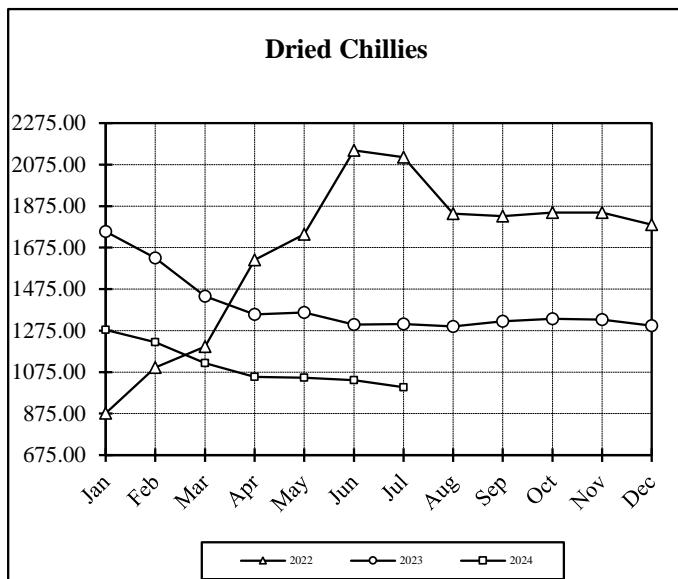
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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	252.21	222.47	218.80	224.62	224.78	175.69	204.19	222.45	191.48	217.06
Jun	246.00	218.83	251.44	251.20	217.79	224.81	264.53	166.19	203.30	261.37	183.70	217.02
Jul	253.30	214.56	251.51	256.35	215.78	224.66	267.75	160.92	206.14	266.15	182.31	216.31
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	1047.46	433.13	433.52	465.70	203.29	127.64	266.88	307.54	362.70	374.63
Jun	2143.50	1303.59	1036.27	514.80	448.76	538.28	230.89	131.09	249.64	373.16	365.72	399.66
Jul	2110.93	1307.02	1002.13	541.94	601.36	537.38	228.96	146.26	268.42	468.93	417.37	464.08
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)**

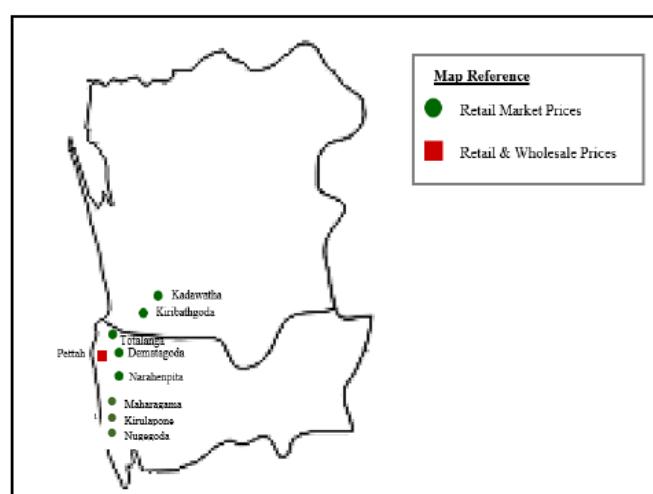
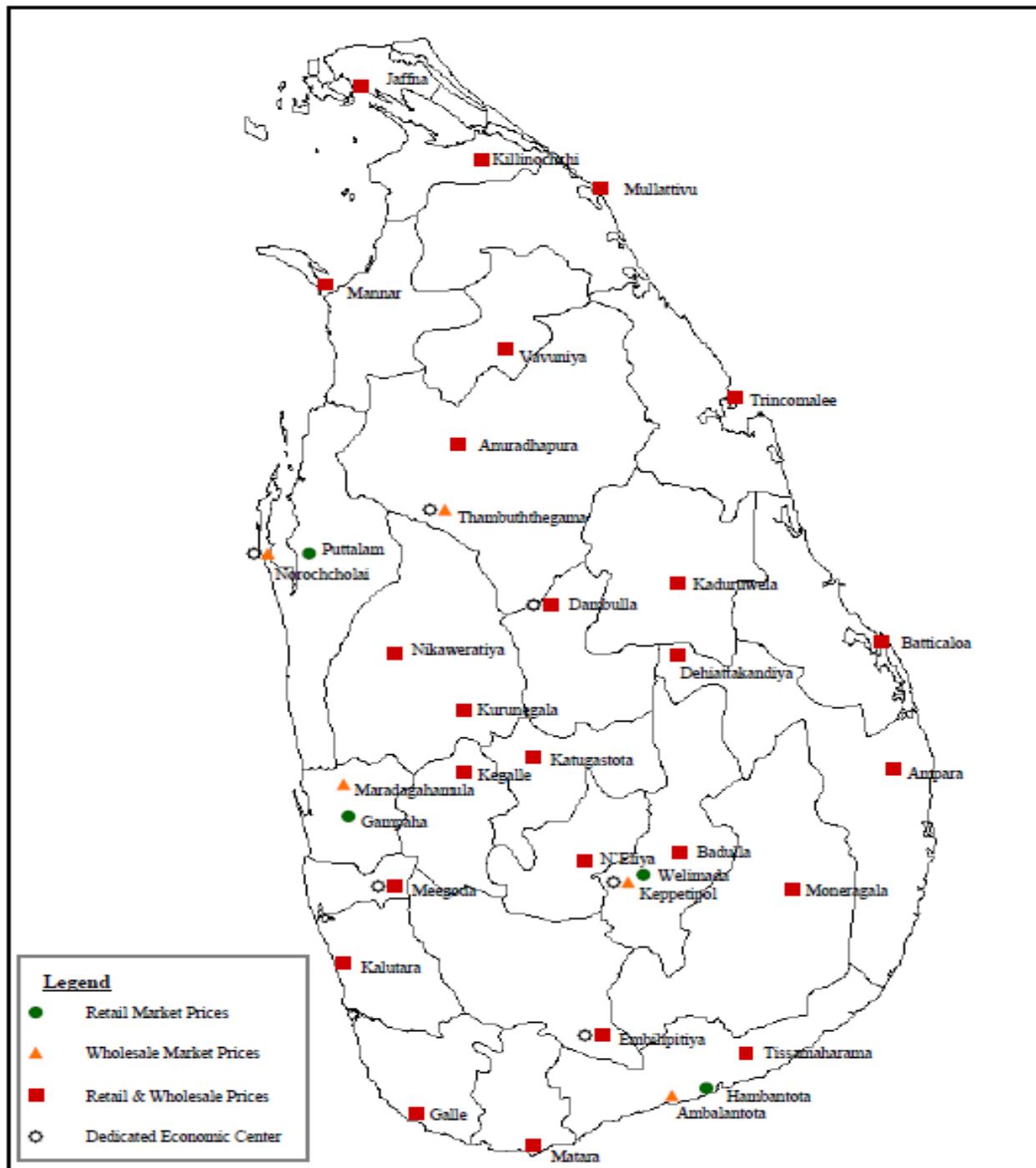
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Ellya	352.00	365.00	359.00	324.00	Welimada	226.00	231.00	214.00	159.00
A'pura	109.60	111.20	111.20	116.20	Badulla					N'Ellya	240.00	241.00	221.00	182.00
P'naruwa	115.50	115.50	108.29	109.00	Welimada	342.00	350.00	341.00	236.00	Beetroot				
Kalawewa	110.40	114.25	110.00	117.50	Pulses					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala					Green Gram					N'Ellya	172.00	134.00	121.00	79.00
Dehiattakandiya	111.67	111.83	113.33	116.67	Galgamuwa					Dambulla	160.00	100.00	83.60	79.00
Ampara		115.50	115.67	115.67	Kalawewa	586.67	605.00	562.50	570.00	Kurunegala				
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	610.00	610.00	683.33	683.33	Welimada	128.00	108.00	86.00	61.00
A'pura	114.00	116.20	117.00	119.00	Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'naruwa	120.33	120.33	114.18	117.33	A'pura	625.00	525.00	620.00	620.00	Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	114.80	114.50	117.75	120.40	Cowpea					N'Ellya	82.00	59.00	41.00	40.00
Kurunegala					A'pura					Welimada	47.00	41.00	40.00	33.00
Dehiattakandiya	118.33	119.00	119.67	120.67	Galgamuwa	550.00	566.67	566.67	783.33	Radish				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					Hanguranketha				
Ampara	112.67	116.00	115.00	115.33	Kalawewa	695.00	612.50	580.00	600.00	N'Ellya	30.00	23.00	23.00	31.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	710.00	710.00	710.00	710.00	Welimada	31.00	18.40	16.40	14.80
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Hanguranketha				
Matara	115.00	106.00	114.50	119.25	A'Pura					N'Ellya	240.00	188.00	144.00	102.00
Hambantota	108.33	108.33	108.33	118.33	Kalawewa					Welimada	170.00	136.00	108.00	69.00
Ampara	115.33	113.20	117.00	115.67	Gingelly					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	109.50	111.25	116.50	120.75	A'Pura	490.00	490.00	512.00	508.00	Badulla	150.00	150.00	90.00	
Keeri Samba					Kalawewa					Tomato				
A'pura	120.00	115.00	113.20	117.00	Black Gram					Hanguranketha				
Polonnaruwa	116.17	116.17	109.30	114.17	Kalawewa					Welimada	131.00	124.00	96.00	148.00
Kalawewa					A'Pura					Hambantota	230.00	155.00	175.00	130.00
Kurunegala					Vegetables (Up Country)					Dambulla	151.50	124.00	125.00	122.00
Dehiattakandiya	112.67	113.67	115.67	121.00	Beans					Low Country				
Red Onion					Dambulla	350.00	357.50	357.50	254.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Welimada	272.00	356.00	279.00	282.00	A'pura	68.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
Dambulla			208.00	215.00	Badulla	206.67	237.50	237.50	222.50	Dambulla	51.40	49.00	41.60	42.60
Kalawewa					Carrot					Hambantota	45.00	75.00	45.00	60.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha					Embilipitiya	72.50	55.00	59.00	93.75
Kurunegala					N'Ellya	176.00	241.00	181.00	159.00	Matara	88.75	112.50	81.25	66.25
					Welimada	130.00	176.00	132.00	101.00					

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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
Brinjals					Pumpkin					Lime				
A'pura	216.00	216.00	148.00	168.00	Dambulla	102.00	107.00	70.40	60.80	Hambantota				
Dambulla	151.50	171.00	132.00	131.00	Hambantota		130.00			Embilipitiya	322.50	322.50	322.50	306.00
Hambantota	200.00	170.00	145.00	135.00	Embilipitiya	112.50	96.00	107.50	95.00	Moneragala	320.00	362.00	270.00	208.00
Embilipitiya	215.00	172.00	166.00	172.50	Matara	100.00		88.75	67.50					
Matara	212.50	130.00	121.25	177.50	A'pura	112.00	112.00	88.00	88.00					
Welimada	129.00	176.00	125.00	131.00	Moneragala	94.00	88.00							
Capsicum					Cucumber					Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Welimada	767.50	662.50	510.00	460.00	A'pura	34.00	34.00	34.00	44.00	Banana				
Bitter Gourd					Dambulla	25.20	25.00	22.40	26.60	Ambul				
A'pura	188.00	188.00	148.00	148.00	Hambantota		45.00	27.50	22.50	Moneragala	84.00	74.00	74.00	84.00
Dambulla	142.50	127.00	90.20	95.00	Matara	30.00	28.25	27.00	27.00	Embilipitiya	100.00	107.50	102.50	35.00
Hambantota										Hambantota	116.67			115.00
Embilipitiya	257.50	240.00	200.00	216.00	Long beans	Dambulla	164.58	134.17	108.00	97.20				
					Hambantota		165.00			Kolikuttu				
					Embilipitiya	207.50	207.50	112.50	142.50	Moneragala	220.00	220.00	220.00	246.00
					Matara	137.50	135.00	122.50	128.75	Embilipitiya	237.50	237.50	242.50	118.00
					A'Pura	188.00	188.00	148.00	148.00	Hambantota	255.00			290.00
Snake Gourd										Papaw				
Dambulla	109.00	118.00	86.20	87.40	Ash Plantain					Moneragala	108.00	104.00	104.00	94.00
Hambantota	170.00	150.00	145.00	135.00	Hambantota					Embilipitiya	153.75	153.75	140.00	77.00
Embilipitiya	185.00	165.00	153.75	160.00	Embilipitiya	160.00	160.00	146.25	146.25	Hambantota				
Matara	132.50	135.00	116.25	137.50	Matara	113.75	152.50	117.50	122.50	Pineapple				
A'pura	148.00	148.00	108.00	108.00						Divulapitiya				
Luffa					Green Chillies									
Dambulla	132.50	126.00	108.00	103.00	Dambulla	440.00	308.00	156.50	154.50					
Hambantota	180.00	180.00	125.00	125.00	Hambantota	450.00	355.00	225.00	133.33					
Embilipitiya	172.50	164.00	158.00	165.00	Embilipitiya	532.00	288.00	210.00	210.00					
Matara	150.00	147.50	122.50	140.00	Puttalam									
A'pura	168.00	148.00	108.00	108.00	A'Pura	420.00	362.00	276.00	236.00					

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