

Extent and Production of Big Onion 1999- 2010

Table F07 - 1 Big Onion Production 1999 - 2010

Metric Tons

District	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National Total	62,265	35,415	32,262	33,487	31,038	37,236	50,351	68,887	80,105	52,918	78,029	55,328
Anuradhapura	8,458	8,255	6,168	11,165	8,009	12,041	9,724	9,932	11,626	13,306	17,841	18,912
Mahaweli H	28,300	8,922	8,038	10,344	6,667	9,023	20,580	22,178	23,041	7,398	8,004	8,908
Matale	23,286	16,357	16,571	10,968	15,706	15,847	19,706	36,377	44,800	31,614	51,789	26,931
Polonnaruwa	2,221	1,881	1,485	1,010	656	325	341	400	638	600	395	577

Table F07 - 2 Average Yield of Big Onion 1999 -2010

Metric Tons/Hectare

District	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National Total	14.30	13.40	11.70	11.60	12.20	12.15	12.38	11.12	12.68	15.28	16.88	14.99
Anuradhapura	12.50	12.50	11.60	11.00	11.50	11.91	9.82	10.70	10.69	13.02	14.25	15.90
Mahaweli H	14.90	12.60	11.20	12.00	11.90	12.89	13.11	11.20	12.22	12.27	16.27	15.82
Matale	14.70	14.60	12.30	12.00	12.90	12.76	14.28	11.40	13.65	17.66	18.25	14.26
Polonnaruwa	11.50	12.50	10.20	10.00	10.20	9.45	11.57	10.29	9.67	12.23	9.40	11.98

Table F07 - 3 Extent of Big Onion 1999 - 2010

Hectares

District	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National Total	4,354	2,637	2,741	2,892	2,540	2,985	3,970	6,150	6,317	3,464	4,623	3,690
Anuradhapura	674	662	535	1,015	696	1,011	990	940	1,088	1,022	1,252	1,189
Mahaweli H	1,903	707	716	862	559	700	1,570	1,980	1,885	603	492	563
Matale	1,584	1,117	1,345	914	1,221	1,240	1,380	3,191	3,279	1,790	2,837	1,889
Polonnaruwa	193	151	145	101	64	34	30	39	65	49	42	48

Table F07 - 4 Number of Farmers Cultivated Big Onion 1999 - 2010

District	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National Total	14,729	9,357	10,291	10,785	7,579	10,103	11,562	17,870	14,809	9,253	10,129	11,092
Anuradhapura	4,121	2,515	2,854	3,404	2,742	3,800	4,026	3,486	4,495	3,499	4,519	4,798
Mahaweli H	4,591	2,817	2,678	3,378	1,405	2,121	4,026	7,280	4,874	1,694	975	2,418
Matale	5,069	3,394	4,075	3,555	3,151	4,045	3,394	6,917	5,216	3,883	4,492	3,653
Polonnaruwa	948	631	684	448	281	137	116	187	224	177	143	223

These informations are based on reconnaissance Surveys conducted by the Agriculture Division of the Department of Census & Statistics during Yala Seasons of the respective years. Big onion Crop is predominantly concentrated in four districts /Areas in the Island during yala seasons (from April to September).