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## Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** decreased to **4.8%** in July 2017
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 152.90**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** increased to: **US\$ 51.88** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** decreased by **18.6%** in June 2017
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** up by **3.6%** during Jan-July 2017

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Domestic Economy

*The GDP grew by 3.8 per cent in real terms in the first quarter of 2017, mainly due to the expansion of construction and financial activities coupled with the contraction of Agriculture sector.*

*Broad money (M2b) expanded by 21.2 %, on a year-on-year basis, in June 2017.*

*The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a surplus of Rs. 26.09 bn by end of the 11 Aug 2017, compared to Rs. 14.25 bn by the end of 04 Aug 2017.*

*Net Credit to the Government from the banking system showed a decrease of Rs. 5.1 bn in June 2017.*

### International Developments

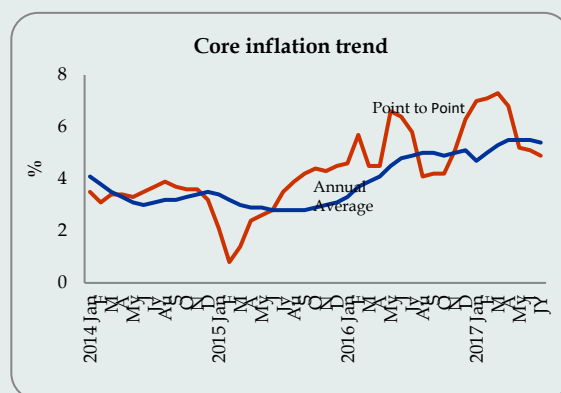
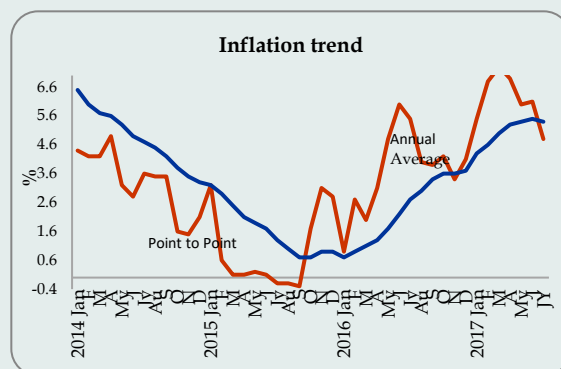
*Global output is projected to grow by 3.5 percent in 2017 and 3.6 percent in 2018.*

*China's growth is expected to remain at 6.7 percent in 2017.*

*The growth forecast for the United States has been revised to 2.1 percent from 2.3 percent.*

*Japan's economy grew by 4.0 percent in the second quarter of 2017.*

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
Sep-15	1.1	0.7*	5.6	2.8*	0.0	1.9
Oct	2.9	0.7*	5.5	2.9*	0.7	3.0
Nov	4.4	0.9*	6.5	3.0*	2.6	4.8
Dec	4.6	0.9*	6.7	3.1*	1.1	4.2
Jan-16	1.7	2.1	3.6	4.9	-1.1	-0.7
Feb	2.9	2.1	4.4	5.0	-1.1	1.7
Mar	2.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	-0.7	2.2
Apr	3.4	2.4	3.5	4.9	1.5	4.3
May	4.8	2.7	5.6	5.0	1.9	5.3
Jun	5.5	3.0	5.4	5.1	2.1	6.4
Jul	5.8	3.4	5.0	5.1	-0.8	5.8
Aug	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.9	-1.6	4.5
Sep	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.8	0.2	4.7
Oct	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.0	5.0
Nov	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.1
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



Source: Department of Census and Statistics , \* Base year - 2006/2007 = 100

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 4.8 per cent in July 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 5.4 per cent in July 2017. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, decreased to 4.9 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 5.4 per cent, in July 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 6.3 per cent in July 2017, on year on year basis.

**Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from June 2017 to July 2017**

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
<b>Food</b>	<b>-392.21</b>	<b>-0.54</b>
Rice	25.91	0.04
Chicken	-5.58	-0.01
Dried Fish	8.03	0.01
Coconut	-96.85	-0.13
Potatoes	-13.03	-0.02
Vegetables	-161.92	-0.22
Red Onions	4.04	0.01
Green chilies	-44.84	-0.06
Garlic	-34.79	-0.05
Pineapple	5.17	0.01
Banana	21.87	0.03
Papaw	26.55	0.04
Mangoes	9.06	0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

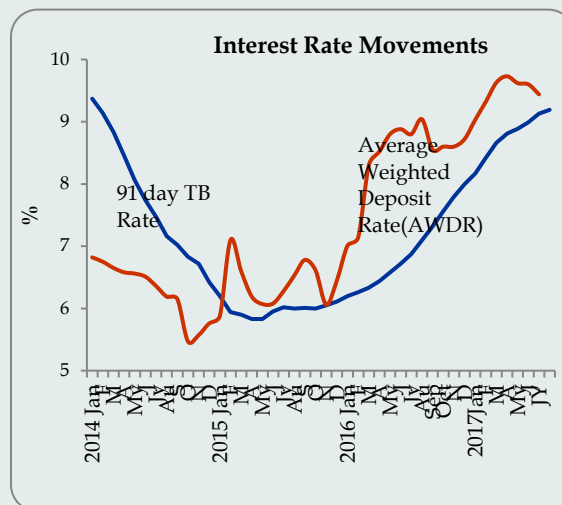
**Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)**

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Jan-16	1.2	0.9	4.4
Feb	-1.7	2.0	3.7
Mar	-2.1	3.1	3.3
Apr	2.3	7.3	3.5
May	1.6	7.4	3.7
Jun	5.0	9.8	4.2
Jul	2.3	11.7	5.0
Aug	-4.5	8.3	5.5
Sep	-1.6	7.5	5.9
Oct	0.6	6.9	6.2
Nov	0.6	4.3	6.1
Dec	0.8	4.1	6.1
Jan-17	1.6	4.5	6.4
Feb	1.2	7.7	6.9
Mar	-0.7	9.2	7.4
Apr	1.7	8.6	7.5
May	2.3	9.3	7.6
June	4.8	9.1	7.6
July	-1.7	4.8	7.0

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)
Jan-16	110.0	1.7	2.1	7.01	5.31	4.91
Feb	109.3	2.9	2.1	7.14	4.24	5.04
Mar	108.6	2.6	2.2	8.30	5.70	6.10
Apr	109.5	3.4	2.4	8.45	5.05	6.05
May	111.5	4.8	2.7	8.80	4.00	6.10
June	113.2	5.5	3.0	8.86	3.36	5.86
Jul	113.9	5.8	3.4	8.80	3.00	5.40
Aug	112.1	4.4	3.7	9.04	4.64	5.34
Sep	111.8	4.2	3.9	8.55	4.35	4.65
Oct	112.1	4.1	4.0	8.60	4.50	4.60
Nov	113.6	4.0	4.0	8.60	4.60	4.60
Dec	114.7	4.5	4.0	8.72	4.22	4.72
Jan-17	116.1	5.5	4.3	9.03	3.53	4.73
Feb	116.7	6.8	4.6	9.32	2.52	4.73
Mar	116.5	7.3	5.0	9.63	2.33	4.63
Apr	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

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



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00
Standing Lending Facility	8.75	8.75	8.00	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average	8.45	8.57	8.50	8.40
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	-	-	-	9.04
182 Days	9.27	9.17	9.39	9.94
364 Days	9.65	9.54	10.11	10.75
Prime Lending Rate	11.75	11.52	11.98	11.68
	July-17		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.19		9.13	7.10

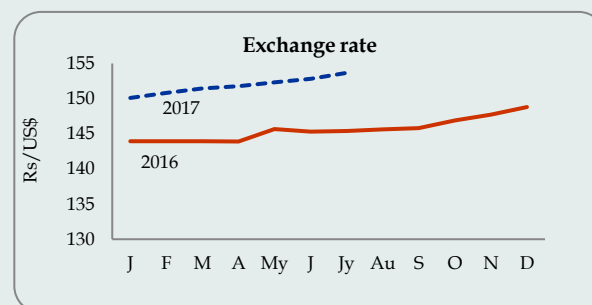
Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) increased to 7.25 percent and 8.75 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate increased to 11.75 per cent by week ending 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of July 2017 was 9.19 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	152.90	153.09	145.33	5.2
Sterling Pound	195.86	197.27	192.50	1.8
Euro	180.35	179.63	163.81	10.1
Japanese Yen	1.40	1.40	1.45	-3.4
Indian Rupee	2.39	2.39	2.17	10.1



Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Jun 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	Jun 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	Growth 2016 Jun/ Jun (%)
M <sub>1</sub> (Rs Bn)	753.9	741.8	765.2	705.6	701.8	715.5	6.8
M <sub>2</sub> (Rs Bn)	5,281.4	5,214.4	5,146.8	4,310.5	4,241.1	4,242.1	22.5
M <sub>2b</sub> (Rs Bn)	5,872.5	5,803.2	5,730.8	4,843.7	4,781.2	4,772.1	21.2

Item	Jun 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2016 Jun /2017 Jun (%)
<b>Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)</b>	<b>4,505.3</b>	<b>4,425.0</b>	<b>3,798.1</b>	<b>18.6</b>
DBUs	4,186.8	4,119.4	3,523.3	18.8
OBU's	318.5	305.6	274.8	15.9

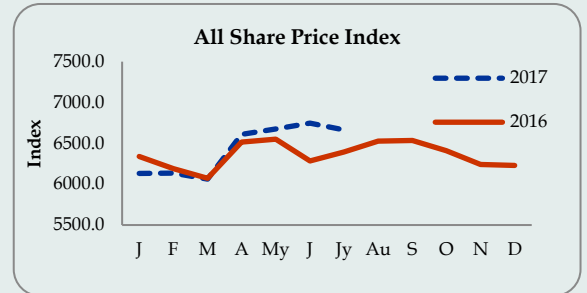
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,409	6,436	6,590
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,690	3,706	3,613
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	528	655	1,169
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,906	2,918	2,809

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 27 index points and closed at 6,409 points compared to the third week of August 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 16 to 3,690 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 127 million and stationed at Rs. 528 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,906 billion in the fourth week of August 2017.



## Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	July 2017	July 2016	Jan-July 2017	Jan-July 2016
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>14,530.7</b>	<b>11,993.4</b>	<b>125,061.9</b>	<b>99,371.3</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	8,102.2	8,000.4	66,773.5	60,728.5
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	6,428.6	3,993.0	58,288.5	38,642.7
Market Days	21	19	140	137
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	691.9	631.2	893.3	725.3
<b>Trade Equity</b>	<b>101,594</b>	<b>103,124</b>	<b>559,710</b>	<b>636,781</b>
Domestic	95,758	98,578	527,556	602,626
Foreign	5,836	4,546	32,154	34,155
<b>Shares Traded Equity</b>	<b>769.8</b>	<b>838.2</b>	<b>5,172.6</b>	<b>4,572.8</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	653.6	711.8	3,952.3	3,682.6
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	116.3	126.4	1,220.3	890.1
Companies Traded	277	270	278	274
Companies Listed	295	294	295	294

## Market Indicators

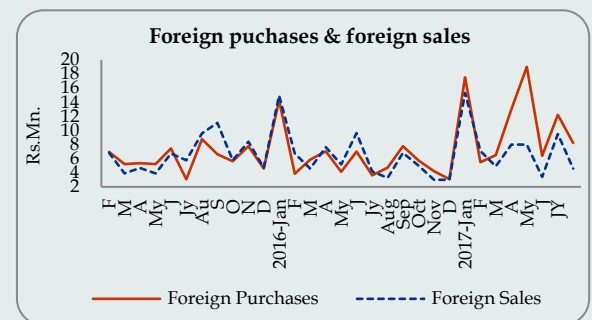
Price Indices	July 2017	June 2017
ASPI	6,637.39	6,747.07
S&P SL 20	3,811.01	3,933.51
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>		
ASTRI	8,803.61	8,944.78
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,409.42	5,570.76
Market PER	10.75	11.48
Dividend Yield	2.89	2.58
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,010.15	3,041.23

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	July 2017	Jan-July 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	8,226.5	70,818.7
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	4,630.6	45,758.2
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	3,595.9	25,057.9

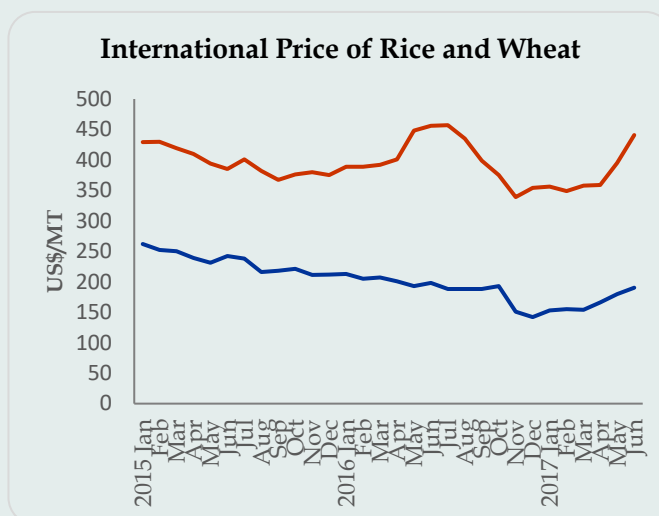
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



# COMMODITY PRICES

## International Commodity Prices

Month	Rice Thai,100% US\$/MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Dec	375	212
Jan-2016	389	213
Feb	389	205
Mar	392	207
Apr	401	201
May	448	193
Jun	456	198
Jul	457	188
Aug	435	188
Sep	399	188
Oct	375	193
Nov	339	151
Dec	354	142
Jan-2017	356	153
Feb	349	155
Mar	358	154
Apr	359	166
May	395	180
Jun	440	190



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	Apr	May	Jun
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
<b>Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages</b>							
Cocoa	\$/kg	3.06	3.14	2.89	1.96	1.98	2.00
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	4.42	3.53	3.61	3.43	3.31	3.16
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.72	2.71	2.64	3.06	3.18	3.19
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	3.54	2.96	3.24	4.27	4.12	3.90
<b>Food, Fats &amp; Oils</b>							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,280	1,110	1,475	1,580	1,687	1,697
Copra	\$/mt	854	735	982	1,044	1,113	1,119
Palm Oil	\$/mt	821	623	700	685	727	677
<b>Grains</b>							
Barley	\$/mt	138.2	194.3	158.5	137.0	138.0	138.0
Maize	\$/mt	192.9	169.8	159.2	156.4	158.6	157.9
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	284.9	204.5	166.6	166.1	180.4	189.6
<b>Other Food</b>							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.95	4.42	3.93	4.25	4.41	4.53
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.43	2.53	2.46	...	...	...
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.37	0.30	0.40	0.36	0.35	0.31
<b>Raw Materials, Timber</b>							
Plywood	¢/sheets	517.3	451.2	503.3	495.9	486.6	492.3
Wood pulp	\$/mt	876.9	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
<b>Other Raw Materials</b>							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.95	1.57	1.61	2.21	2.10	1.72
<b>Fertilizers</b>							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	110.2	117.5	112.2	96.0	93.0	93.0
TSP	\$/mt	388.3	385.0	290.5	276.0	273.0	277.0
Urea	\$/mt	316.2	272.9	199.3	205.0	180.0	185.0
<b>Metals and Minerals</b>							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,867	1,665	1,604	1,921	1,913	1,885
Gold	\$/toz	1,266	1,161	1,249	1,267	1,246	1,260
Iron ore	\$/dmt	96.9	55.8	58.4	70.2	62.4	57.5

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	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	52.75	51.78	51.62	52.49	52.37	50.97	48.85	48.96
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	48.58	47.49	47.63	48.34	47.73	47.09	46.59	46.68
Petrol	65.80	64.95	64.35	64.90	65.55	64.75	58.95	54.90
Diesel	61.89	60.83	60.73	62.22	62.22	60.41	59.55	55.60
Kerosene	63.14	61.98	61.86	63.35	63.25	61.68	59.54	55.99

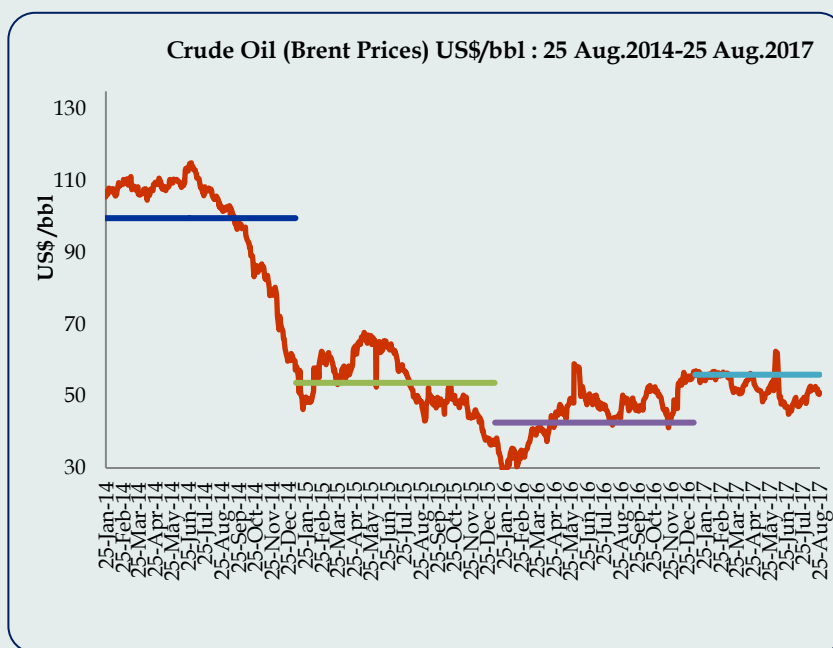
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Dec-15	37.55	39.36
Jan-16	32.09	32.23
Feb	31.13	33.63
Mar	37.64	39.66
Apr	40.80	42.86
May	47.58	46.84
Jun	48.83	49.82
Jul	45.32	46.88
Aug	44.61	46.82
Sep	44.26	46.52
Oct	49.91	51.38
Nov	45.85	45.96
Dec	54.74	52.04
Jan-17	52.83	55.67
Feb	53.41	55.99
Mar	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*	48.50	51.88

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017

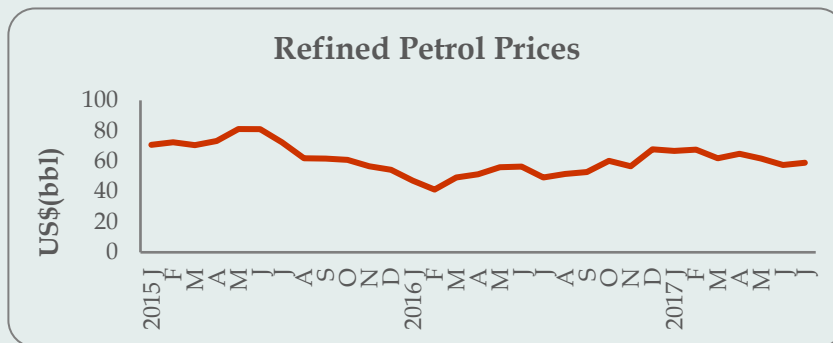


## Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Dec-15	54.36	48.30	47.38
Jan-16	47.08	35.76	38.07
Feb	41.29	38.11	41.00
Mar	49.20	45.23	47.13
Apr	51.26	47.94	49.52
May	55.98	54.28	55.19
Jun	56.48	57.97	58.14
Jul	49.24	54.12	54.49
Aug	51.60	53.09	53.53
Sep	52.81	54.25	55.18
Oct	60.15	60.63	60.98
Nov	56.63	56.03	56.62
Dec	67.80	66.34	64.87
Jan-17	66.75	64.70	65.13
Feb	67.55	66.31	66.25
Mar	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*	64.34	61.97	62.88

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017



## Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2014	End 2015	End 2016	Current Price 2017
Auto Diesel	1 liter	111.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	150.00	117.00	117.00	117.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	81.00	49.00	49.00	44.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,896.00	1,346.00	1,321.00	1,321.00

**Pettah Market**

**Dambulla Market**

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 25/08/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Samba	92.00	90.00	2.2	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	77.00	77.00	0.0	60.29
<b>Vegetable</b>				
Beans	114.00	112.00	1.8	147.16
Cabbage	44.00	47.00	-6.4	76.62
Carrots	92.00	105.00	-12.4	121.42
Tomatoes	128.00	106.00	20.8	75.00
Pumpkins	40.00	42.00	-4.8	60.29
Snake Gourd	88.00	98.00	-10.2	76.18
Brinjals	122.00	100.00	22.0	66.57
Ash Plantains	88.00	70.00	25.7	67.65
<b>Other Foods</b>				
Red-Onions (Local)	190.00	192.00	-1.0	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	135.00	133.00	1.5	122.58
Dried Chillies (Imported)	185.00	185.00	0.0	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	129.00	129.00	0.0	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	11.00	11.00	0.0	14.30
Coconut (Each)	62.00	59.00	5.1	34.69
<b>Fish (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Kelawalla	560.00	550.00	1.8	508.20
Balaya	320.00	350.00	-8.6	327.29
Salaya	100.00	120.00	-16.7	141.43
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	650.00	-	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>	
Samba	93.60
Kekulu (Red)	78.50
<b>Vegetables</b>	
Pumpkins	30.20
Snake Gourd	70.00
Ash Plantains	73.50
Beans	117.00
Carrots	89.00
Tomatoes	100.50
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	127.30
Dried Chillies (Imported)	170.50
Big-Onions (Local)	108.50
Red-Onions (Local)	171.50
Coconut (Each)	57.20

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Week Ending 25/08/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	92.30	92.10	91.58	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	83.40	82.90	82.38	62.91
Raw Red	81.90	80.90	80.30	59.59
Nadu	89.90	89.40	88.75	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Some of rice varieties and other foods such as potatoes increased in this week. Wholesale prices of some of vegetable varieties and some of fish varieties decreased during this week

Rs.

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	98.75	98.98	-0.2	90.97
No. 1	1 kg	101.86	103.17	-1.3	94.76
No. 2	1kg	95.64	94.79	0.9	87.19
Nadu Red	1kg	96.61	96.53	0.1	76.35
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	85.64	86.53	-1.0	67.35
No. 1	1kg	90.84	90.29	0.6	70.44
No. 2	1kg	80.44	82.78	-2.8	64.25
Wheat Flour	1 kg	88.08	87.92	0.2	88.36
Bread	450g	58.18	58.18	0.0	58.14
Sugar	1 kg	107.84	106.20	1.5	94.90
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	119.64	116.67	2.6	112.02
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	173.81	182.45	-4.7	172.55
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	180.67	181.25	-0.3	188.14
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	319.59	319.70	0.0	256.98
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	254.38	253.34	0.4	235.69
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	328.03	327.14	0.3	246.33
Meat					
Beef	1kg	938.61	935.71	0.3	820.52
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	543.53	550.53	-1.3	599.57
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	410.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,076.25	1,006.92	6.9	956.77
Balaya	1 kg	622.50	588.00	5.9	634.33
Kelawalla	1 kg	1,037.14	943.33	9.9	891.45
Salaya	1 kg	209.33	203.75	2.7	203.17
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	770.97	781.20	-1.3	496.93
Eggs	Each	13.23	14.56	-9.2	18.57
Coconut	Each	61.61	61.13	0.8	4079
Coconut Oil	750ml	291.21	289.22	0.7	216.05
Red Onions	1 kg	213.79	176.95	20.8	123.88
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	134.65	116.00	16.1	81.53
Brinjal	1kg	176.71	175.29	0.8	129.64
Beans Green	1 kg	177.00	168.65	5.0	175.63
Cabbage	1 kg	133.51	167.78	-20.4	144.97
Leeks	1 kg	133.83	134.44	-0.5	147.38
Beet Root	1kg	136.22	139.49	-2.3	127.13
Carrot	1kg	172.31	196.92	-12.5	150.12
Tomatoes	1kg	183.68	191.11	-3.9	105.45
Radish	1kg	122.86	127.27	-3.5	104.49
Vetakolu	1kg	174.12	177.14	-1.7	121.86
Snake Gourd	1kg	186.67	188.39	-0.9	123.65
Bandakka	1kg	130.26	140.54	-7.3	103.86
Kolikuttu	1kg	202.61	197.50	2.6	231.80
Papaw	1kg	98.29	100.35	-2.0	126.63
Pineapple	1kg	185.40	184.70	0.4	143.07

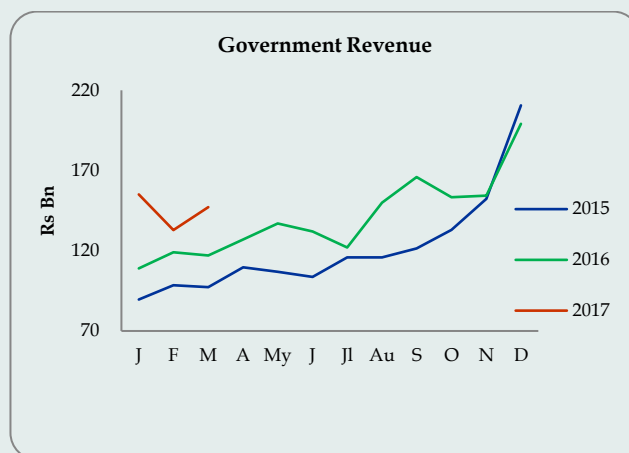
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Item	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-Apr)
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,355,779</b>	<b>1,463,689</b>	<b>554,294</b>
Income Tax	262,583	258,857	84,475
VAT	219,700	283,470	152,570
Excise Duty	497,623	454,952	155,697
Nation Building Tax	45,004	57,424	22,763
PAL	58,644	88,823	32,353
Customs Duty	132,189	156,487	47,392
SCL	52,276	55,825	24,091
Cess	46,289	61,730	20,214
License Fee and Other	41,471	46,121	14,739
<b>Non Tax Revenue</b>	<b>99,099</b>	<b>222,372</b>	<b>34,725</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,454,878</b>	<b>1,686,061</b>	<b>589,019</b>

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



## Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2016	Jan-Mar 2017(a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,341.5	5,625.8
Total Foreign Debt	4,045.8	4,076.6
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>9,387.3</b>	<b>9,702.5</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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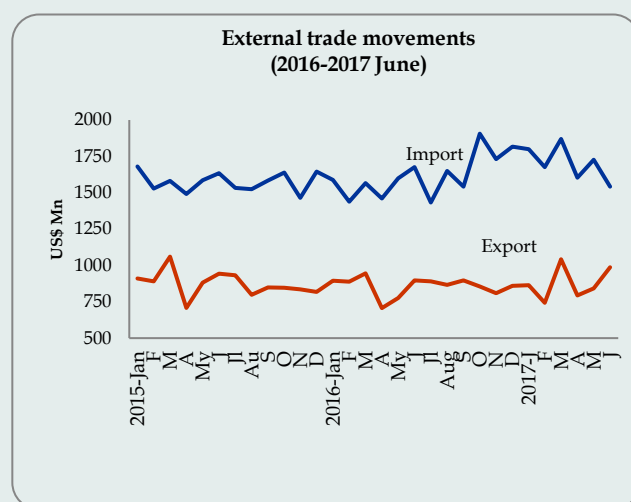
## Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016-2017

Indicator	Unit	2015	2016	2017 Jan-Apr
Budget Deficit	Rs Mn	-829,502	-640,326	-233,171
	% of GDP	-7.4	-5.4	-
Total Revenue	Rs Mn	1,454,878	1,686,061	589,019
	% of GDP	13.0	14.2	-
Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	1,355,779	1,463,689	554,294
	% of GDP	12.1	12.4	-
Non Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	99,099	222,372	34,725
	% of GDP	0.9	1.9	-
Recurrent Expenditure	Rs Mn	1,701,657	1,757,782	822,840
	% of GDP	15.2	14.8	-
Public Investment	Rs Mn	602,768	594,012	201,012
	% of GDP	5.4	5.0	-
Government Debt	Rs Mn	8,503,227	9,387,303	-
	% of GDP	77.6	79.3	-

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

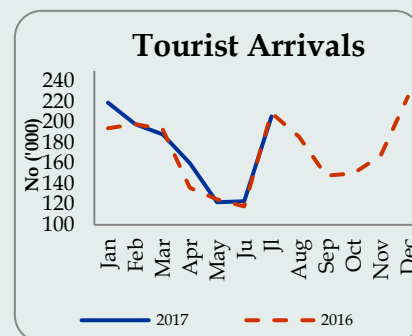
Category	June 2016 (US\$ Mn)	June 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Jun 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Jun 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	<b>900.6</b>	<b>987.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>5,130.3</b>	<b>5,397.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>214.1</b>	<b>232.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1,104.7</b>	<b>1,306.4</b>	<b>18.3</b>
Tea	121.9	138.6	13.7	618.4	728.4	17.8
Other	92.2	93.4	1.3	486.3	578.0	18.9
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>682.9</b>	<b>749.8</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4,004.5</b>	<b>4,065.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Rubber Products	63.3	73.1	15.4	372.0	388.5	4.4
Textiles and Garments	430.2	398.1	-7.5	2,514.7	2,383.6	-5.2
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	28.7	58.9	105.1	174.0	190.8	9.7
Other	160.7	219.7	36.7	943.8	1,102.9	16.9
<b>Mineral</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>24.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,675.8</b>	<b>1,540.9</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>9,321.0</b>	<b>10,151.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>354.1</b>	<b>322.7</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>2,107.7</b>	<b>2,223.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Food and Beverages	137.4	131.4	-4.3	775.7	923.5	19.1
Other Consumer Goods	216.7	191.3	-11.7	1,332.0	1,300.4	-2.4
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>909.7</b>	<b>792.1</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>4,780.4</b>	<b>5,349.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Petroleum	304.2	200.6	-34.1	1,177.8	1,624.5	37.9
Textiles & Textile Articles	215.4	219.0	1.7	1,346.7	1,306.9	-3.0
Other Intermediate Goods	390.1	372.5	-4.5	2,255.9	2,417.6	7.2
<b>Investment Goods</b>	<b>410.0</b>	<b>405.3</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>2,426.7</b>	<b>2,447.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Machinery and Equipment	224.6	220.2	-2.0	1,371.9	1,319.0	-3.9
Transport Equipment	46.8	55.8	19.1	290.9	333.8	14.7
Building Material	137.9	128.5	-6.8	760.7	789.6	3.8
Other Investment Goods	0.7	0.8	21.4	3.3	4.7	45.0
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>974.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>2,014.9</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-775.2</b>	<b>-553.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-4,190.7</b>	<b>-4,753.4</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to June 2017 increased by 5.2 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from agriculture, industry and mineral exports. The earnings for the month of June 2017 increased by 9.6 percent, compared to the respective period of 2016.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 8.6 percent for the period during January to June 2017. Expenditure on imports for the month of June 2017 decreased by 8.0 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods, investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit contracted to US\$ 553.6 Mn in June 2017 over the same period of 2016.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Jan	156,246	194,280	219,360	12.9	248.7	333.3	376.3	12.9
Feb	165,541	197,697	197,517	0.0	274.4	339.0	339.0	0.0
Mar	157,051	192,841	188,076	-2.5	260.3	330.8	322.7	-2.5
Apr	122,217	136,367	160,249	17.5	202.6	226.0	274.9	21.6
May	113,529	125,044	121,891	2.5	188.2	214.5	209.1	-2.5
Jun	115,467	118,038	123,351	4.5	191.4	195.6	211.6	8.2
July	175,804	209,351	205,482	-1.9	291.4	359.2	352.5	-1.9
Aug	166,610	186,288			276.1	308.8		
Sep	143,374	148,499			237.6	246.1		
Oct	132,280	150,419			219.2	249.3		
Nov	144,147	167,217			238.9	277.1		
Dec	206,114	224,791			341.6	372.6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,798,380</b>	<b>2,050,832</b>	<b>1,215,926*</b>	<b>3.6*</b>	<b>2,980.7</b>	<b>3,399.1</b>	<b>2,086.1*</b>	<b>3.6*</b>



Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

\*Jan-June

### Tourism

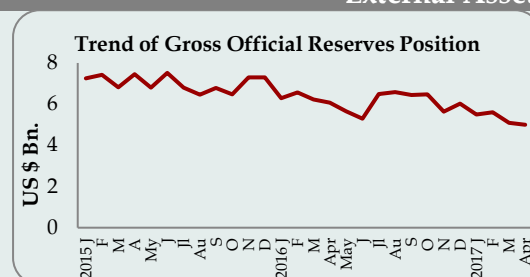
Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 2,086.1 Mn. during Jan-July 2017 with an increase of 3.6 per cent over the same period of 2016.

The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 205,482 in July 2017.

### External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Feb 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Growth 2016 Apr /2017 Apr (%)
Total Reserves	7,534.3	7,079.7	7,753.9	8,284.5	8,203.6	8,502.0	-9.1
Gross Official Reserves	5,048.1	5,117.3	5,634.7	6,068.5	6,221.2	6,573.4	-16.8

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



### Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 7.5 Bn and US\$ 5.0 Bn, respectively by end April 2017. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 4.5 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.0 months of imports. Workers' remittances increased by 4.2 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 596.6 Mn. in July 2017.

### Private Remittances

Category	2016 July	2017 July(a)	2016 Jan-July	2017 Jan-July(a)	% Change
Inflow US\$ Mn	572.8	596.6	4,185.9	3,951.2	-5.6
Rs. Bn	83.3	91.7	605.2	600.0	-0.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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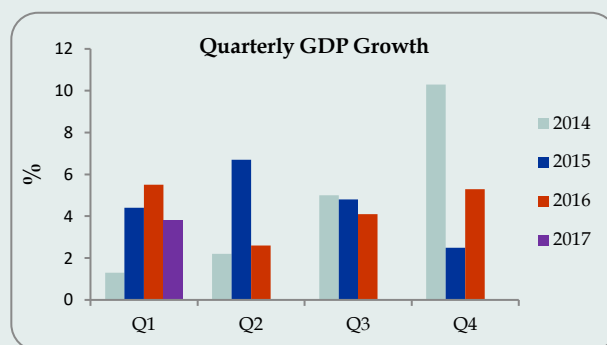
## PRODUCTION

### 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>2013</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Agriculture	2.2	3.9	4.5	2.5	3.2
Industry	6.7	6.0	2.8	0.6	4.1
Service	2.9	7.7	5.5	-0.8	3.8
<b>2014</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Agriculture	7.3	4.1	3.2	5.0	4.9
Industry	-1.5	-2.8	7.8	11.7	3.5
Service	1.9	4.0	3.0	11.7	5.2
<b>2015</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	5.5
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	3.0
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	5.3
<b>2016</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9	-8.4	-4.2
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8	9.2	6.7
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.2
<b>2017</b>	<b>3.8</b>				
Agriculture	-3.2				
Industry	6.3				
Service	3.5				

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



### GDP grew by 3.8%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.8% during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 compared to 5.5% growth recorded in same period of 2016. The growth was mainly supported by expands of Industry sector by 6.3% and Service sector by 3.5%. However, Agriculture sector contracted by 3.2%.

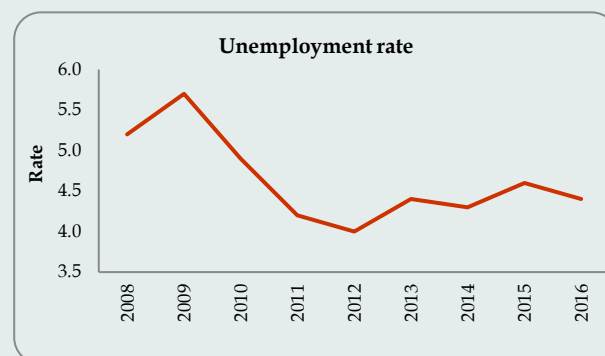
### Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2017 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter* (a)	2016 Annual (a)	2015 Annual	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	54.7	53.8	53.8	53.2
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.3
<b>By Gender</b>				
Male	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1
Female	6.5	7.0	7.6	6.5
<b>By Age Group</b>				
20-29	12.5	14.2	14.2	13.6
20-24	17.4	19.9	19.7	19.9
25-29	8.0	9.2	9.4	8.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

\* Provisional



### Paddy Production

Category	2015			2016		
	2014/2015 Maha	2015 Yala	Total	2015/2016 Maha	2016 Yala	Total
<b>Production</b>						
Mn.Mt	2.88	1.94	4.82	2.90	1.55	4.45
Bushels Mn.	138	93	231	139	73	212
<b>Net Extent Harvested</b>						
Hectares ('000)	659	429	1,088	667	344	1,011
Acres ('000)	1,629	1,060	2,689	1,649	849	2,498
<b>Average Yield kg per ha</b>	4,364	4,527	4,429	4,349	4,417	8,766

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

The paddy production in 2016 Yala season decreased by 20.1 percent to around 1.6 million mt. compared to the 1.9 million mt recorded in 2015.

## Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2016 Jan-Jun	2017 Jan-Jun	% Change
<b>Production</b>			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	154.30	155.50	0.8
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	47.90	45.10	-5.9
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	1,483.80	1,288.60	-13.2
<b>Exports (US\$ Mn)</b>			
	<b>2016 June</b>	<b>2017 June</b>	
Tea	121.9	138.6	13.7
Rubber	1.8	2.0	10.1
Coconut	31.5	30.1	-4.2
<b>Colombo Auction Prices</b>			
	<b>2016 May</b>	<b>2017 May</b>	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	448.15	628.71	40.3
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	245.33	340.39	38.7
Coconut (Rs/nut)	-	-	-

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

## Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item	2016 May (b)	2017 May (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	102.8	102.9	0.1
Manufacture of Beverages	93.4	88.1	-5.7
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	105.8	99.4	-6.1
Manufacture of Textiles	104.3	105.2	0.9
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	109.0	112.1	2.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	105.5	107.6	2.0
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	102.7	102.7	0.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	108.7	108.9	0.1
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	105.1	109.1	3.7
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	90.6	101.5	12.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	101.9	80.6	-21.0
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	93.3	97.5	4.5
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	104.3	115.0	10.2
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	102.5	109.6	6.9
Manufacture of Basic Metals	102.7	117.1	14.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	80.0	97.4	21.6
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	102.7	105.1	2.4
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	105.6	115.7	9.6
Manufacture of Furniture	86.6	100.0	15.4
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	99.3	96.2	-3.1
<b>Factory Industry Production Index</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) FIPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional