



Weekly Food Commodities Bulletin

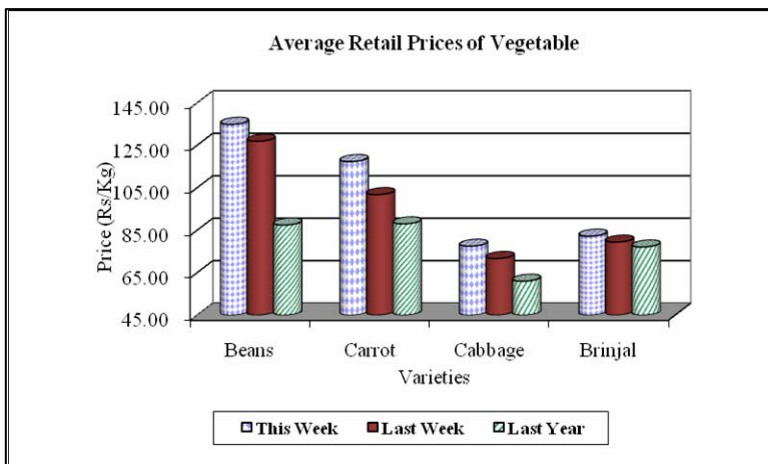
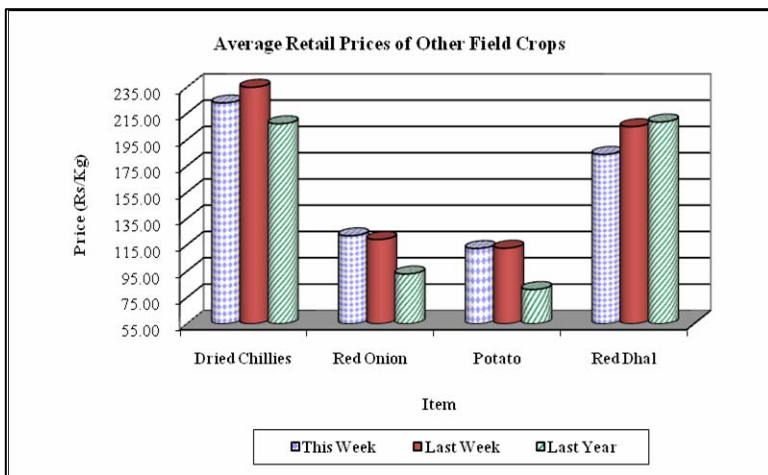
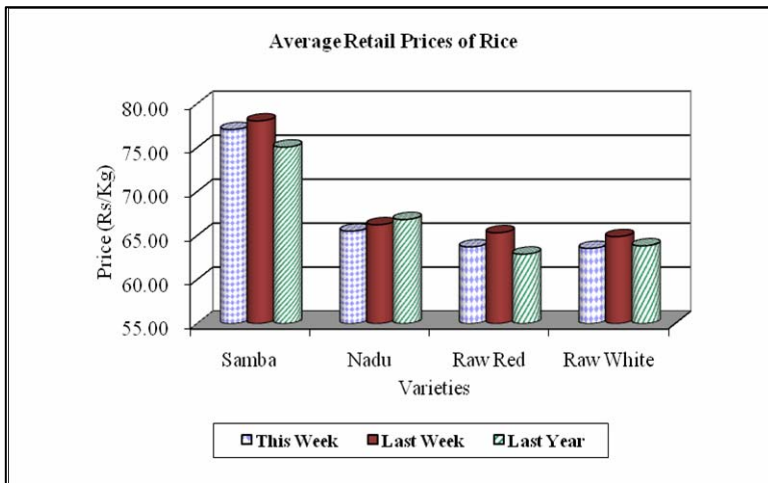
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Retail Market Situation



Rice

Prices of all the varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease of Rs.1.72/kg was reported for samba grade III. However, the price variation in the wholesale market caused the reduction of retail prices. If the prevailing unfavourable weather condition continues, the price of rice may be increase during next few months.

Other Field Crops

Dried Chillies: Prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg due to decrease of special commodity levy for dried chillies with effect from 10th November, 2009. **Onion:** Price of imported big onion has decreased by around Rs.13.00/kg due to amendment of special commodity levy for both imported big onion and red onion, with effect from 10th November 2009. However, limited stocks of red onion were available in the market and the prices of both local and imported red onion have increased. **Potato:** Price of imported potato has decreased by around Rs. 6.00/kg due to decrease of special commodity levy for potatoes while the price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased further, with limited supplies. **Pulses:** Price of red dhal has decreased significantly by Rs.21.05/kg due to sharp reduction of special commodity levy for red dhal by the government.

Vegetables

Prices of all the vegetables, except for leeks and tomato have increased further due to low supply with rainy weather condition. The highest price range of Rs.140.00-200.00/kg was recorded for capsicum with the highest price recorded at Wellawatta, Kirulapone, Nugegoda and Dematagoda retail markets. Further, the prices of beans and beetroot ranged between Rs.120.00-160.00/kg and Rs.100.-160.00/kg respectively. Price of lime remained at a high level (Rs.300.00-500.00/kg) with the highest price in Wellawatta, Borella and Kiribathgoda.

Fruits

Prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased due to low demand with rainy weather.