

Table 6.13: Average monthly household expenditure and quantity of some selected food items by sector – 2006

Item	Unit	Sri lanka		Urban		Rural		Estate	
		Qty	Value (Rs.)	Qty	Value (Rs.)	Qty	Value (Rs.)	Qty	Value (Rs.)
Rice (kekulu)	kg	17.5	471	10.9	326	18.6	496	17.7	484
Rice(samba)	kg	7.0	239	9.7	358	6.9	230	1.6	57
Rice(Nadu)	kg	11.2	318	6.3	194	11.4	317	21.0	662
Wheat flour	kg	2.5	86	1.6	60	1.6	57	1.8	596
Bread (normal)	kg	6.7	287	10.3	455	6.3	266	3.8	155
Dhal	kg	2.3	185	2.1	174	2.3	185	2.7	210
Potatoes	kg	1.7	125	1.6	124	1.7	126	1.6	117
Chicken	gram	910.8	216	1675.2	419	781.3	182	839.9	188
Beef	gram	234.6	59	487.8	124	203.9	51	24.3	7
Balaya(Fresh fish)	gram	409.3	91	429.3	106	424.8	92	116.4	26
Kelawalla(Fresh fish)	gram	366.5	106	660.6	191	335.1	97	54.1	14
Sprats (Dried fish)	gram	590.1	127	402.1	90	637.0	137	376.8	80
Katta(Dried fish)	gram	71.5	29	112.3	50	67.6	27	20.5	7
Eggs	no	11.5	80	14.1	94	11.2	78	9.7	70
Coconuts	no	29.9	402	25.5	418	31.2	404	22.7	327
Chilly (dried/ powder)	gram	629.9	133	635.4	137	629.3	132	625.1	139
Big onions	kg	2.3	102	2.5	118	2.3	100	2.0	89
Cow milk	ml	377.6	13	259.7	13	373.5	12	760.8	23
Milk powder	kg	1.5	627	2.0	815	1.5	598	1.4	569
Sugar	kg	5.3	330	5.8	354	5.3	329	4.4	281
Banana	no	47.1	123	55.4	182	47.4	117	20.4	50
Tea dust/Leaves	gram	471.0	136	467.6	144	457.2	132	692.7	162

6.5 Non food expenditure

Table 6.14 and Table 6.15 show the average monthly household expenditure on major non food expenditure group and their percentage values to total non food expenditure by sector respectively. According to the Table 6.14 the average non food expenditure per month per household is Rs. 14565(including the expenditure on liquor and tobacco.)

The survey results report that the average monthly expenditure on liquor and tobacco is Rs. 504. It is about 3.5 percent of the total expenditure. It is difficult task to collect accurate data on liquor, narcotic drugs and tobacco from the respondents. It is believed that this information is under reported. Therefore this value should be higher than that it reported. Anyway this information is not considered under the expenditure on food and drink.