

# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN



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This Weekly Economic Bulletin (WEB) provides a weekly update of some of the key economic, fiscal and monetary developments in Sri Lanka. Data published on the Bulletin are subject to revisions and the Department cannot guarantee of the accuracy of the information obtained from outside sources.

## Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** decreased to **3.1 %** in October 2018
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 173.88**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** decreased to: **US\$ 66.84** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** decreased by **14.33 %** in August 2018
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** up by **10.6 %** in October 2018

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Domestic Economy

The GDP grew by 3.7 per cent in real terms in second quarter 2018, mainly due to the moderate expansion of Agriculture sector and service sector. However industry sector contracted in second quarter 2018.

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a deficit of Rs. 108.27 bn by end of the 16 November 2018, compared to a deficit of Rs. 174.25 bn by the end of 09 November 2018.

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.39% to 5,955.4 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.49% to 3,109.5 points, compared to the previous week.

NCPI decreased to 0.9 % in September 2018.

### International Developments-

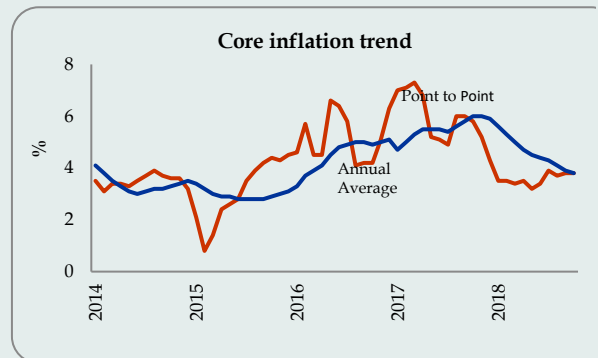
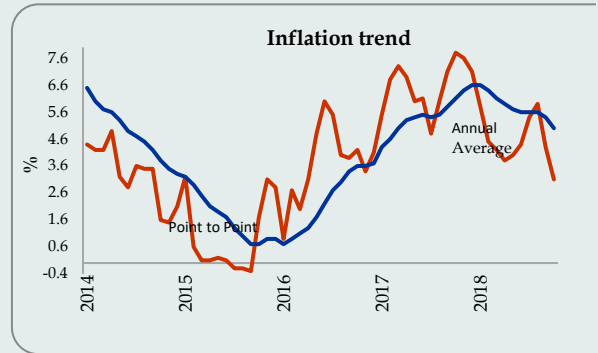
Global growth is projected to stabilize at 3.2 percent in both 2018 and 2019.

China's growth is expected to reach at 6.5 percent in 2018 and 6.3 in 2019.

The growth forecast for the United States 2.7 percent in 2018 and 2.5 percent in 2019.

Developing Economies estimated to growth by 4.8 percent in both 2018 and 2019.

Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2013=100)		(2013=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Dec	4.5	4.0	5.8	4.4	4.0	4.2
Jan-17	5.5	4.3	7.0	4.7	1.1	6.5
Feb	6.8	4.6	7.1	5.0	0.5	8.2
Mar	7.3	5.0	7.3	5.3	-0.3	8.6
Apr	6.9	5.3	6.8	5.5	1.3	8.4
May	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.7	7.1
June	6.1	5.5	5.1	5.5	1.3	6.3
July	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.4	-0.8	6.3
Aug	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.1	7.9
Sep	7.1	5.8	6.0	5.8	0.8	8.6
Oct	7.8	6.1	5.8	6.0	1.2	8.8
Nov	7.6	6.4	5.2	6.0	1.3	8.4
Dec	7.1	6.6	4.3	5.9	0.2	7.3
Jan-18	5.8	6.6	3.5	5.6	-0.6	5.4
Feb	4.5	6.4	3.5	5.3	-1.7	3.2
Mar	4.2	6.1	3.4	5.0	-0.7	2.8
Apr	3.8	5.9	3.5	4.7	0.1	1.6
May	4.0	5.7	3.2	4.5	1.1	2.1
June	4.4	5.6	3.4	4.4	1.8	2.5
July	5.4	5.6	3.9	4.3	0.1	3.4
Aug	5.9	5.6	3.7	4.1	-0.9	2.5
Sep	4.3	5.4	3.8	3.9	-0.8	0.9
Oct	3.1	5.0	3.8	3.8		



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation of CCPI decreased to 3.1 per cent in October 2018. The annual average of CCPI is 5.0 per cent in October 2018. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, increased to 3.8 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation decreased to 3.8 per cent, in October 2018. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 0.9 percent in September 2018, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from September 2018 to October 2018

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
<b>Food</b>	<b>-443.77</b>	<b>-0.59</b>
Rice	-4.17	-0.01
Chicken	-22.60	-0.03
Sea Fish	-273.52	-0.36
Limes	64.67	0.09
Potatoes	-35.95	-0.05
Vegetables	-140.57	-0.19
Green chilies	-18.70	-0.02
Mangoes	6.75	0.01
Coconut	-29.51	-0.04
Banana	40.45	0.05
Eggs	-34.77	-0.05
Dhal	-9.45	-0.01
Papaw	14.60	0.02

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

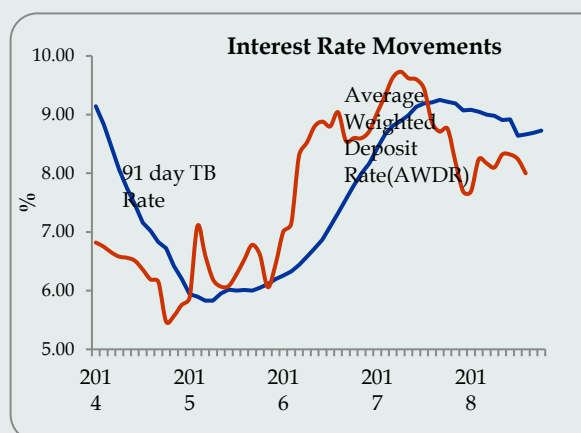
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Apr-17	1.7	8.6	7.5
May	2.3	9.3	7.6
Jun	4.8	9.1	7.6
Jul	-1.7	4.8	7.0
Aug	-2.5	6.9	6.9
Sep	1.6	10.4	7.1
Oct	2.6	12.6	7.6
Nov	1.7	13.8	8.4
Dec	1.3	14.4	9.3
Jan-18	-1.9	10.5	9.8
Feb	-2.9	6.0	9.6
Mar	-1.5	5.1	9.2
Apr	-0.4	3.0	8.8
May	2.6	3.3	8.3
June	4.4	2.9	7.7
July	0.9	5.6	7.8
Aug	-0.8	7.5	7.8
Sep	-3.4	2.3	7.1
Oct	-0.2	-2.3	5.9

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
Apr -17	117.1	6.9	5.3	9.73	2.83	4.43
May	118.2	6.0	5.4	9.62	3.62	4.22
June	120.1	6.1	5.5	9.60	3.50	4.10
July	119.4	4.8	5.4	9.44	4.64	4.04
Aug	118.8	6.0	5.5	8.87	2.87	3.37
Sep	119.7	7.1	5.8	8.71	1.61	2.91
Oct	120.8	7.8	6.1	8.76	0.96	2.66
Nov	122.2	6.4	7.6	8.20	0.60	1.80
Dec	122.9	7.1	6.6	7.69	0.59	1.09
Jan-18	122.8	5.8	6.6	7.69	1.89	1.09
Feb	121.9	4.5	6.4	8.24	3.74	1.84
Mar	121.4	4.2	6.1	8.17	3.97	2.07
Apr	121.5	3.8	5.9	8.10	4.30	2.20
May	122.9	4.0	5.7	8.34	4.34	2.64
June	125.4	4.4	5.6	8.25	3.85	2.65
July	125.8	5.4	5.6	8.17	2.77	2.57
Aug	125.8	5.9	5.6	8.00	2.10	2.40
Sep	124.9	4.3	5.4	8.00	2.10	2.40
Oct	124.6	3.1	5.0	n.a.		

Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics



## Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	8.00	7.25	7.25	7.25
Standing Lending Facility	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.75
Call Money Weekly Average	8.77	8.47	8.46	8.15
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	10.07	9.65	9.48	8.54
182 Days	-	9.99	9.75	8.93
364 Days	11.25	10.89	10.39	9.46
Prime Lending Rate	12.28	11.95	11.74	11.38
	<b>Oct-18</b>		<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.73		8.69	9.22

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

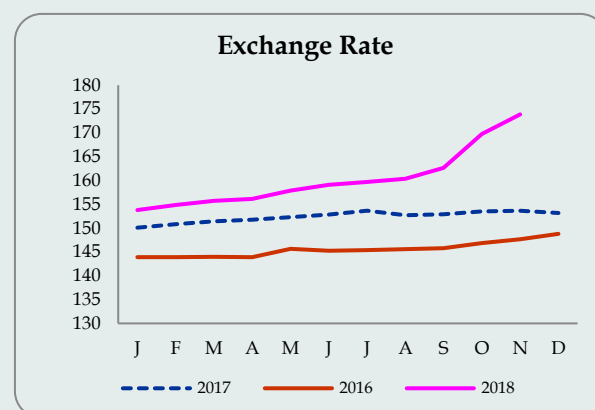
Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) changed to 8.00 percent and 9.00 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate is 12.28 per cent by week ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of October 2018 was 8.69 percent.

## Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2017/18
US Dollar	176.17	174.77	153.62	14.7
Sterling Pound	225.37	228.27	202.58	11.2
Euro	199.76	198.51	181.05	10.3
Japanese Yen	1.56	1.54	1.36	14.7
Indian Rupee	2.45	2.42	2.36	3.8

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The rupee depreciated against US Dollar, Euro, sterling pound, Japanese Yen and Indian Rupee.

## Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Aug 2018	July 2018	June 2018	Aug 2017	July 2017	June 2017	Growth 2017 Aug/2018 Aug (%)
M <sub>1</sub> (RsBn)	791.55	791.77	804.51	759.14	768.43	753.89	4.3
M <sub>2</sub> (RsBn)	6,243.72	6,160.77	6,120.85	5,423.04	5,367.00	5,281.42	15.1
M <sub>2b</sub> (RsBn)	6,866.41	6,795.38	6,747.65	6,050.58	5,986.62	5,872.51	13.5

Item	Aug 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2017 Aug /2018 Aug (%)
<b>Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)</b>	<b>5,248.36</b>	<b>5,202.40</b>	<b>4,590.51</b>	<b>14.3</b>
DBUs	4,874.60	4,833.94	4,263.12	14.3
OBUs	373.76	368.45	327.38	14.2

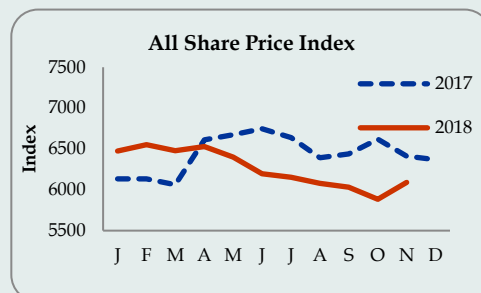
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,955.4	5,978.6	6,449.0
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,109.5	3,094.2	3,762.4
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	1,663.7	1,950.8	1,050.9
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,794.0	2,804.9	2,933.4

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 23.2 index points and closed at 5,955.4 points compared to the second week of November 2018. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL 20) increased by 15.3 to 3,109.5 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs.287.1 million and stationed at Rs.1,663.7 million. Market capitalization reached Rs.2,794 billion in the third week of November 2018.



## Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	Oct 2018	Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2018	Jan-Oct 2017
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>17,608.4</b>	<b>23,828.9</b>	<b>158,595.6</b>	<b>189,402.7</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	7,963.5	12,728.1	85,123.4	101,757.2
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	9,644.8	11,100.8	73,472.2	87,645.5
Market Days	22	20	201	201
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	800.4	1,191.4	789.0	942.3
<b>Trade Equity</b>	<b>70,099</b>	<b>129,101</b>	<b>745,895</b>	<b>856,165</b>
Domestic	67,003	123,475	705,194	809,805
Foreign	3,096	5,626	40,701	46,360
<b>Shares Traded _Equity</b>	<b>433.7</b>	<b>752.4</b>	<b>4,923.5</b>	<b>7,550.0</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	310.2	611.9	3,963.3	5,898.8
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	123.5	140.4	960.1	1,651.2
Companies Traded	272	274	279	278
Companies Listed	297	295	297	295

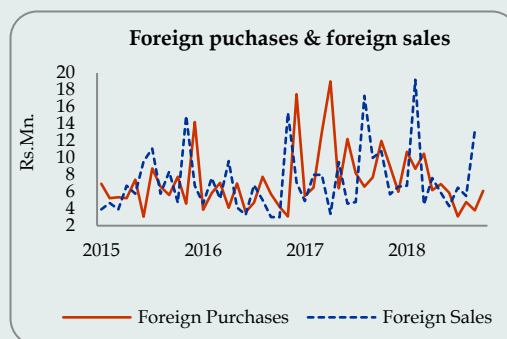
Price Indices	Oct 2018	Sep 2018
ASPI	5,953.47	5,862.18
S&P SL 20	3,084.08	3,002.00
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>		
ASTRI	7,930.91	7,808.80
S&P SL20 (TRI)	4,581.3	4,453.71
Market PER	9.36	9.18
Dividend Yield	3.29	3.34
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,793.05	2,752.86

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	Oct 2018	Jan-Oct 2018
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	6,157.9	66,916.6
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	13,134.6	80,039.5
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	(6,976.7)	(13,122.9)

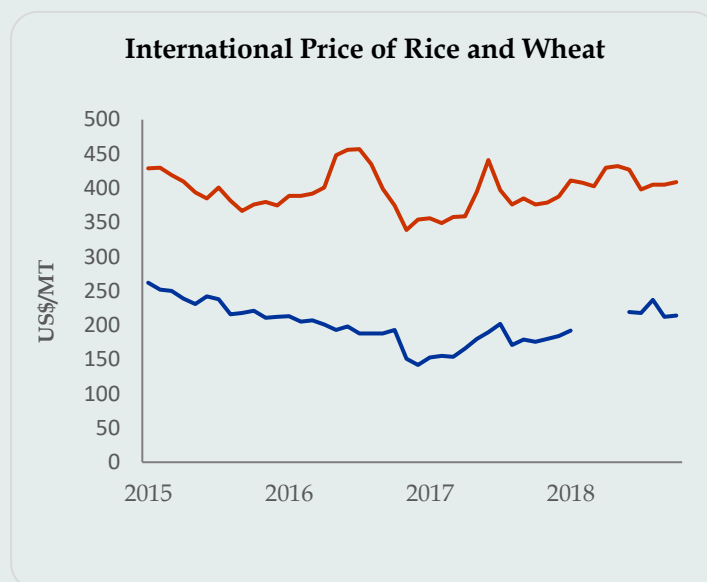
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



# COMMODITY PRICES

## International Commodity Prices

Month	Rice Thai,100%US\$/ MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Apr-2017	359	166
May	395	180
Jun	440	190
Jul	397	202
Aug	376	171
Sep	385	179
Oct	376	176
Nov	379	180
Dec	388	184
Jan-2018	411	192
Feb	408	-
Mar	403	-
Apr	430	214
May	432	-
Jun	427	219
Jul	398	218
Aug	405	237
Sep	405	212
Oct	409	214



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at [fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex](http://fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex)

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2018
<b>Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages</b>							
Cocoa	\$/kg	3.14	2.89	2.03	2.17	2.19	2.13
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.53	3.61	3.32	2.76	2.67	3.03
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.78	2.68	3.15	2.77	2.70	3.25
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	2.98	3.30	4.05	3.34	3.25	3.25
<b>Food, Fats &amp; Oils</b>							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,113	1,468	1,651	903	907	850
Soybean Oil	\$/mt	683	734	758	654	651	681
Palm Oil	\$/mt	559	639	649	534	524	499
<b>Grains</b>							
Barley	\$/mt	121.3	103.9	97.6	127.7	119.4	119.4
Maize	\$/mt	169.8	159.2	154.5	162.4	154.8	160.3
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	204.4	166.6	174.2	236.6	212.4	213.5
<b>Other Food</b>							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.42	3.93	4.22	3.97	3.92	3.69
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	1.99	1.85	2.12	2.25	2.03	2.03
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.30	0.40	0.35	0.24	0.25	0.29
<b>Raw Materials, Timber</b>							
Plywood	¢/sheets	451.2	503.3	486.9	491.8	487.6	484.0
Wood pulp	\$/mt	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
<b>Other Raw Materials</b>							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.57	1.61	2.00	1.47	1.44	1.43
<b>Fertilizers</b>							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	120.3	110.5	89.7	87.5	87.5	91.3
TSP	\$/mt	377.7	291.1	283.3	358.0	376.0	385.0
Urea	\$/mt	277.9	194.1	213.9	260.0	267.5	270.0
<b>Metals and Minerals</b>							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,665	1,604	1,968	2,052	2,026	2,030
Gold	\$/toz	1,161	1,249	1,258	1,202	1,198	1,215
Iron ore	\$/dmt	55.9	58.4	71.8	67.2	68.4	73.4

Source: The World Bank, Available at [worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS](http://worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS)

¢= US cent

\$= US dollar

## Crude Oil Prices - Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Item	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)(US \$/bbl.)	70.92	69.36	65.45	66.08	66.84	70.64	80.92	61.87
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	60.70	59.07	55.52	56.08	56.64	60.58	71.85	55.30
Petrol	70.95	69.60	65.80	66.85	67.90	69.92	85.15	72.20
Diesel	86.27	84.77	80.74	82.00	81.83	84.51	92.59	71.47
Kerosene	88.49	87.07	83.28	84.61	84.89	86.69	94.21	73.84

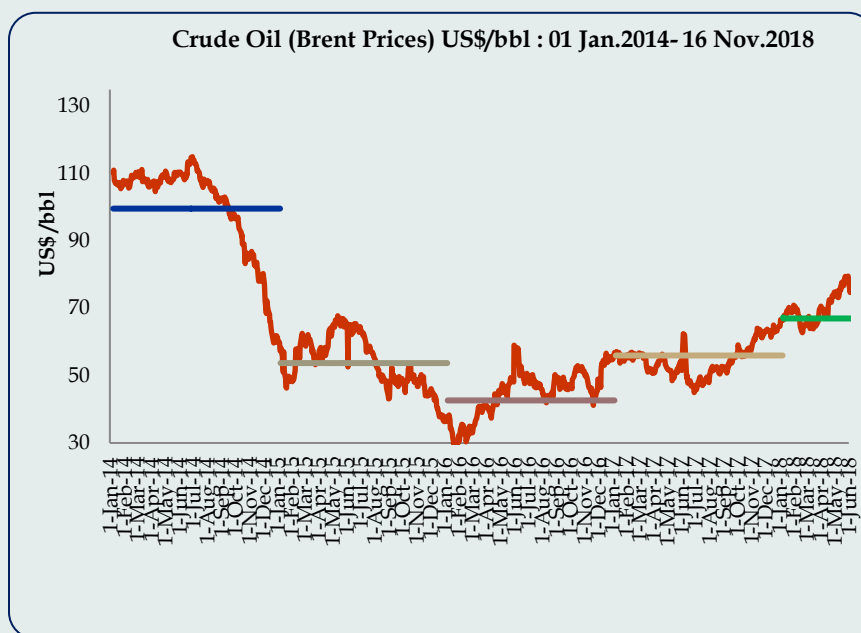
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Mar-17	49.92	52.76
Apr	51.27	53.98
May	51.59	48.77
Jun	47.71	45.34
July	49.02	46.93
Aug	51.87	48.18
Sep	49.76	55.44
Oct	54.04	60.83
Nov	56.68	62.80
Dec	63.92	57.82
Jan-18	63.55	69.02
Feb	62.26	65.80
Mar	66.69	62.80
Apr	66.21	71.55
May	76.88	69.92
June	66.93	75.70
July	70.87	75.17
Aug	67.85	73.80
Sep	70.02	79.02
Oct	60.46	70.41
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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 16<sup>th</sup>Nov2018

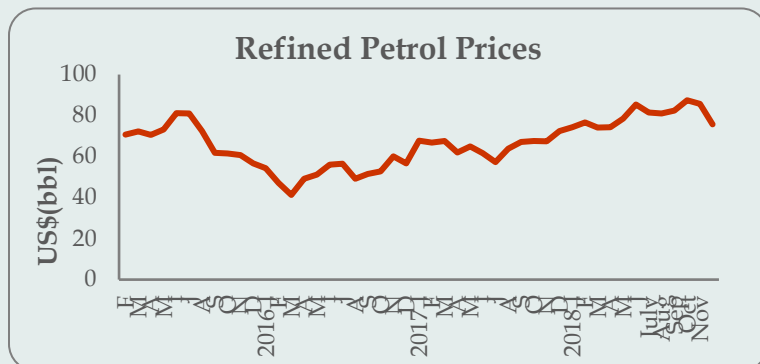


## Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Mar-17	61.93	62.43	61.85
Apr	64.83	63.92	63.92
May	61.60	60.45	60.84
Jun	57.38	56.81	57.12
July	59.10	59.76	59.87
Aug	64.73	62.02	61.11
Sep	67.66	66.53	67.97
Oct	70.15	69.68	71.33
Nov	73.05	71.80	74.06
Dec	73.45	74.49	75.61
Jan-18	76.65	80.05	80.91
Feb	74.17	76.52	79.98
Mar	74.24	76.74	79.03
Apr	78.48	82.58	85.14
May	85.37	88.26	90.16
June	81.50	84.80	86.95
July	81.08	84.12	87.33
Aug	82.44	85.89	87.31
Sep	87.47	91.01	91.68
Oct	85.68	94.14	95.13
Nov	70.95	85.10	87.31

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018



## Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2015	End 2016	End 2017	Current Price 2018
Auto Diesel	1 liter	95.00	95.00	95.00	116.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	117.00	117.00	117.00	145.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	49.00	49.00	44.00	70.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,346.00	1,321.00	1,321.00	1,871.00

**Wholesale Prices**  
**Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018(Rs /Kg)**

**Pettah Market**

**Dambulla Market**

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 16/11/2018	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Samba	99.00	101.00	-2.0	94.82
Kekulu (Red)	69.00	70.00	-1.4	80.30
<b>Vegetable</b>				
Beans	238.00	180.00	32.2	118.56
Cabbage	100.00	103.00	-2.9	75.37
Carrots	238.00	257.00	-7.4	120.95
Tomatoes	213.00	177.00	20.3	93.73
Pumpkins	49.00	62.00	-21.0	61.84
Snake Gourd	123.00	115.00	7.0	96.74
Brinjals	113.00	97.00	16.5	94.90
Ash Plantains	70.00	75.00	-6.7	73.41
<b>Other Foods</b>				
Red-Onions (Local)	138.00	130.00	6.2	250.84
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	92.00	-	110.80
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	146.00	165.00	-11.5	127.34
Dried Chilies (Imported)	248.00	248.00	0.0	189.80
Dhal (Indian)	103.00	102.00	1.0	135.31
Eggs (Red) (Each)	16.00	14.00	14.3	11.96
Coconut (Each)	49.00	49.00	0.0	61.72
<b>Fish (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Kelawalla	450.00	450.00	0.0	540.63
Balaya	280.00	320.00	-12.5	301.46
Salaya	130.00	130.00	0.0	116.88
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	n.a.	-	538.02

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>	
Samba	105.90
Kekulu (Red)	72.80
<b>Vegetables</b>	
Pumpkins	57.50
Snake Gourd	92.00
Ash Plantains	64.00
Beans	245.00
Carrots	265.00
Tomatoes	213.00
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	146.25
Dried Chilies (Imported)	257.00
Big-Onions (Local)	88.50
Red-Onions (Local)	123.50
Coconut (Each)	41.70

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

**Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)**

Item	Week Ending 16/11/2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	97.00	96.50	96.13	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	76.00	75.50	73.63	83.16
Raw Red	69.00	69.00	67.76	80.21
Nadu	78.80	79.13	77.17	87.93

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	110.95	111.60	-0.6	103.61
No. 1	1 kg	116.03	116.00	0.0	108.98
No. 2	1kg	105.86	107.20	-1.3	98.23
Nadu Red	1kg	96.21	92.25	4.3	102.31
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	81.17	81.66	-0.6	91.03
No. 1	1kg	85.40	86.88	-1.7	94.78
No. 2	1kg	76.93	76.45	0.6	87.28
Wheat Flour	1 kg	93.81	95.35	-1.6	89.98
Bread	450g	62.65	62.65	0.0	58.25
Sugar	1 kg	107.58	107.79	-0.2	111.37
Lakspray	400g	345.00	345.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	115.91	107.73	7.6	120.73
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	170.00	141.44	20.2	161.68
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	145.15	145.59	-0.3	179.15
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	274.46	275.09	-0.2	320.95
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	256.92	254.23	1.1	255.43
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	251.42	252.93	-0.6	348.66
Meat					
Beef	1kg	980.00	967.65	1.3	945.66
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	524.71	494.74	6.1	504.73
Broiler	1kg	444.44	444.38	0.0	420.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	992.00	1026.11	-3.3	1,063.60
Balaya	1 kg	563.64	560.00	0.6	570.90
Kelawalla	1 kg	900.37	923.20	-2.5	1,002.96
Salaya	1 kg	166.32	167.50	-0.7	188.08
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	698.57	729.69	-4.3	718.51
Eggs	Each	15.30	13.25	15.5	11.75
Coconut	Each	60.61	58.84	3.0	76.82
Coconut Oil	750ml	277.27	273.06	1.5	286.88
Red Onions	1 kg	158.67	152.35	4.1	349.69
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	161.11	112.22	43.6	143.32
Brinjal	1kg	209.56	193.94	8.1	208.12
Beans Green	1 kg	306.41	281.53	8.8	195.19
Bandakka	1 kg	199.65	173.11	15.3	141.51
Leeks	1 kg	217.33	162.79	33.5	194.79
Beet Root	1kg	199.54	169.68	17.6	148.29
Carrot	1kg	322.19	228.11	41.2	184.08
Tomatoes	1kg	281.94	175.43	60.7	205.31
Raddish	1kg	189.00	171.67	10.1	136.62
Vetakolu	1kg	218.82	198.57	10.2	179.20
Bitter Gourd	1kg	297.79	285.93	4.1	273.19
Drumstick	1kg	365.00	257.60	41.7	247.86
Kolikuttu	1kg	210.38	208.21	1.0	223.65
Papaw	1kg	125.60	120.83	3.9	115.23
Pineapple	1kg	180.50	178.00	1.4	172.04

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



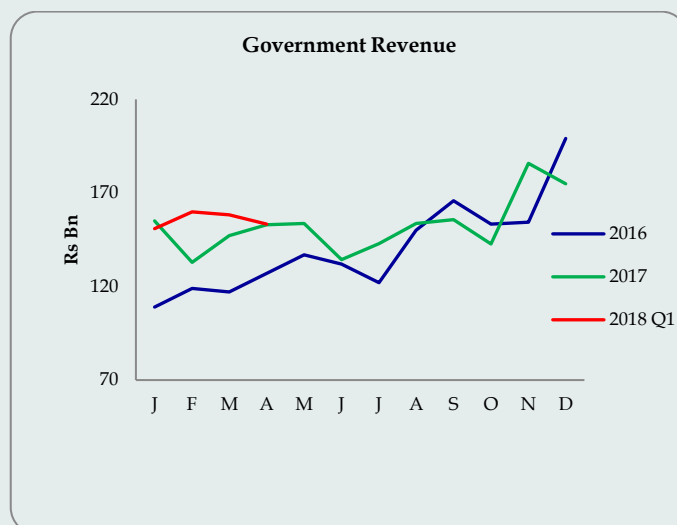
# FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

## Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2016	2017(a)	2018 (a)(Jan-Apr)
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,463,689</b>	<b>1,670,178</b>	<b>570,472</b>
Income Tax	258,857	274,562	95,128
VAT	283,470	443,739	159,249
Excise Duty	454,952	469,500	170,838
Nation Building Tax	57,424	69,035	24,713
PAL	88,823	102,360	36,080
Customs Duty	156,487	136,501	29,340
SCL	55,825	71,402	23,961
Cess	61,730	59,554	17,220
License Fee and Other	46,121	43,525	13,943
<b>Non Tax Revenue</b>	<b>222,372</b>	<b>161,353</b>	<b>51,907</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,686,061</b>	<b>1,831,531</b>	<b>622,379</b>

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



## Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2017	2018 Q1(a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,594.4	5,791.8
Total Foreign Debt	4,718.6	5,202.6
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>10,313.0</b>	<b>10,994.4</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) provisional

## Key Fiscal Indicators 2016-2017-2018(Jan-Apr)

Indicator	Unit	2016	2017(a)	2018(a) (Jan-Apr)
Budget Deficit	RsMn	-640,326	-733,494	-250,638
	% of GDP	-5.4	-5.5	
Total Revenue	RsMn	1,686,061	1,831,531	622,379
	% of GDP	14.2	13.8	
Tax Revenue	RsMn	1,463,689	1,670,178	570,471
	% of GDP	12.3	12.6	
Non Tax Revenue	RsMn	222,372	161,353	51,908
	% of GDP	1.9	1.2	
Recurrent Expenditure	RsMn	1,757,782	1,927,692	685,966
	% of GDP	14.8	14.5	
Public Investment	RsMn	594,012	657,386	181,998
	% of GDP	5.0	4.9	
Government Debt	RsMn	9,387,303	10,313,046	243,403
	% of GDP	78.8	77.6	

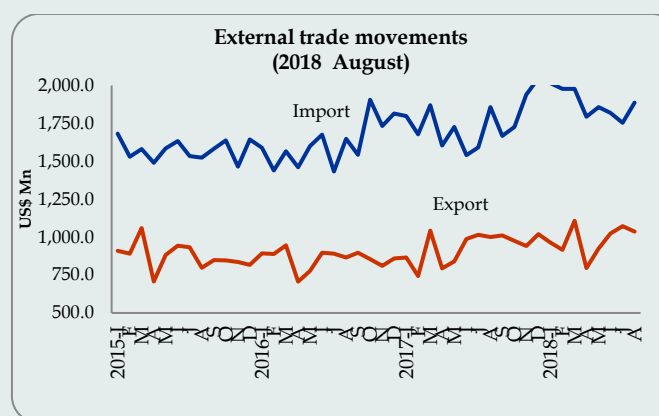
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## EXTERNAL SECTOR

### External Trade

Category	Aug 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Aug 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan- Aug 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Jan- Aug 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	<b>1,000.6</b>	<b>1,037.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7,413.4</b>	<b>7,842.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>255.4</b>	<b>225.4</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>1,815.0</b>	<b>1,723.4</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
Tea	131.3	116.1	-11.6	1,002.7	970.2	-3.2
Other	124.1	109.3	13.5	812.3	753.2	7.8
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>740.1</b>	<b>808.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>5,562.5</b>	<b>6,085.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Rubber Products	71.0	80.5	13.4	538.1	584.4	8.6
Textiles and Garments	433.2	467.1	7.8	3,283.4	3,451.7	5.1
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	34.8	40.1	15.4	259.1	311.1	20.1
Other	201.1	220.3	9.5	1,481.9	1,738.1	17.3
<b>Mineral</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-26.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,856.9</b>	<b>1,887.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>13,597.0</b>	<b>15,082.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>393.8</b>	<b>431.2</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2,950.1</b>	<b>3,441.3</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Food and Beverages	147.9	128.6	-13.0	1,204.5	1,148.1	-4.7
Other Consumer Goods	245.9	302.6	23.1	1,745.6	2,293.2	31.4
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,020.8</b>	<b>1,061.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>7,271.7</b>	<b>8,356.8</b>	<b>14.9</b>
Petroleum	232.7	289.6	24.4	1,587.7	2,026.0	27.6
Textiles & Textile Articles	237.4	247.8	4.4	1,781.3	1,857.9	4.3
Other Intermediate Goods	550.7	524.2	-4.8	3,902.7	4,472.9	14.6
<b>Investment Goods</b>	<b>438.7</b>	<b>393.5</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>3,237.7</b>	<b>3,212.2</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Machinery and Equipment	224.3	222.7	-0.7	1,738.3	1,703.0	-2.0
Transport Equipment	59.7	36.0	-39.7	438.6	492.0	12.2
Building Material	153.9	134.2	-12.8	1,054.8	1,013.0	-4.0
Other Investment Goods	0.8	0.5	-29.5	6.0	4.3	-29.6
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-77.0</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>47.4</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>(856.3)</b>	<b>(849.7)</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>(6,183.6)</b>	<b>(7,240.3)</b>	<b>(17.1)</b>

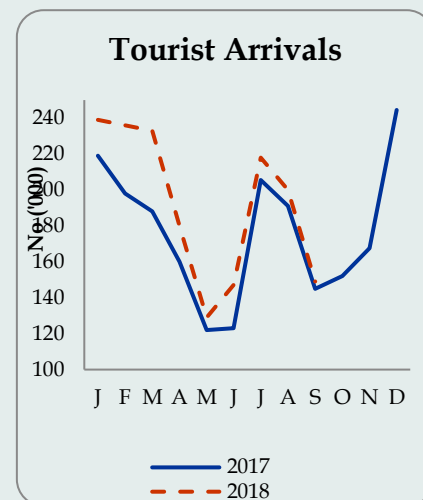
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to August 2018 increased by 5.8 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from industry exports. The Industrial export earnings for the month of August 2018 increased by 9.2 percent, compared to the respective period of 2017.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 10.9 percent for the period during January to August 2018. Expenditure on imports for the month of August 2018 increased by 1.6 percent reflecting the performance of imports of investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit increased to US\$ 849.7 Mn in August 2018 over the same period of 2017.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2016	2017	2018	% change 2017/18	2016	2017	2018	% change 2017/18
Jan	194,280	219,360	238,924	8.9	333.3	407.0	443.0	8.8
Feb	197,697	197,517	235,618	19.3	339.0	366.3	436.9	19.3
Mar	192,841	188,076	233,382	24.1	330.8	348.8	432.8	24.1
Apr	136,367	160,249	180,429	12.6	226.0	297.2	334.6	12.6
May	125,044	121,891	129,466	6.2	214.5	226.1	240.1	6.2
Jun	118,038	123,351	146,828	19.0	195.6	228.8	272.3	19.0
July	209,351	205,482	217,829	6.0	359.2	381.1	404.0	6.0
Aug	186,288	190,928	200,359	4.9	319.6	354.1	371.6	5.1
Sep	148,499	145,077	149,087	2.8	254.8	269.0	276.5	2.8
Oct	150,419	152,429	153,123	0.5	249.3	283.0	284.0	0.6
Nov	167,217	167,511			277.1	311.0		
Dec	224,791	244,536			385.7	453.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,050,832</b>	<b>2,116,407</b>	<b>1,885,045</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>3,484.9</b>	<b>3,925.4</b>	<b>3,211.8</b>	<b>10.6</b>

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



### Tourism

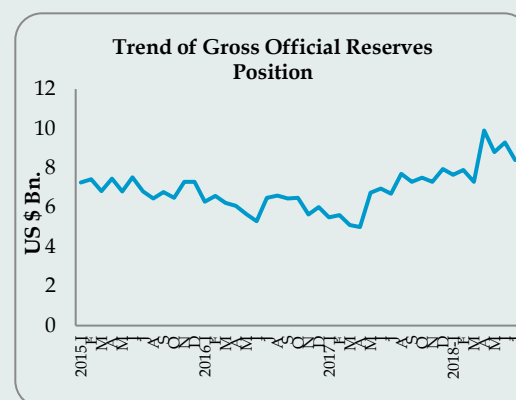
Earnings from tourism decreased to US \$ 284 in October 2018 with an increase of 0.6 per cent over the same period of 2017.

The number of tourist arrivals increased to 153,123 in Oct 2018.

### External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Jul 2018
Total Reserves	n.a.	10,980.11	10,775.15
Gross Official Reserves	7,164.08	8,584.54	8,429.67

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



### Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 11.0 Bn and US\$ 8.6 Bn, respectively by end August 2018. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 5.1 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.8 months of imports in September 2018. Workers' remittances decreased by 1.5 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 498.2 Mn. in September 2018.

### Private Remittances

Category	2017 Sep (b)	2018 Sep(a)	2017 Jan- Sep (b)	2018 Jan- Sep (a)	% Change
Inflow US\$ Mn	537.8	498.2	5357.9	5275.5	-1.5
Rs. Bn	82.2	81.9	814.9	831.9	2.1

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

(b) Revised

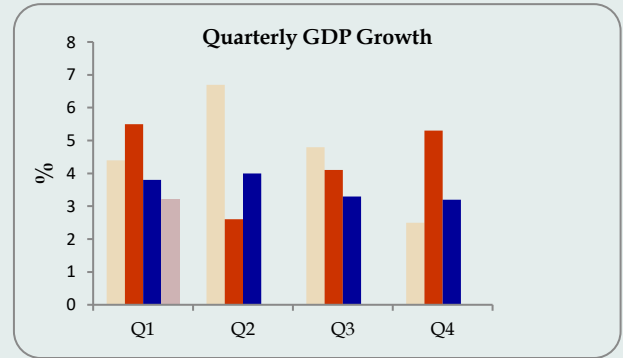
## PRODUCTION

## QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	4 <sup>th</sup> Q	Annual
<b>2014</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Agriculture	7.3	4.1	3.2	5.0	4.6
Industry	-1.5	-2.8	7.8	11.7	4.7
Service	1.9	4.0	3.0	11.7	4.8
<b>2015</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	4.7
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	2.2
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	6.0
<b>2016</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9	-8.4	-3.8
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8	9.2	5.8
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.7
<b>2017</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Agriculture	-4.4	-3.1	-3.0	7.1	-3.1
Industry	3.7	5.6	5.3	4.1	5.6
Service	4.3	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.7
<b>2018</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>			
Agriculture	5.3	4.5			
Industry	1.1	2.3			
Service	4.8	4.8			

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2010



### GDP grew by 3.2%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.7% in second quarter 2018 compared to 3.0% growth recorded in second quarter 2017. The growth was mainly supported by the expansion of Agriculture sector by 4.5 % and Services sector by 4.8%. However, Industry sector contracted to 2.3%.

## Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2018 Q2	2018 Q1	2017 Annual (a)	2016 Annual (a)
Labour Force Participation Rate	51.1	52.0	54.1	53.8
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.4
<b>By Gender</b>				
Male	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.9
Female	7.4	7.4	6.5	7.0
<b>By Age Group</b>				
20-29	15.6	15.7	13.5	14.2
20-24	20.9	21.2	17.8	19.9
25-29	10.8	10.7	9.5	9.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

\* Provisional



## Paddy Production

Category	2017			2018		
	2016/2017 Maha	2017 Yala	Total	2017/2018 Maha	2018 Yala	Total
<b>Production</b>						
Mn.Mt	1.48	0.9	2.38	2.39		2.39
Bushels Mn.	70.6	43.6	114.2	114.8		114.8
<b>Net Extent Harvested</b>						
Hectares ('000)	343	212	555	557		557
Acres ('000)	847	524	1,371	1,376		1,376
<b>Average Yield kg per ha</b>	4,301	4,291	8,592	4,302		4,302

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

## Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2017 Jan-Sep	2018 Jan- Sep	% Change
<b>Production</b>			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	233.10	222.10	-4.7
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	64.70	58.90	-9.0
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	1,906.81	1,908.51	0.1
<b>Exports (US\$ Mn)</b>			
	<b>2017 July</b>	<b>2018 July</b>	
Tea	143.00	125.2	-12.4
Rubber	2.10	1.60	-25.1
Coconut	32.50	28.20	-13.3
<b>Colombo Auction Prices</b>			
	<b>2017 Aug</b>	<b>2018 Aug</b>	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	607.19	535.28	-11.84
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	346.38	281.44	-18.75
Coconut (Rs/nut)	48.84	35.40	-27.52

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Forbes & Walkers Commodity Brokers Pvt Ltd

## Factory Industrial Production Index (2015=100)

Item (a)	2017 Sep (b)	2018 Sep (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	107.6	105.2	-2.2
Manufacture of Beverages	91.0	101.0	11.0
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	117.2	90.2	-23.0
Manufacture of Textiles	110.5	126.6	14.6
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	107.2	111.1	3.7
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	120.1	128.9	7.4
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	93.5	102.9	10.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	103.7	80.7	-22.2
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	120.1	103.7	-13.6
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	105.8	114.6	8.4
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	102.7	87.6	-14.7
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	118.9	115.2	-3.1
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	110.5	100.8	-8.8
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	109.0	116.3	6.7
Manufacture of Basic Metals	135.4	127.2	-6.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	133.2	134.5	0.9
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	88.1	73.1	-17.0
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment( n.e.c)	115.0	96.5	-16.1
Manufacture of Furniture	98.7	86.3	-12.5
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	81.4	98.3	20.8
<b>Factory Industry Production Index</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) The Factory Industrial Production Index (FIPI) has been replaced with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional