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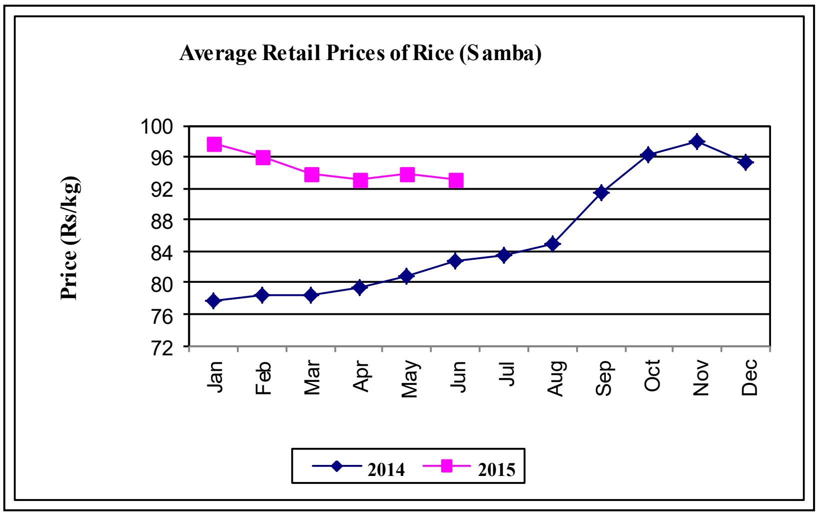
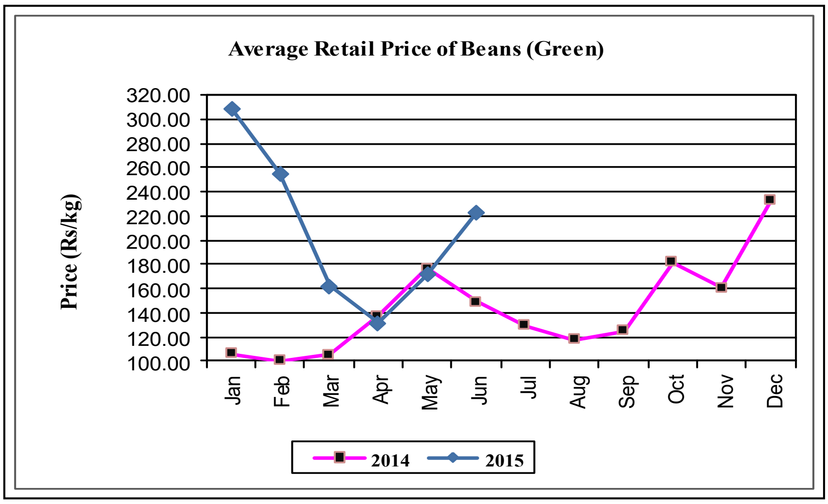
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased by 1%-3% due to increased supplies. Prices are further expected to come down during next month as the production of *Yala* season is to reach the market.



VEGETABLES:

Prices of most of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties have increased by 40% and 25% respectively, with the reaching of peak period of the off season for vegetables. Prices are expected to be at higher range, until the *Yala* harvest reaches the market in second week of July.



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

According to the field information the prospects of paddy crop during 2015 *Yala* season were favorable in all major producing areas and crop is at vegetative, grain setting or maturity stage. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the cultivation progressed up to end of June covering 497,522 ha and it is already 59% above with compared to the previous *Yala* season. Further this report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.914 million tons, it is 67% higher than that of *Yala* 2014. Better water availability in major and minor irrigation schemes caused the progress of paddy cultivation. Cultivation targets have already exceeded in Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa districts and most of the Mahaweli systems. The highest achievement of the targeted extent (155%) was recorded in Mahaweli H because as a result of heavy rains received at the beginning of the season, farmers have shifted from other field crops to cultivate paddy. Harvesting of paddy in some producing areas in the Eastern province (Akkareipattu, Seruwila, Kantale and Batticaloa) and wet zone areas of Kurunegala district, and Lunugamwehera major irrigation scheme, will commence during next month. Peak harvesting and a bumper harvest can be expected in the latter part of August in most of the major producing areas.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2015 *Yala* season
(Up to end of June - 2015)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent (ha)	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	46,883	52,847	113	180,866
Polonnaruwa	32,166	32,378	101	132,005
Ampara	55,534	57,136	103	259,537
Hambantota	70,480	67,828	96	237,057
Kurunegala	28,458	24,571	86	103,763
Colombo	2,970	1,486	50	3,620
Gampaha	7,172	4,631	65	12,310
Kalutara	11,195	7,774	69	18,536
Galle	12,800	5,745	45	12,707
Matara	16,600	15,598	94	40,733
Ratnapura	10,389	8,068	78	24,946
Kegalle	8,254	5,177	63	13,376
Puttalam	16,285	15,092	93	48,597
Kandy	11,285	8,867	79	25,444
Matale	16,240	10,682	66	39,894
Nuwara Eliya	3,660	127	3	250
Badulla	9,540	7,218	76	27,410
Moneragala	20,742	18,415	89	68,757
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,535	6,928	106	28,568
Vavuniya	7,454	7,912	106	32,615
Mullaitivu	6,410	6,070	95	23,768
Mannar	2,762	2,715	98	11,599
Trincomalee	24,130	23,321	97	98,641
Batticaloa	25,598	24,466	96	91,448
Udawalawa	10,807	12,426	115	62,008
System H	12,216	18,923	155	76,036
System H_1	6,200	5,464	88	25,663
System B	18,000	19,266	107	90,486
System C	19,000	21,959	116	103,134
System G	4,800	3,889	81	18,265
System L	365	545	149	2,560
Sri Lanka	**524,930**	**497,522**	**95**	**1,914,600**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – June 2015

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	May 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	37.00-40.00	37.00-38.00	37.88	37.63	41.00	*0.25*	*0.66*	*-3.13*	*-7.62*
Polonnaruwa	39.50-42.50	39.00-42.00	41.41	40.80	42.28	*0.61*	*1.50*	*-0.87*	*-2.06*
Kalawewa	38.00-41.00	38.00-38.50	39.37	38.17	40.40	*1.20*	*3.13*	*-1.03*	*-2.56*
Kurunegala	45.00-46.50	44.50-46.50	45.78	45.45	41.71	*0.33*	*0.73*	*4.07*	*9.76*
Dehiattakandiya	40.00-42.00	40.00-42.00	40.80	40.85	42.15	*-0.05*	*-0.12*	-	-
Nikaweratiya	45.00-47.00	45.00-47.00	45.80	46.30	41.68	*-0.50*	*-1.08*	*4.12*	*9.88*
Ampara	34.00-36.00	-	34.92	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	30.00-33.00	30.00-34.00	31.13	31.50	39.30	*-0.38*	*-1.19*	*-8.18*	*-20.80*
Polonnaruwa	31.00-34.00	31.50-33.50	32.56	32.39	41.58	*0.17*	*0.53*	*-9.02*	*-21.69*
Kalawewa	32.00-33.00	32.00-33.00	32.33	32.33	39.43	*0.00*	*0.00*	*-7.10*	*-18.01*
Kurunegala	34.50-35.50	34.50-35.50	35.10	34.90	40.23	*0.20*	*0.57*	*-5.13*	*-12.75*
Dehiattakandiya	30.00-32.00	30.00-32.00	30.64	30.73	41.40	*-0.09*	*-0.28*	-	-
Embilipitiya	31.00-36.00	35.00-37.00	33.92	36.43	39.06	*-2.51*	*-6.88*	*-5.14*	*-13.16*
Nikaweratiya	34.00-35.50	34.00-36.00	34.86	34.93	40.19	*-0.06*	*-0.19*	*-5.33*	*-13.26*
Matara	34.00-36.00	34.00-36.00	34.60	35.00	37.80	*-0.40*	*-1.15*	*-3.20*	*-8.47*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	28.00-31.00	-	29.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-35.00	34.00-35.00	32.60	34.50	34.27	*-1.90*	*-5.51*	*-1.67*	*-4.88*
Hambantota	33.00-35.00	33.00-35.00	34.00	34.00	36.20	*0.00*	*0.00*	*-2.20*	*-6.08*
Embilipitiya	30.00-34.00	33.00-35.00	32.08	34.10	35.24	*-2.02*	*-5.92*	*-3.16*	*-8.97*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Producer prices of short grain and long grain white paddy varieties have shown a stable trend in most of the major producing areas during the month. However, the prices of long grain white tend to decline in Ampara major producing area by the end of the month due to the arrival of new harvest from producing areas in the Batticaloa district. It is expected that the prices will decline during the next month as a result of *Yala* harvest arriving to the markets from Eastern Province. The paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has nearly 150,000 mt of paddy stock on their stores. It was recorded that the PMB continuously purchased paddy from Hambantota and Embilipitiya areas until the second week of the month. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.34.00-47.00/kg and Rs.28.00-36.00/kg respectively. The lowest prices were recorded in Ampara. The highest price range of Rs.45.00-47.00/kg was recorded for the short grain paddy in Nikaweratiya. The prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.39.50-42.00/kg during the month in Polonnaruwa producing area.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain white and long grain red varieties have decreased in the range of 8%-22% and 5%-9% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of short grain have decreased by 2%-8% in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kalawewa. However, the prices of short grain have increased by nearly 10% in Kurunegala and Nikaweratiya.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

The prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased during the reporting month. The highest price decrease of about 3% was reported for raw varieties, while the rest decreased by less than 1%. The main reason for the price reduction was maintained by the increase of rice supplies from most of the rice producing areas anticipating the *yala* production during next month. Rice imports have shown a sharp decline during the month. According to the statistics released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of the month of June reported as 6,235mt. *Yala* production is expected to reach the market next month onwards and therefore prices too are expected to come down.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of nadu and raw white had decreased by 5%-14%, while other varieties increased by 6%-12%.

Retail

The price behavior in the wholesale market was depicted in the retail market too. The prices of nadu and raw varieties decreased by Rs.1.00-2.00/kg followed by samba grade I as Rs.1.00/kg. Imported raw white was available in none of the considered markets, while limited quantities of imported *ponni* samba were available in most of the retail markets.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of nadu grade I had decreased by 2%, while those of all the other varieties increased by 3%-33%.

Table1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – June 2015

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	86.00-93.00	89.69	89.71	83.72	*-0.02*	*-0.02*	*5.97*	*7.13*
Samba 2	80.00-85.00	80.81	81.39	76.30	*-0.58*	*-0.71*	*4.51*	*5.91*
Samba 3	-	-	-	73.74	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	68.00-70.00	69.19	69.46	73.14	*-0.28*	*-0.40*	*-3.95*	*-5.40*
Nadu 2	64.00-68.00	66.25	66.46	71.48	*-0.21*	*-0.32*	*-5.24*	*-7.33*
Raw red	62.00-72.00	67.80	69.61	60.57	*-1.81*	*-2.61*	*7.22*	*11.93*
Raw white	57.00-62.00	59.95	61.72	69.62	*-1.78*	*-2.88*	*-9.67*	*-13.89*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	92.00-95.00	93.18	91.38	-	*1.80*	*1.97*	-	-
Raw white (imported)	-	-	58.00	43.55	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	93.00-110.00	97.31	98.53	90.09	*-1.22*	*-1.24*	*7.22*	*8.01*
Samba 2	83.00-93.00	88.93	89.04	81.44	*-0.11*	*-0.12*	*7.49*	*9.20*
Samba 3	-	-	-	76.43	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	75.00-90.00	78.08	80.58	79.33	*-2.50*	*-3.10*	*-1.25*	*-1.58*
Nadu 2	70.00-80.00	74.68	76.39	72.27	*-1.71*	*-2.24*	*2.41*	*3.33*
Raw red	65.00-85.00	75.50	76.85	67.30	*-1.35*	*-1.76*	*8.20*	*12.18*
Raw white	60.00-80.00	71.45	73.70	71.50	*-2.25*	*-3.05*	*-0.05*	*-0.07*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	85.00-110.00	101.56	97.38	76.43	*4.18*	*4.29*	*25.13*	*32.88*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	80.22	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

Thirappane, Palugaswewa, Horowpathana and Mihintale were the main chilli producing areas in the Anuradhapura district were targeted extent for the cultivation was 791 ha. By the end of June about 539 ha which represent 68% of the targeted extent had been cultivated. At the end of June 2015, the highest cultivated extent of green chillies was reported in Anuradhapura followed in Monaragala. Crops were in different stages in different areas.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation progress of green chillies by the end of June 2015

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of June 2015		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	791	539	68	7,636
Puttalam	850	331	39	2,354
Monaragala	406	360	89	2,237
Hambantota	493	288	58	1,029
Matale	371	173	47	902
Ampara	324	201	62	518
Kandy	313	173	55	594
Other areas	3,655	1,830	50	5,412
Total	**7,203**	**3,895**	**54**	**20,682**

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of green chillies have increased significantly during this month due to limited supplies from major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Dambulla, etc. According to that, wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased significantly by about Rs.105.00/kg and Rs.86.09/kg respectively. Producer prices ranged between Rs.48.60-406.00/kg during this month and the highest price recorded in the Embilipitiya area. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about 59% and 55% respectively.

A quantity of 2,923 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month. It was a decrease of 1,160 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.203.14/kg and it has increased by Rs.18.45/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price and retail price of imported dried chillies had increased by about Rs.23.00/kg and Rs.14.00/kg respectively due to limited imports from India. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies had increased by about 26% and 20% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies - June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	80.00-350.00	159.11	54.11	388.64	*105.00*	*194.05*	*-229.53*	*-59.06*
Dried chillies	210.00-260.00	234.83	211.53	185.71	*23.31*	*11.02*	*49.12*	*26.45*
Retail Price								
Green chillies	120.00-600.00	260.45	174.36	574.76	*86.09*	*49.37*	*-314.31*	*-54.69*
Dried chillies	240.00-320.00	272.61	258.15	227.29	*14.46*	*5.60*	*45.32*	*19.94*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies - January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	2,923.47	593.87	203.14	272.61	69.47
May	4,082.94	754.08	184.69	258.15	73.46
Apr	3,215.57	584.85	181.88	258.81	76.93
Mar	6,478.41	1,179.43	182.06	266.95	84.89
Feb	4,520.79	863.63	191.04	269.09	78.05
Jan	3,621.49	670.46	185.13	271.85	86.72

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – June 2015

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Dambulla	48.60	48.60	160.00	170.00	320.00
Hambantota	55.00	70.00	110.00	210.00	210.00
Embilipitiya	90.00	222.00	222.00	276.00	406.00
Puttalam	82.00	82.00	182.00	182.00	-
A'Pura	77.50	110.00	76.00	205.00	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 869 ha which represents 25% of the total targeted extent of Matale district had been cultivate by the end of June. Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent of big onion had decreased by about 709 ha (45%) at the end of June 2015, due to increase of paddy cultivation during this season and the unfavorable weather condition that prevailed at the beginning of the season. It was expected that the extant under big onion would drop by 30% in this season in the Matale district due to above reasons.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of big onion in the Matale district at the end of June 2015

Areas	*Yala* 2014					*Yala* 2015				
	Target	April	May	June	Total	Target	April	May	June	Total
Dambulla	1,500	05	100	465	570	1,500	-	110	170	280
Sigiriya	1,000	02	19	449	470	800	-	111	345	456
Galewela	600	01	04	190	195	425	-	-	34	34
Dewahuwa	250	-	02	25	27	275	-	01	25	26
Other areas	650	-	18	298	316	500	-	35	38	73
Total	**4,000**	**08**	**143**	**1,427**	**1,578**	**3,500**	**-**	**257**	**612**	**869**

Source : Field information, MFPAD, HARTI

Harvesting of big onion will take place during the month of August during this season and no harvesting will be recorded in July due to cultivation delay in Matale district. However, in August and September, about 5,140 mt and 12,240 mt of big onion production could be excepted from Matale district respectively.

Table 2.2.2: Expected Production of Big Onion in the Matale District

Areas	2014 *Yala* (mt)				2015 *Yala* (mt)			
	July	Aug	Sep	Total up to Sep	July	Aug	Sep	Total up to Sep
Dambulla	90	1,800	5,859	7,749	-	2,200	3,400	5,600
Sigiriya	36	342	5,657	6,035	-	2,220	6,900	9,120
Galewela	18	72	2,394	2,484	-	-	680	680
Dewahuwa	-	36	315	351	-	20	500	520
Other areas	-	324	3,755	4,079	-	700	760	1,460
Total	**144**	**2,574**	**17,980**	**20,698**	**-**	**5,140**	**12,240**	**17,380**

Source : Field information, MFPAD, HARTI

The targeted extent of big onion was 2,395 ha in Anuradhapura district and 921 ha was cultivated by the end of June 2015 representing 38% of the targeted extent and the most of the cultivation took place in July. The targeted extent of big onion was 1,500 in Mahaweli H_1 area and 1,081 ha was cultivated by the end of this month representing 72% of the targeted extent. According to the estimated production (48,608 mt) which cultivated extent up to end of June 2015 in Sri Lanka, around 93% production will arrive at the market from Matale (36%) and Mahaweli H_1 areas (26%).

Table 2.2.3: Cultivation Progress of Big onion at the end of June 2015

Areas	Targeted (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2015		Expected Production (ha)
		Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Matale	3,500	869	25	17,380
Anuradhapura	2,395	921	38	14,825
Mahaweli H_1	1,500	1,081	72	12,787
Other areas	1,820	452	25	3,616
Total	**9,215**	**3,297**	**36**	**48,608**

Source : Field information, MFPAD, HARTI and Crop Forecast, Department of Agriculture

The cultivated extent of red onion for *yala* 2015 at the end of June was 2,211 ha in the whole country and it represents 40% of the targeted extent. Both Jaffna and Puttalam districts, the cultivated extent of red onion at the end of this month were less than 50% of the targeted extent and harvesting of red onion in Jaffna and Puttalam districts started at the end of this month.

Table 2.2.4: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion at the end of June 2015

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2015		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% the target	
Jaffna	2,000	853	43	10,982
Puttalam	1,100	415	38	5,596
Trincomalee	244	129	53	1,803
Vavuniya	490	176	36	2,212
Mullaitivu	430	104	24	1,146
Monaragala	280	209	75	1,915
Other areas	931	325	35	2,463
Total	**5,475**	**2,211**	**40**	**26,117**

The production forecast of red onion up to this month is 26,117 mt, out of which 63% is expected from Jaffna (42%) and Puttalam (21%). Higher supply of local red onion could be expected from Kalpitiya area in Puttalam district during next month (July) and a price decrease also could be expected from the end of July (next month) as a higher supply from main producing areas.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market during this month. A quantity of 22,394 mt of big onion was imported in June 2015 which was about 106 mt higher compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.52.59/kg and it has increased by Rs.7.06/kg compared to that of last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.9.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively. The margin between CIF price and wholesale price of imported big onion was higher than the margin between the wholesale price and retail price during this month.

Limited supply of sinnan and vedalan was recorded from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas during this month. However, supply of both sinnan and vedalan have started to increase from main producing areas during last week of the month since the harvesting had started. Wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.34.00/kg and Rs.36.00/kg respectively due to limited supply from main producing areas. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both varieties have increased by about Rs.28.00/kg and Rs.34.00/kg respectively.
A quantity of 1,384 mt of red onion was imported during this month which was about 107 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.101.48/kg and it has increased by Rs.20.34/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.23.00/kg and Rs.20.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of sinnan, vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 37%, 29% and 22% respectively.

Table 2.2.5: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion June 2015

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	90.00-135.00	103.56	69.95	55.04	*33.61*	*48.05*	*48.52*	*88.15*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	110.00-165.00	131.81	95.84	76.93	*35.97*	*37.53*	*54.88*	*71.33*
Red Onion (Imported)	90.00-140.00	115.36	92.28	70.29	*23.08*	*25.01*	*45.07*	*64.12*
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-95.00	82.29	91.21	66.69	*-8.92*	*-9.78*	*15.60*	*23.39*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	120.00-130.00	125.00	96.66	91.11	*28.34*	*29.32*	*33.89*	*37.20*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	120.00-240.00	161.67	127.50	125.29	*34.17*	*26.80*	*36.38*	*29.04*
Red Onion (Imported)	120.00-180.00	142.85	122.50	116.80	*20.35*	*16.61*	*26.05*	*22.30*
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-140.00	108.39	115.99	85.92	*-7.60*	*-6.55*	*22.47*	*26.15*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	June.2015	52.59	82.29	108.39	*29.70*	*26.10*
	May,2015	45.53	91.21	115.99	*45.69*	*24.78*
	June.2014	44.48	66.69	85.92	*22.21*	*19.23*
Red onion	June.2015	101.48	115.36	142.85	*13.88*	*27.49*
	May,2015	81.14	92.28	122.50	*11.15*	*30.22*
	June.2014	51.34	70.29	116.80	*18.95*	*46.51*

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

Table 2.2.7: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	June 2015	May 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2015	May 2015
Red Onion	1383.50	1276.07	140.39	103.54	101.48	81.14
Big Onion	22393.78	22288.23	1177.67	1014.69	52.59	45.53

Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.2.8: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion January to June 2015

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
June	22393.78	52.59	82.29	108.39	55.80
May	22288.23	45.53	91.21	115.99	70.46
Apr	17614.60	44.27	62.85	89.56	45.29
Mar	22313.71	45.33	61.69	85.73	40.40
Feb	20840.51	42.40	58.45	83.99	41.59
Jan	24573.36	41.67	65.48	106.11	64.44

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2015 is 3,076 ha and about 528 ha were cultivated by the end of June achieving 17% of the total targeted extent. Though the cultivated extent was low in April and May of this *yala* season, a considerable extent of potato was cultivated in June (306 ha). According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato for this *yala* season is 8,531 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district about 252 ha of potato was cultivated achieving 29% of the targeted extent and it was at a high level compared to the extent cultivated during the same period of last *yala* season. In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,214 ha for this *yala* season and about 277 ha was cultivated by the end of this month. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extent is at a low level in *yala* 2015 in the district.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Yala* 2015)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Yala 2014*	*Yala* 2015	*Yala* 2014*	*Yala* 2015	*Yala* 2015	
N'Eliya	900	860	144	252	29	4,202
Badulla	2,198	2,214	527	277	13	4,329
Sri Lanka	**3,098**	**3,076**	**671**	**528**	**17**	**8,531**

***Source:* MFPAD/HARTI**
Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2014, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 11,972 mt of potato had been imported in June which was 6,006 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the special commodity levy for imported potato has reduced to Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 06/06/2015. Imported stocks were received from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and China. About 80% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan and India during this month. Compared to June, 2014 (7,910 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.31.00/kg in June.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Also, the supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased slightly. Hence, the wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 8% and 17% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.105.00/kg in June. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 4% and 2% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg, Rs.100.00-150.00/kg and Rs.70.00-120.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (11%) potato has increased. Supply of local potato will be low till August and the prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in July.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes - January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	11972.16	369.73	30.88	110.13	*79.25*
May	5965.66	132.55	22.22	108.23	*86.01*
Apr	12471.59	302.80	24.28	90.97	*66.69*
Mar	8118.18	231.96	28.57	92.29	*63.72*
Feb	15462.91	483.51	31.27	79.99	*48.72*
Jan	21156.60	889.58	42.05	96.24	*54.19*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	80.00-110.00	93.95	79.80	116.21	*14.15*	*17.73*	*-22.26*	*-19.15*
Nuwara Eliya	85.00-125.00	105.04	85.20	121.14	*19.84*	*23.29*	*-16.10*	*-13.29*
Imported – CIF	21.23-45.86	30.88	22.22	43.03	*8.66*	*38.97*	*-12.15*	*-28.24*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	95.00-100.00	99.13	91.88	120.00	*7.25*	*7.89*	*-20.88*	*-17.40*
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-150.00	116.15	98.98	129.66	*17.17*	*17.35*	*-13.51*	*-10.42*
Imported	70.00-120.00	88.50	85.10	84.64	*3.40*	*3.99*	*3.86*	*4.56*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	135.00	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-20.00	146.91	132.82	157.84	*14.09*	*10.61*	*-10.93*	*-6.92*
Imported	90.00-140.00	110.13	108.23	109.85	*1.90*	*1.76*	*0.28*	*0.25*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	55.20	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		41.87	47.62	36.70	*-5.75*	*-12.07*	*5.17*	*14.09*
Imported (CIF-RP)		79.25	86.01	66.82	*-6.76*	*-7.86*	*12.43*	*18.60*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	43.13	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		30.76	33.85	28.18	*-3.08*	*-9.11*	*2.58*	*9.17*
Imported		21.63	23.13	25.21	*-1.50*	*-6.46*	*-3.58*	*-14.18*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green gram for *yala* 2015 is 10,729 ha, out of which about 3,183 ha were cultivated by the end of June representing 30% of the total targeted extent. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extent is low in *yala* 2015. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 4,625 mt for this *yala* season. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 3,537 ha for this *yala* season and only 337 ha were cultivated by the end of this month due to lack of water. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 1,276 ha and 880 ha respectively and about 537 ha and 319 ha were cultivated by the end of June achieving 42% and 36% of the targeted extents. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extent was at a very low level in the Hambantota district while it was higher in Kurunegala and Moneragala districts.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 8,414 ha for *yala* 2015 and about 3,477 ha was cultivated by the end of June achieving 41% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent of 3,584 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and about 1,320 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 37% of the targeted extent. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 1,255 ha and 584 ha respectively and about 332 ha and 509 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 26% and 87% of the targeted extents. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extents of cowpea in all the districts were at a low level during this *yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala* 2015)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
		Yala* 2014	***Yala* 2015**	***Yala* 2014***	***Yala* 2015**	***Yala* 2015**	
Green	Hambantota	4,690	3,537	3,639	337	10	482
	Kurunegala	720	1,276	489	537	42	405
	Moneragala	618	880	280	319	36	409
	Sri Lanka	**12,556**	**10,729**	**7,698**	**3,183**	**30**	**4,625**
Cowpea	Ampara	4,222	3,584	1,658	1,320	37	2,240
	Kurunegala	814	1,255	396	332	26	233
	Moneragala	709	584	674	509	87	542
	Sri Lanka	**8,542**	**8,414**	**4,539**	**3,477**	**41**	**4,599**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2014, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,551 mt of green gram was imported in June and it was 854 mt higher than the quantity imported in May. The average CIF price was Rs.170.00/kg in June. Compared to June, 2014 (966 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was higher in June, 2015. Wholesale and retail prices of green gram have decreased by 4% and 3% respectively during this month due to availability of high stocks of both local and imported (Australia, China and Thailand) green gram. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.175.00-215.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 23%.

Wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea have decreased by 3% and 4% respectively due to availability of low quality stocks. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have decreased by 7% and 4% respectively due to beginning of the harvesting season. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.150.00-210.00/kg and Rs.200.00-225.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched a high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 4% and 8% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram - January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	1,551	264	170.21	249.99	79.78
May	697	122	175.04	258.41	83.37
Apr	1,497	268	179.02	268.51	89.49
Mar	1,817	316	173.91	272.89	98.98
Feb	1,104	200	181.16	284.50	103.34
Jan	133	25	187.97	297.13	109.16

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	175.00-215.00	197.92	206.49	292.76	-8.57	-4.15	-94.84	-32.39
Cowpea (White)	150.00-210.00	194.68	201.62	175.57	-6.94	-3.44	19.11	10.88
Cowpea (Red)	200.00-225.00	202.20	217.00	156.82	-14.80	-6.82	45.38	28.94
Retail Prices								
Green gram	200.00-290.00	249.99	258.41	325.49	-8.42	-3.26	-75.50	-23.20
Cowpea (White)	200.00-280.00	248.62	257.69	240.05	-9.07	-3.52	8.57	3.57
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-300.00	247.55	256.65	228.16	-9.10	-3.55	19.39	8.50

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram And Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	June.2015	170.21	197.92	249.99	27.71	52.07
	May,2015	175.04	206.49	258.41	31.45	51.92
	June.2014	172.88	292.76	325.49	119.88	32.73
Cowpea (White)	June.2015	-	194.68	248.62	-	53.94
	May,2015	-	201.62	257.69	-	56.07
	June.2014	-	175.57	240.05	-	64.48
Cowpea (Red)	June.2015	-	202.20	247.55	-	45.35
	May,2015	-	217.00	256.65	-	39.65
	June.2014	-	156.82	228.16	-	71.34

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 13,169 mt of red dhal was imported in June and it was 2,979 mt higher than the quantity imported in May. Most of the stocks had been received from Australia and Canada. Compared to June, 2014 (17,378 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.129.00/kg during the month.

Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 4% and 1% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.177.00/kg in June. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has increased by 20%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – May 2015

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	162.00-192.00	177.47	184.48	144.88	-7.00	-3.80	32.59	22.50
Retail Price	175.00-220.00	193.97	196.02	161.22	-2.05	-1.05	32.75	20.31

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: The CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red - January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
June	13169.48	129.29	177.47	193.97	48.18	16.50
May	10190.51	120.63	184.48	196.02	63.85	11.55
Apr	13848.16	122.90	165.69	176.96	42.79	11.27
Mar	17518.79	119.23	159.87	177.11	40.64	17.24
Feb	16159.64	119.79	161.68	171.71	41.89	10.03
Jan	17734.62	117.45	158.34	169.64	40.88	11.31

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

With the reaching of off season for vegetables, supply has further declined from all the major producing areas. In the meantime, establishment of *Yala* vegetable cultivation has progressed well in all the up country major producing areas, in June. In Matale district, the set target for *Yala* season is 4,363 ha of which 1,520 ha were completed by the end of June. The cultivation progress in the district was 20% higher than the same period of the last year. Regarding Badulla district, the reported cultivation progress for upcountry varieties at the end of June was 22% of the seasonal target of 6,504 ha. In Nuwara Eliya district, set target for upcountry varieties in the *Yala* season was 5,433 ha of which 2,161 ha were completed by the end of June, recording an achievement of 40% of the seasonal target. Further, land preparation and crop establishment for *Yala* season has progressed well in Kandy districts with the rainy weather experienced through the month. The crop progress for major vegetables in the district was 66% at the end of June. In Rathnapura district, beans cultivation has recorded 81% progress of the seasonal target, by the end of June.

Crop establishment has continued well, in all the major producing areas of lowcountry districts with the received rainfall throughout the month of June. In Ratnapura district, the set target for lowcountry varieties in the *Yala* season is 1,380 ha for low country varieties, whilst the extent cultivated in the month of June was reported as 278 ha. Vegetable cultivation has progressed well in Puttalam district reporting the highest cultivation progress for beetroot as 86% compared to the same period of the last year. In Hambantota district, reported lowcountry vegetable cultivation extent was 2,597 ha, marking 65% higher cultivation progress compared to the same period of last year.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

With the reaching of peak of the off season for vegetables, low supplies reached the market from all the major producing areas of upcountry vegetables such as Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, Badulla, Kandy, Matale and Ratnapura in June. However, the total supply of vegetables of the Matale district was around 3,784 mt in June, which recorded a 155% increase compared to the previous month. The daily supply of vegetables at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre was around 1000-1,200 mt in June, which recorded a 8% decrease compared to last month. Meanwhile, supply from Jaffna reached its end phase with a daily supply of 15 mt, which recorded a 84% decrease compared to last month.

Considering up country vegetables, prices of most of the varieties have increased except for leeks, compared to last month. The highest price increase was reported for knokhol as 73% followed by raddish as 65% and carrot as 64%. Prices of all the other up country varieties, except for leeks, have increased in the range of 39%-49% due to low supplies. High stocks of short duration vegetables such as knokhol and radish that reached the market from up country areas such as Badulla, Nuwara Eliya and Kandy in May had caused a considerable price decrease in the previous month. Farmers have cultivated more short duration crops during the first phase of *Yala* season due to high intensity of rain in up country areas. Therefore, reported wholesale prices of knokhol and radish were Rs.45.00/kg and Rs.39.00/kg respectively, in previous month. However, with the receiving of *Yala* harvest to the market from Badulla and Nuwara Eliya in the last two weeks of June, prices have decreased by 4% compared to last month. With the reaching of *Yala* harvesting season, prices of upcountry vegetables are expected to show a decreasing trend in July.

Due to supply of low quality stocks of tomato in the latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season, prices had shown a significant decrease recording a wholesale price of Rs.33.00/kg in May. As the off season is reached, prices have increased by 21% in June. Likewise prices of capsicum also increased by 40% due to low supplies in the off season.

The supply of most of the domestic vegetables also remained low during the off season. Therefore, prices have increased for most of the varieties, except for pumpkin and snakegourd. The highest price increase was recorded for luffa as 49% followed by long beans as 45% and cucumber as 37%, compared to last month. Prices of all the other varieties, except for pumpkin and snakegourd have increased in the range of 8% - 25% with the reduced supply. Stocks of pumpkin have started reaching the market from Anuradhapura, during the last two weeks of June from and Monaragala and thereby prices have showed a decreasing trend compared to last month.

High stocks of pumpkin have supplied to the market from Anuradhapura in the latter part of the *Maha* cultivation season, hence average wholesale prices have dropped to Rs.19.00/kg in May. Recorded high cultivation progress in Anuradhapura district has resulted in continuous high supply thereby prices have dropped significantly. In June also, this trend has continued, mainly due to early planting of pumpkin in *Yala* season. Thereby, the price of pumpkin has dropped to Rs.17.00/kg.

With regard to lime, a price decrease of 28% was experienced in June, compared to May, due to increased supply from Monaragala. A price increase of 194% was observed for green chilies due to low supplies from Jaffna and Puttalam.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had increased in June. The highest price increase was reported for carrot as 41% followed by 34% knokhol.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	110.00-250.00	162.56	111.24	98.31	*51.32*	*46.13*	*64.25*	*65.35*
Carrot	150.00-220.00	177.79	108.37	129.40	*69.42*	*64.06*	*48.39*	*37.40*
Leeks	80.00-170.00	119.51	125.10	48.67	*-5.59*	*-4.47*	*70.84*	*145.55*
Beetroot	70.00-140.00	105.65	75.67	81.80	*29.98*	*39.62*	*23.85*	*29.16*
Knokhol	60.00-100.00	78.89	45.71	67.71	*33.18*	*72.59*	*11.18*	*16.51*
Radish	40.00-80.00	65.26	39.46	47.52	*25.80*	*65.38*	*17.74*	*37.33*
Cabbage	30.00-90.00	53.13	35.54	71.28	*17.59*	*49.49*	*-18.15*	*-25.46*
Tomato	20.00-60.00	39.50	32.54	128.55	*6.96*	*21.39*	*-89.05*	*-69.27*
Ladies Fingers	40.00-80.00	63.04	52.64	77.84	*10.40*	*19.76*	*-14.80*	*-19.01*
Brinjal	10.00-70.00	44.76	42.58	66.59	*2.18*	*5.12*	*-21.83*	*-32.78*
Capsicum	120.00-230.00	165.06	117.53	162.91	*47.53*	*40.44*	*2.15*	*1.32*
Pumpkin	10.00-25.00	16.78	19.24	69.36	*-2.46*	*-12.79*	*-52.58*	*-75.81*
Cucumber	15.00-70.00	34.19	24.88	40.59	*9.31*	*37.42*	*-6.40*	*-15.77*
Bittergourd	90.00-130.00	109.01	87.00	138.16	*22.01*	*25.30*	*-29.15*	*-21.10*
Snakegourd	40.00-70.00	56.71	65.00	86.01	*-8.29*	*-12.75*	*-29.30*	*-34.07*
Drumstick	70.00-250.00	198.86	171.19	174.82	*27.67*	*16.16*	*24.04*	*13.75*
Luffa	40.00-120.00	75.07	50.46	81.28	*24.61*	*48.77*	*-6.21*	*-7.64*
Long Beans	70.00-120.00	89.68	61.96	82.56	*27.72*	*44.74*	*7.12*	*8.62*
Ash Plantain	40.00-60.00	50.03	46.30	50.47	*3.73*	*8.06*	*-0.44*	*-0.87*
Green Chillies	80.00-350.00	159.11	54.11	388.64	*105.00*	*194.05*	*-229.53*	*-59.06*
Lime	60.00-140.00	107.52	149.73	95.70	*-42.21*	*-28.19*	*11.82*	*12.35*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	140.00-320.00	222.82	171.76	148.80	*51.06*	*29.73*	*74.02*	*49.74*
Carrot	180.00-320.00	241.89	171.49	207.12	*70.40*	*41.05*	*34.77*	*16.79*
Leeks	120.00-320.00	198.31	190.41	115.67	*7.90*	*4.15*	*82.64*	*71.44*
Beetroot	120.00-280.00	180.01	152.16	158.53	*27.85*	*18.30*	*21.48*	*13.55*
Knolkhol	100.00-240.00	170.08	127.53	147.41	*42.55*	*33.36*	*22.67*	*15.38*
Radish	70.00-160.00	117.62	103.46	113.92	*14.16*	*13.69*	*3.70*	*3.25*
Cabbage	70.00-160.00	123.32	98.29	148.75	*25.03*	*25.47*	*-25.43*	*-17.10*
Tomato	50.00-120.00	91.61	89.16	210.79	*2.45*	*2.75*	*-119.18*	*-56.54*
Ladies Fingers	80.00-200.00	124.75	111.08	147.84	*13.67*	*12.31*	*-23.09*	*-15.62*
Brinjal	50.00-200.00	110.77	93.80	134.65	*16.97*	*18.09*	*-23.88*	*-17.73*
Capsicum	150.00-320.00	236.46	195.78	240.60	*40.68*	*20.78*	*-4.14*	*-1.72*
Pumpkin	30.00-120.00	66.91	71.45	126.48	*-4.54*	*-6.35*	*-59.57*	*-47.10*
Cucumber	40.00-160.00	87.67	78.13	99.13	*9.54*	*12.21*	*-11.46*	*-11.56*
Bitter Gourd	120.00-240.00	172.87	155.66	193.53	*17.21*	*11.06*	*-20.66*	*-10.68*
Snake Gourd	80.00-200.00	116.96	122.75	147.83	*-5.79*	*-4.72*	*-30.87*	*-20.88*
Drumstick	120.00-800.00	636.41	555.40	265.43	*81.01*	*14.59*	*370.98*	*139.77*
Luffa	80.00-240.00	139.77	121.36	157.17	*18.41*	*15.17*	*-17.40*	*-11.07*
Long Beans	90.00-240.00	165.31	131.01	153.23	*34.30*	*26.18*	*12.08*	*7.88*
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	115.72	111.74	116.71	*3.98*	*3.56*	*-0.99*	*-0.85*
Green Chillies	120.00-600.00	260.45	174.36	574.76	*86.09*	*49.37*	*-314.31*	*-54.69*
Lime	120.00-400.00	271.51	320.57	229.35	*-49.06*	*-15.30*	*42.16*	*18.38*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fruits had decreased during the month compared to the previous month. Hence, the wholesale prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 74% for papaw. Limited supplies of papaw were recorded from Embilipitiya, Rajanganaya and Hambantota areas. Further, the wholesale prices of all the varieties of mango had increased in the range of 8%-45% due to low supplies compared to the previous month. Further, price increase for mango could be excepted by the next month too at the end of the major harvesting season. Wholesale prices of woodapple and orange had increased by 20% and 38% respectively due to limited supplies. Meanwhile, the highest wholesale price decrease of 20% was recorded for avocado followed by banana (ambul) by 17%.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 245% for mango (karthakolomban).

According to the table 4.2 retail prices of all the varieties of mango, papaw, woodapple and orange had increased significantly with the highest retail price increase of 60% for papaw. Price increase for papaw and mango could be expected during the next month too due to limited supplies. Meanwhile, the retail prices of all the varieties of banana had decreased in the range of 3%-8% due to low demand. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 152% for papaw.

According to the table 4.3, producer price of papaw had increased significantly by 129% compared to the previous month. Limited supplies of papaw were recorded from Embilipitiya and Hambantota areas. Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices of all the selected fruits except pineapple had increased with the highest price increase of 259% for papaw.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Papaw was the mostly exported type of fruit in June with the quantity of 203mt. The total income of exporting pineapple, papaw, mango, orange and avocado was Rs.37.90mn in June.

Apple was the mostly imported type of fruit in June as usual. The total import expenditure of importing apple, grapes, orange and mandarin was Rs.533.49.00mn in June.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	20.00-50.00	29.38	35.31	25.83	*-5.93*	*-16.79*	*3.55*	*13.74*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	80.00-130.00	106.66	109.91	63.81	*-3.25*	*-2.96*	*42.85*	*67.15*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	30.00-50.00	37.12	41.15	28.59	*-4.03*	*-9.79*	*8.53*	*29.84*
Anamalu	5.00-10.00	6.78	7.46	6.58	*-0.68*	*-9.12*	*0.20*	*3.04*
Ambun	8.00-13.00	10.23	11.03	8.95	*-0.80*	*-7.25*	*1.28*	*14.30*
Pineapple								
Large	90.00-160.00	111.20	106.21	122.68	*4.99*	*4.70*	*-11.48*	*-9.36*
Medium	70.00-130.00	83.79	82.66	100.82	*1.13*	*1.37*	*-17.03*	*-16.89*
Small	50.00-100.00	62.75	64.13	78.65	*-1.38*	*-2.15*	*-15.90*	*-20.22*
Mango								
Betti	13.00-18.00	16.74	13.71	6.15	*3.03*	*22.10*	*10.59*	*172.20*
Karthakolomban	54.00-90.00	71.04	49.09	20.59	*21.95*	*44.71*	*50.45*	*245.02*
Vilad	15.00-26.00	20.42	18.84	8.07	*1.58*	*8.39*	*12.35*	*153.04*
Kohu	10.00-16.00	12.04	10.04	4.37	*2.00*	*19.92*	*7.67*	*175.51*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00-160.00	109.74	63.15	33.37	*46.59*	*73.78*	*76.37*	*228.86*
Passionfruit	6.00-10.00	7.30	7.01	7.19	*0.29*	*4.14*	*0.11*	*1.53*
Woodapple	30.00-70.00	51.12	42.71	25.24	*8.41*	*19.69*	*25.88*	*102.54*
Orange	25.00-40.00	33.83	24.48	23.22	*9.35*	*38.19*	*10.61*	*45.69*
Avocado	25.00-50.00	36.43	45.61	22.76	*-9.18*	*-20.13*	*13.67*	*60.06*
Slime Apple	20.00-40.00	32.71	35.86	19.99	*-3.15*	*-8.78*	*12.72*	*63.63*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	431.00-587.00	511.87	543.36	512.80	*-31.49*	*-5.80*	*-0.93*	*-0.18*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	50.00-90.00	68.17	73.43	63.41	*-5.26*	*-7.16*	*4.76*	*7.51*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	120.00-180.00	156.00	168.90	117.90	*-12.90*	*-7.64*	*38.10*	*32.32*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-90.00	73.23	75.92	65.93	*-2.69*	*-3.54*	*7.30*	*11.07*
Anamalu	10.00-18.00	13.13	13.58	12.65	*-0.45*	*-3.31*	*0.48*	*3.79*
Ambun	12.00-20.00	14.84	15.29	13.83	*-0.45*	*-2.94*	*1.01*	*7.30*
Pineapple								
Large	110.00-200.00	144.21	147.56	157.69	*-3.35*	*-2.27*	*-13.48*	*-8.55*
Medium	80.00-140.00	98.15	102.66	119.35	*-4.51*	*-4.39*	*-21.20*	*-17.76*
Small	60.00-110.00	74.82	72.78	85.71	*2.04*	*2.80*	*-10.89*	*-12.71*
Mango								
Betti	20.00-60.00	34.93	28.78	21.07	*6.15*	*21.37*	*13.86*	*65.78*
Karthakolomban	60.00-180.00	96.68	62.98	39.21	*33.70*	*53.51*	*57.47*	*146.57*
Vilad	25.00-60.00	42.08	36.50	25.73	*5.58*	*15.29*	*16.35*	*63.54*
Kohu	15.00-20.00	17.50	16.44	12.17	*1.06*	*6.45*	*5.33*	*43.80*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	100.00-200.00	164.20	102.91	65.22	*61.29*	*59.56*	*98.98*	*151.76*
Passionfruit	8.00-20.00	14.95	15.03	15.18	*-0.08*	*-0.53*	*-0.23*	*-1.52*
Woodapple	40.00-120.00	70.93	58.99	58.49	*11.94*	*20.24*	*12.44*	*21.27*
Orange	30.00-80.00	53.78	45.80	41.57	*7.98*	*17.42*	*12.21*	*29.37*
Avocado	30.00-100.00	54.31	60.62	47.46	*-6.31*	*-10.41*	*6.85*	*14.43*
Slime Apple	30.00-90.00	54.57	57.20	45.40	*-2.63*	*-4.60*	*9.17*	*20.20*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	700.00-900.00	776.74	801.92	753.62	*-25.18*	*-3.14*	*23.12*	*3.07*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits - June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	16.00-30.00	22.90	23.63	13.79	-0.72	-3.07	9.11	66.06
Kolikuttu	80.00-100.00	89.00	83.88	47.75	5.13	6.11	41.25	86.39
Papaw	32.20-99.60	66.08	28.85	18.43	37.23	129.05	47.65	258.55
Pineapple	40.00-59.00	48.30	45.00	62.20	3.30	7.33	-13.90	-22.35

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits April – June 2015

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	122.35	25.86	211.34	161.33	28.38	175.89	170.82	28.17	164.88
Papaw	202.81	14.70	72.47	336.04	27.84	82.86	333.92	23.96	71.76
Fresh Mango	1.67	0.91	542.89	2.36	2.36	1000.63	2.19	3.43	1570.53
Fresh Oranges	0.49	0.05	104.98	0.17	0.02	105.31	-	-	-
Avocados, fresh	0.58	0.06	105.32	-	-	-	5.60	0.31	55.33

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
April – June 2015

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,964.80	304.42	154.94	1,718.59	266.54	155.09	1,171.05	171.80	146.71
Grapes	401.68	132.70	330.36	462.27	149.21	322.78	275.23	77.57	281.84
Oranges	864.95	83.88	96.98	801.58	58.35	72.79	715.94	46.80	65.37
Mandarin	199.15	12.49	62.73	21.90	0.86	39.14	450.20	14.29	31.75

Source: Sri Lanka Customs
(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased at the wholesale level. The highest price increase of 16% was reported for thora followed by salaya (14%). Prices of mora and shrimp had increased by 2% and 1% respectively. In addition, price of hurulla had also increased. However, the level of increase was not significant. Mid season for coastal fisheries prevailed in both Eastern and Southern coastal belts had resulted in limited supplies of these varieties to the market. Meanwhile, prices of balaya, kelawalla, paraw and thalapath had decreased. Prices of kelawalla and thalapath had decreased by 7% while, a price decrease of 5% was noted for balaya. Even though the price of paraw had decreased, a significant price change was not observed. Most of the stocks had been supplied to the market from the areas Kalmunai, Trincomalee, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Batticaloa and Mannar. In June, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.109.84– 1,074.70/kg. It can be expected that fish prices could decrease in the coming month due to the latter stage of the mid season for coastal fisheries. Compared to June 2014, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 1%-22% with the highest price increase noted for hurulla.

In line with the price behavior at the wholesale market, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except kelawalla and thalapath had increased at the retail level. The highest price increase of 11% was reported for both salaya and thora. A price increase of 9% was noted for balaya while, a price increase of 2% was observed for hurulla. In addition, prices of paraw and mora had increased by 1%. Even though the price of shrimp also had increased, a significant price change was not observed. Meanwhile, prices of thalapath and kelawalla had decreased by 4% and 3% respectively. In the month of June, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.153.10– 1,247.94/kg. Compared to June 2014, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 1%-17% with the highest price decrease noted for salaya.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	80.00-150.00	109.84	96.21	109.07	*13.63*	*14.17*	*0.77*	*0.71*
Hurulla	250.00-380.00	310.50	310.14	255.00	*0.36*	*0.12*	*55.50*	*21.76*
Balaya	300.00-450.00	369.39	391.05	392.20	*-21.66*	*-5.54*	*-22.81*	*-5.82*
Kelawalla	400.00-650.00	532.11	573.55	469.47	*-41.44*	*-7.23*	*62.64*	*13.34*
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1074.70	928.52	1062.33	*146.18*	*15.74*	*12.37*	*1.16*
Paraw	450.00-650.00	539.77	540.93	541.22	*-1.16*	*-0.21*	*-1.45*	*-0.27*
Mora	400.00-600.00	534.70	525.94	447.24	*8.76*	*1.67*	*87.46*	*19.56*
Shrimps (small)	800.00-1250.00	964.73	958.10	826.09	*6.63*	*0.69*	*138.64*	*16.78*
Thalapath	480.00-650.00	565.44	608.29	593.37	*-42.85*	*-7.04*	*-27.93*	*-4.71*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-260.00	153.10	138.02	185.01	*15.08*	*10.93*	*-31.91*	*-17.25*
Hurulla	300.00-560.00	385.51	378.21	347.36	*7.30*	*1.93*	*38.15*	*10.98*
Balaya	400.00-880.00	514.79	471.30	531.27	*43.49*	*9.23*	*-16.48*	*-3.10*
Kelawalla	550.00-980.00	728.73	751.67	695.22	*-22.94*	*-3.05*	*33.51*	*4.82*
Thora	1000.00-1500.00	1247.94	1124.10	1262.52	*123.84*	*11.02*	*-14.58*	*-1.15*
Paraw	500.00-920.00	718.62	709.98	734.25	*8.64*	*1.22*	*-15.63*	*-2.13*
Mora	500.00-900.00	649.42	642.76	633.72	*6.66*	*1.04*	*15.70*	*2.48*
Shrimps (small)	850.00-1380.00	1099.69	1097.37	974.43	*2.32*	*0.21*	*125.26*	*12.85*
Thalapath	580.00-980.00	750.53	786.06	806.59	*-35.53*	*-4.52*	*-56.06*	*-6.95*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with high demand and low supply especially small varieties. The highest price increase of 16% was observed for local sprats followed by local balaya (10%) salaya(14%) and imported sprats (7%) has increased. However, the levels of increases were not significant. Meanwhile, prices of both local and imported mora, thora and kattawa had decreased by less than 6% with sufficient quantity. Main local supply areas were Kalpitiya, Valachchenai, Mannar and imported varieties mainly from Oman, Dubai and Thailand. However imported stocks of sprats were limited and came from Thailand at high prices. According to the Department of Customs, the quantity of sprats 2,469 mt was imported in June and it has increased by 504 mt compared to last month. The CIF price of imported sprats was Rs.249.62/kg and it has decreased by Rs.8.06/kg. Compared to June in 2014, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase noted for 55% for imported balaya.

Regarding the retail prices, the prices of all varieties have increased by less than 4% with the highest price increased of maduwa. Compared to the same period of last year the retail prices of all varieties had increased with the highest price increase for koduwa (25%). According to the market information, the prices of most of the dried fish varieties may increase next month with limited supply especially sprats.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	500.00-800.00	707.70	612.26	682.50	*95.44*	*15.59*	*25.20*	*3.69*
Sprats (imported)	260.00-400.00	336.36	313.60	355.17	*22.76*	*7.26*	*-18.81*	*-5.30*
Kattawa	700.00-800.00	754.59	798.06	739.21	*-43.46*	*-5.45*	*15.38*	*2.08*
Kattawa (imported)	680.00-780.00	736.24	744.25	693.71	*-8.01*	*-1.08*	*42.54*	*6.13*
Thora	950.00-950.00	950.00	984.38	-	*-34.38*	*-3.49*	-	-
Thora (imported)	900.00-1050.00	945.00	968.47	912.94	*-23.47*	*-2.42*	*32.06*	*3.51*
Mora	700.00-850.00	805.06	816.13	804.53	*-11.06*	*-1.36*	*0.54*	*0.07*
Mora (imported)	680.00-800.00	748.76	748.25	726.32	*0.50*	*0.07*	*22.44*	*3.09*
Balaya	470.00-680.00	551.23	500.42	607.41	*50.81*	*10.15*	*-56.18*	*-9.25*
Balaya (imported)	400.00-650.00	519.59	487.07	335.00	*32.52*	*6.68*	*184.59*	*55.10*
Anguluwa	450.00-700.00	574.20	566.00	587.20	*8.20*	*1.45*	*-13.00*	*-2.21*
Anguluwa (imported)	380.00-630.00	546.77	531.25	550.53	*15.52*	*2.92*	*-3.76*	*-0.68*
Maduwa	380.00-620.00	496.50	519.55	479.28	*-23.05*	*-4.44*	*17.22*	*3.59*
Maduwa (imported)	280.00-550.00	393.30	386.46	-	*6.84*	*1.77*	-	-
Koduwa	-	-	-	580.00	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	650.00	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-380.00	259.98	229.00	277.92	*30.98*	*13.53*	*-17.94*	*-6.45*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	220.00	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats	700.00-1200.00	900.61	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kattawa	300.00-600.00	435.02	-	648.93	*15.61*	*1.47*	*74.05*	*7.36*
Thora	340.00-1300.00	1079.96	1064.35	1005.91	*18.92*	*1.39*	*152.16*	*12.36*
Mora	340.00-1300.00-800.00-1800.00	1383.44	1364.52	1231.28	*18.92*	*1.39*	*152.16*	*12.36*
Balaya	900.00-1600.00	965.89	945.26	914.33	*20.63*	*2.18*	*51.56*	*5.64*
Anguluwa	650.00-1200.00	804.70	784.01	769.56	*20.69*	*2.64*	*35.14*	*4.57*
Maduwa	550.00-1200.00	895.76	866.78	813.05	*28.98*	*3.34*	*82.71*	*10.17*
Koduwa	600.00-1100.00	730.63	710.35	585.15	*20.28*	*2.85*	*145.48*	*24.86*
Salaya	500.00-900.00	-	620.00	862.67	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats - January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	2469.09	616.35	249.62	435.02	*185.40*
May	1928.86	465.93	241.56	627.67	*386.11*
Apr	2058.17	509.38	247.49	625.94	*378.45*
Mar	2205.57	560.67	254.21	615.27	*361.06*
Feb	2535.40	629.79	248.40	681.80	*433.40*
Jan	2290.23	555.53	242.57	705.50	*462.93*

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

Eggs

As predicted in the previous month, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 1% at the wholesale level. At the same time, prices remained unchanged during the first two weeks of the month and an increasing trend in prices was observed at the latter part of the month. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.13.50/egg and Rs.12.63/egg respectively. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that egg prices could decline in the coming month with the increased supply. Compared to June 2014, wholesale prices of brown eggs had increased by 27% while, prices of white eggs had increased by 25%.

With the increased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 1% at the retail level too. The monthly average retail price of a brown egg was Rs.14.73 and it was Rs.13.78 for a white egg. Compared to June 2014, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 18% and 20% respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.00-14.50	13.50	13.38	10.64	*0.12*	*0.90*	*2.86*	*26.88*
White (each)	12.50-13.50	12.63	12.50	10.14	*0.13*	*1.04*	*2.49*	*24.56*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.00-16.00	*14.73*	*14.60*	*12.44*	*0.13*	*0.89*	*2.29*	*18.41*
White (each)	13.00-15.00	*13.78*	*13.62*	*11.52*	*0.16*	*1.17*	*2.26*	*19.62*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of all the meat varieties had increased at the retail market. A price increase of 4% was noted for broiler chicken, and price increase of 3% was noted for curry chicken. However, it was not a significant price change. Compared to June in 2014, retail prices of all the meat varieties had increased in the range of 3%-21%with the highest price increase noted for curry chicken (21%).

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	600.00-750.00	641.37	636.37	586.91	*5.00*	*0.79*	*54.46*	*9.28*
Chicken (Broiler)	480.00-570.00	526.65	505.65	452.60	*21.00*	*4.15*	*74.05*	*16.36*
Chicken (curry)	380.00-560.00	499.60	485.13	413.44	*14.47*	*2.98*	*86.16*	*20.84*
Mutton	1300.00-1500.00	1343.75	1335.45	1296.36	*8.30*	*0.62*	*47.39*	*3.66*
Pork	500.00-650.00	587.58	586.00	540.31	*1.58*	*0.27*	*47.27*	*8.75*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity of wheat grain was 255,707 mt recording a significant increase of 35% against the previous month. Total value of the imports was Rs.9,517mn. Among the imported stocks 84% was from Canada, while the majority of the rest was from Australia and Russia. The CIF price ranged between Rs.35.06-58.49/kg and the month average was Rs.37.00/kg. The quantity of wheat grain imported from India was limited to 297 mt, while it fetched the highest CIF price of Rs.46.40/kg. Compared to the previous month, CIF price of wheat grain has decreased by Rs.2.17/kg from Rs.39.39/kg to Rs.37.22/kg.

Considering wheat flour, imported quantity has shown an increase against the previous month. However, a major share of wheats was imported in the form of grains and fulfill the flour requirement by processing it in the country. But in June total quantity of 470 mt valued at Rs.34mn of wheat flour was imported. The CIF price ranged between Rs.68.34-77.58/kg and the average price was Rs.71.20/kg.

The retail price of wheat flour fluctuated in the range of Rs.78.00-90.00/kg during the month. The average price was Rs.86.29/kg. Retail price has shown an increase of cents 32/kg against the previous month, while showing a decrease of 13% when compared to the same period of the last year.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar– June 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2015	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015		June 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	78.00-90.00	86.29	85.98	98.98	*0.32*	*0.37*	*-12.69*	*-12.82*
Sugar	74.00-90.00	83.61	84.37	*103.92*	*-0.76*	*-0.90*	*-20.31*	*-19.54*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain - January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
June	470.63	33.51	71.20	86.29	*15.09*
May	26.00	1.40	53.80	85.98	*32.18*
Apr	656.70	44.47	67.72	86.56	*18.84*
Mar	138.41	9.41	67.99	86.45	*18.46*
Feb	1,188.52	79.56	66.94	87.32	*20.38*
Jan	90.93	8.09	89.01	97.92	*-1.69*
Wheat Grain					
June	255,707.48	9,517.17	37.22	86.29	*49.07*
May	188,998.88	7,444.26	39.39	85.98	*46.59*
Apr	115,469.80	4,619.23	40.00	86.56	*46.56*
Mar	241,131.11	9,615.19	39.88	86.45	*46.57*
Feb	64,196.17	2,544.84	39.64	87.32	*47.68*
Jan	98,645.83	4,073.95	41.30	97.92	*46.02*

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 47,223 mt of sugar was imported recording an increase of 13,160 mt against the previous month. Among them, 50% was imported from Brazil, while 46% from India and Thailand. The remainder of the imports was from Malaysia, Colombia and Switzerland. The total value of the imports was Rs.2,542mn.

The highest CIF price of sugar was reported in June 2014 as Rs.66.91/kg and since then the price has decreased gradually. The trend continued in June too showing a further decrease of Rs.1.54/kg compared to previous month. Compared to June 2014, the price has decreased by Rs.13.08/kg reporting a decrease of 20%.

The decreasing trend in CIF price was apparent in retail level too. The retail price of sugar remained in the range of Rs.74.00-90.00/kg and the average price was Rs.83.61/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, nearly 20% decrease in retail price was reported.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- January to June 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	47,223.46	2,541.97	53.83	83.61	*29.78*
May	34,063.19	1,886.09	55.37	84.37	*29.00*
Apr	59,400.18	3,315.79	55.82	85.65	*29.83*
Mar	67,842.78	3,962.55	58.41	86.12	*27.71*
Feb	54,947.03	3,282.14	59.73	87.90	*28.17*
Jan	40,107.28	2,390.57	59.60	99.97	*28.30*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - June 2015

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	June 2015	May 2015		June 2015	May 2015		June 2015	May 2015	
Rice	6234.61	38924.64	-83.98	447.20	2599.08	-82.79	71.73	66.77	7.42
Red Onion	1383.50	1276.07	8.42	140.39	103.54	35.60	101.48	81.14	25.07
Big Onion	22393.78	22288.23	0.47	1177.67	1014.69	16.06	52.59	45.53	15.52
Potato	11972.16	5965.66	100.68	369.73	132.55	178.94	30.88	22.22	38.99
Dried Chillies	2923.47	4082.94	-28.40	593.87	754.08	-21.25	203.14	184.69	9.99
Masoor Dhal	13169.48	10190.51	29.23	1702.69	1229.27	38.51	129.29	120.63	7.18
Green Gram		697.00	-		122.00	-		175.04	-
Black gram			-			-			-
Garlic	1780.94	2792.40	-36.22	227.41	354.99	-35.94	127.69	127.13	0.44
Wheat flour	470.63	26.00	1710.12	33.51	1.40	2295.46	71.20	53.80	32.34
Wheat grain	255707.48	188998.88	35.30	9517.17	7444.26	27.85	37.22	39.39	-5.51
White crystalline cane sugar	47223.46	34063.19	38.63	2541.97	1886.09	34.77	53.83	55.37	-2.78
Maize (Seed)	20.01	10.01	-	7.48	4.09	-	373.80	408.92	-
Maize (Other)	25.00	25.00	-	2.14	2.18	-	85.63	87.03	-

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – June 2015

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	10.1	9.4	2	2
Badulla	188.8	29.3	12	4
Bandarawela	165.9	36.6	11	4
Batticaloa	50.1	23.9	5	2
Colombo	237.8	184.9	23	16
Galle	160.2	188.2	19	17
Hambantota	18.7	59.0	7	6
Jaffna	37.6	16.1	3	1
Katugastota	106.1	131.9	17	15
Katunayaka	253.6	177.2	20	15
Kurunegala	76.4	153.0	17	14
MahaIluppallama	2.4	14.0	2	3
Mannar	0.6	4.6	1	1
Nuwara Eliya	130.0	171.9	17	16
Potuvil	53.6	5.2	3	na
Puttalam	43.6	44.7	11	4
Ratmalana	315.9	198.4	26	16
Ratnapura	272.3	412.2	23	21
Trincomalee	22.3	25.4	3	2
Vavuniya	8.3	11.2	1	1
Polonnaruwa	43.2	na	3	na
Moneragala	162.8	na	6	na
Mattala	11.6	na	2	na

Source: Department of Meteorology