# Rice Varietal Distribution in Sri Lanka - 2017

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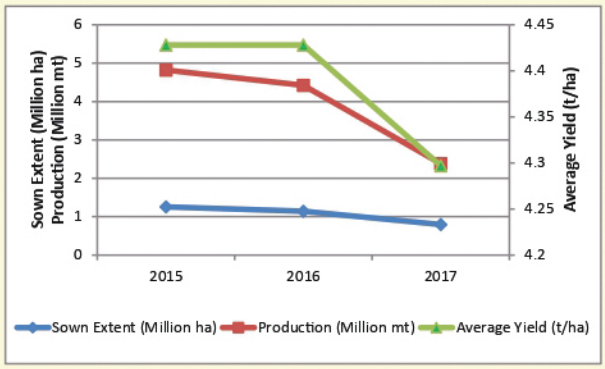
This volume provides rice varietal distribution in Sri Lanka for the year 2017 which includes information of 2016/17 Maha and 2017 Yala seasons. Furthermore, rice varietal distribution trends are also illustrated.

**Highlights .....**

- The most popular rice variety is Bg 300 (16.2% of area) followed by At 362 (16.0% of area).
- Bg 300 and At 362 are widely cultivated in Kurunegala district and Hambantota district respectively.
- 3 1/2 months maturity age group is adopted in 70.8% of the area cultivated.
- Traditional varieties are adopted in 0.4% of the area cultivated. (a reduction of 0.01% compared to 2016).
- White-pericarp varieties are adopted in 77.2% of the area cultivated.
- Long grain rice varieties are adopted in 75.1% of the area cultivated.

## Sown Extent, Production and Productivity (2015 - 2017)

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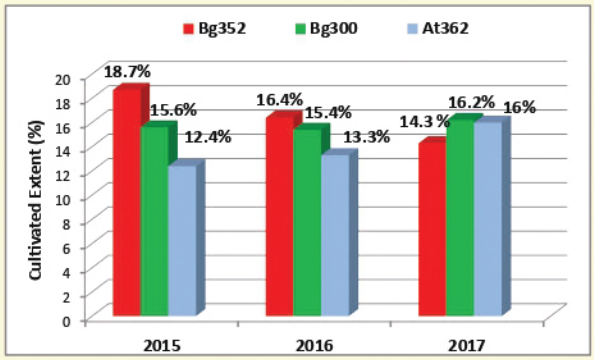


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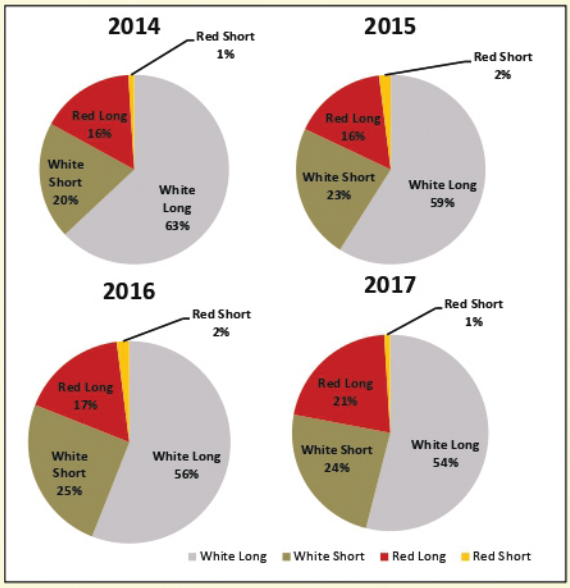


## Table 1: Summary of rice varietal distribution in Sri Lanka – 2017

| Variety | | Grain Type | 2016/17 Maha | | 2017 Yala | | Annual | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | (ha) | % | (ha) | % | (ha) | % |
| **New Improved Varieties (NIV)** | | | | | | | | |
| 2 1/2 months | Bg750 | Red,LG | 299 | 0.056 | 15 | 0.006 | 314 | 0.039 |
| | Bg250 | White,LG | 4,215 | 0.786 | 3,632 | 1.400 | 7,847 | 0.986 |
| | Bg251 | White,LG | 46 | 0.009 | 31 | 0.012 | 77 | 0.010 |
| | Other | | 0 | 0.000 | 42 | 0.016 | 42 | 0.005 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **4,561** | **0.851** | **3,720** | **1.434** | **8,280** | **1.041** |
| 3 months | Bw272-6b | Red,LG | 828 | 0.154 | 802 | 0.309 | 1,630 | 0.205 |
| | Bg300 | White,LG | 83,383 | 15.552 | 45,724 | 17.623 | 129,107 | 16.228 |
| | At303 | Red,LG | 962 | 0.179 | 2,640 | 1.018 | 3,602 | 0.453 |
| | Bg304 | White,LG | 572 | 0.107 | 149 | 0.057 | 721 | 0.091 |
| | Bg305 | White,LG | 1,162 | 0.217 | 558 | 0.215 | 1,720 | 0.216 |
| | At306 | White,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 66 | 0.025 | 66 | 0.008 |
| | At307 | White,LG | 25,957 | 4.841 | 6,276 | 2.419 | 322,32 | 4.051 |
| | At308 | White,SG | 20,870 | 3.893 | 5,203 | 2.005 | 26,073 | 3.277 |
| | At309 | White,LG | 6 | 0.001 | 0 | 0.000 | 6 | 0.001 |
| | Bg310 | White,LG | 783 | 0.146 | 178 | 0.068 | 961 | 0.121 |
| | At311 | Red,LG | 6 | 0.001 | 17 | 0.007 | 23 | 0.003 |
| | Other | | 629 | 0.117 | 54 | 0.021 | 683 | 0.086 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **135,157** | **25.209** | **61,667** | **23.768** | **196,824** | **24.739** |
| 3 1/2 months | Bg94-1 | White,LG | 26,324 | 4.910 | 12,393 | 4.777 | 38,717 | 4.866 |
| | Bw267-3 | White,LG | 16 | 0.003 | 13 | 0.005 | 29 | 0.004 |
| | Bg350 | Red,LG | 216 | 0.040 | 1,455 | 0.561 | 1,671 | 0.210 |
| | Bw351 | Red,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 378 | 0.146 | 378 | 0.048 |
| | Bg352 | White,LG | 71,298 | 13.298 | 42,105 | 16.228 | 113,402 | 14.254 |
| | At353 | Red,LG | 6,739 | 1.257 | 1,386 | 0.534 | 8,124 | 1.021 |
| | At354 | White,LG | 8 | 0.001 | 10 | 0.004 | 18 | 0.002 |
| | Ld356 | Red,SG | 563 | 0.105 | 494 | 0.190 | 1,057 | 0.133 |
| | Bg357 | White,LG | 10,911 | 2.035 | 6,979 | 2.690 | 17,891 | 2.249 |
| | Bg358 | White,SG | 29,060 | 5.420 | 11,781 | 4.541 | 40,841 | 5.133 |
| | Bg359 | White,LG | 16,076 | 2.998 | 9,036 | 3.482 | 25,112 | 3.156 |
| | Bg360 | White,SG | 62,070 | 11.577 | 18,526 | 7.140 | 80,595 | 10.130 |
| | Bw361 | Red,LG | 723 | 0.135 | 964 | 0.371 | 1,687 | 0.212 |
| | At362 | Red,LG | 76,003 | 14.176 | 51,565 | 19.874 | 127,568 | 16.034 |
| | Bw363 | White,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 972 | 0.375 | 972 | 0.122 |
| | Bw364 | Red,LG | 2,685 | 0.501 | 816 | 0.315 | 3,501 | 0.440 |
| | Ld365 | Red,SG | 2,295 | 0.428 | 1,654 | 0.637 | 3,949 | 0.496 |
| | Bg366 | White,LG | 31,575 | 5.889 | 15,080 | 5.812 | 46,655 | 5.864 |
| | Bw367 | White,SG | 21,927 | 4.090 | 7,733 | 2.980 | 29,660 | 3.728 |
| | Ld368 | Red,SG | 3,612 | 0.674 | 2,752 | 1.061 | 6,363 | 0.800 |
| | Bg369 | White,LG | 12 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.000 | 12 | 0.001 |
| | Bg370 | White,SG | 686 | 0.128 | 58 | 0.022 | 744 | 0.094 |
| | Ld371 | White,SG | 65 | 0.012 | 173 | 0.067 | 238 | 0.030 |
| | Bw372 | Red,LG | 1,152 | 0.215 | 1,237 | 0.477 | 2,389 | 0.300 |
| | Bg374 | White,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 1,647 | 0.635 | 1,647 | 0.207 |
| | Other | | 4,519 | 0.843 | 1,164 | 0.449 | 5,683 | 0.714 |
| | **Sub total** | | **368,534** | **68.738** | **190,368** | **73.372** | **558,902** | **70.249** |

| | Variety | Grain Type | 2016/17 Maha | | 2017 Yala | | Annual | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | (ha) | % | (ha) | % | (ha) | % |
| 4-4 1/2 months | Bg11-11 | White,SG | 11 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.000 | 11 | 0.001 |
| | Bg379-2 | White,LG | 2,684 | 0.501 | 574 | 0.221 | 3,258 | 0.410 |
| | Bg380 | White,LG | 1 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 1 | 0.000 |
| | Bg400-1 | White,LG | 246 | 0.046 | 135 | 0.052 | 381 | 0.048 |
| | At402 | Red,LG | 125 | 0.023 | 10 | 0.004 | 135 | 0.017 |
| | Bg403 | White,LG | 1,468 | 0.274 | 662 | 0.255 | 2,130 | 0.268 |
| | At405 | White,LG | 1 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 1 | 0.000 |
| | Bg406 | Red,LG | 10,184 | 1.899 | 0 | 0.000 | 10,184 | 1.280 |
| | Bg407 H | White,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 4 | 0.002 | 4 | 0.001 |
| | Ld408 | Red,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 27 | 0.011 | 27 | 0.003 |
| | Bg450 | White,SG | 1,075 | 0.200 | 76 | 0.029 | 1,151 | 0.145 |
| | Bg455 | Red,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 20 | 0.008 | 20 | 0.002 |
| | Pokuru Samba** | White,SG | 3,848 | 0.718 | 1,056 | 0.407 | 4,904 | 0.616 |
| | Other | | 562 | 0.105 | 170 | 0.066 | 732 | 0.092 |
| | **Sub total** | | **20,205** | **3.769** | **2,734** | **1.054** | **22,939** | **2.883** |
| 5-6 months | Bg745 | White,SG | 120 | 0.022 | 17 | 0.007 | 137 | 0.017 |
| | Bg3-5 | White,LG | 12 | 0.002 | 13 | 0.005 | 25 | 0.003 |
| | Bg38 | White,SG | 314 | 0.058 | 18 | 0.007 | 331 | 0.042 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **445** | **0.083** | **47** | **0.018** | **492** | **0.062** |
| **Old Improved Varieties (OIV)** | | | | | | | | |
| 3 1/2 months | CO-10 | Red,LG | 36 | 0.007 | 0 | 0.000 | 36 | 0.005 |
| | Attakari | Red,LG | 3,586 | 0.669 | 0 | 0.000 | 3,586 | 0.451 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **3,622** | **0.676** | **0** | **0** | **3,622** | **0.455** |
| 4- 4 1/2 months | H4 | Red,LG | 536 | 0.100 | 155 | 0.060 | 690 | 0.087 |
| | Other | | 119 | 0.022 | 223 | 0.086 | 342 | 0.043 |
| | **Sub total** | | **655** | **0.122** | **378** | **0.146** | **1,032** | **0.130** |
| **Traditional Rice Varieties** | | | | | | | | |
| 3 months | Pachchaperumal | Red, LG | 195 | 0.036 | 9 | 0.004 | 204 | 0.026 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **195** | **0.036** | **9** | **0.004** | **204** | **0.026** |
| 3 1/2 months | Suwadel | White,SG | 381 | 0.071 | 127 | 0.049 | 508 | 0.064 |
| | Kalu Heenati | Red,LG | 87 | 0.016 | 8 | 0.003 | 96 | 0.012 |
| | Madathawalu | Red,LG | 15 | 0.003 | 14 | 0.005 | 29 | 0.004 |
| | Suduru Samba | White,SG | 4 | 0.001 | 0 | 0.000 | 4 | 0.001 |
| | Kahawanu | White,SG | 5 | 0.001 | 6 | 0.002 | 11 | 0.001 |
| | Sinna Vellai | Red,LG | 2 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 2 | 0.000 |
| | Hodarawalu | Red,LG | 2 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 2 | 0.000 |
| | Weda heenati | Red,LG | 1 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 1 | 0.000 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **498** | **0.093** | **155** | **0.060** | **653** | **0.082** |

| | Variety | Grain Type | 2016/17 Maha | | 2017 Yala | | Annual | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | (ha) | % | (ha) | % | (ha) | % |
| 4-4 1/2 months | Kurulu thuda | Red,LG | 59 | 0.011 | 45 | 0.017 | 104 | 0.013 |
| | Sudu Heenati | Red,LG | 13 | 0.002 | 6 | 0.002 | 19 | 0.002 |
| | Moddaikaruppan | Red,LG | 1,345 | 0.251 | 0 | 0.000 | 1,345 | 0.169 |
| | Peria sivappu | Red,LG | 101 | 0.019 | 0 | 0.000 | 101 | 0.013 |
| | Peria kooran | Red,LG | 16 | 0.003 | 0 | 0.000 | 16 | 0.002 |
| | siriya kooran | Red,LG | 10 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.000 | 10 | 0.001 |
| | Other | | 55 | 0.010 | 247 | 0.095 | 302 | 0.038 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **1,599** | **0.298** | **299** | **0.115** | **1,897** | **0.238** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 5-6 months | Maa wee | Red,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 54 | 0.021 | 54 | 0.007 |
| | Gonabaru | White,LG | 0 | 0.000 | 21 | 0.008 | 21 | 0.003 |
| | Hathiyal | Red,LG | 1 | 0.000 | 2 | 0.001 | 3 | 0.000 |
| | Rathel | White,SG | 4 | 0.001 | 4 | 0.002 | 8 | 0.001 |
| | Murungakayan | Red,LG | 514 | 0.096 | 0 | 0.000 | 514 | 0.065 |
| | Periya Velladiyan | Red,LG | 157 | 0.029 | 0 | 0.000 | 157 | 0.020 |
| | **Sub Total** | | **676** | **0.126** | **81** | **0.031** | **757** | **0.095** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | **Total** | | **536,146** | **100.00** | **259,457** | **100.00** | **795,603** | **100.00** |

Note: LG=Long Grain (Nadu), SG=Short Grain (Samba), *Not a recommended rice variety

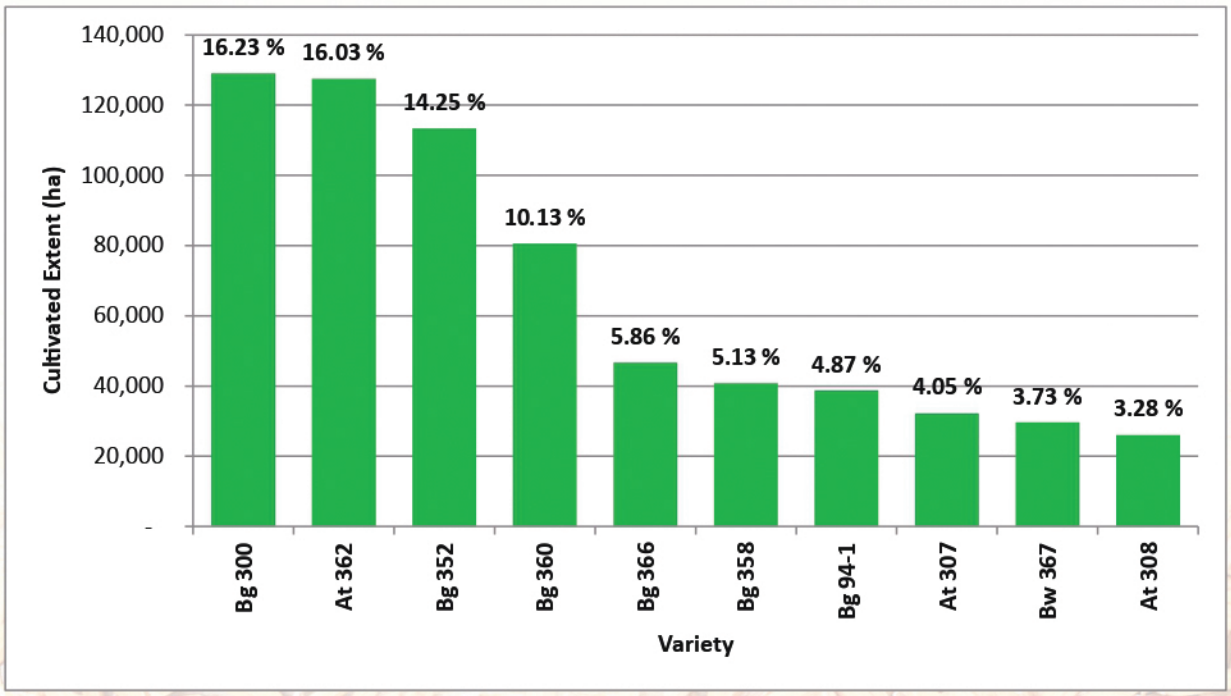



**Figure 1: Cultivated extents of ten most popular rice varieties in Sri Lanka - 2017**

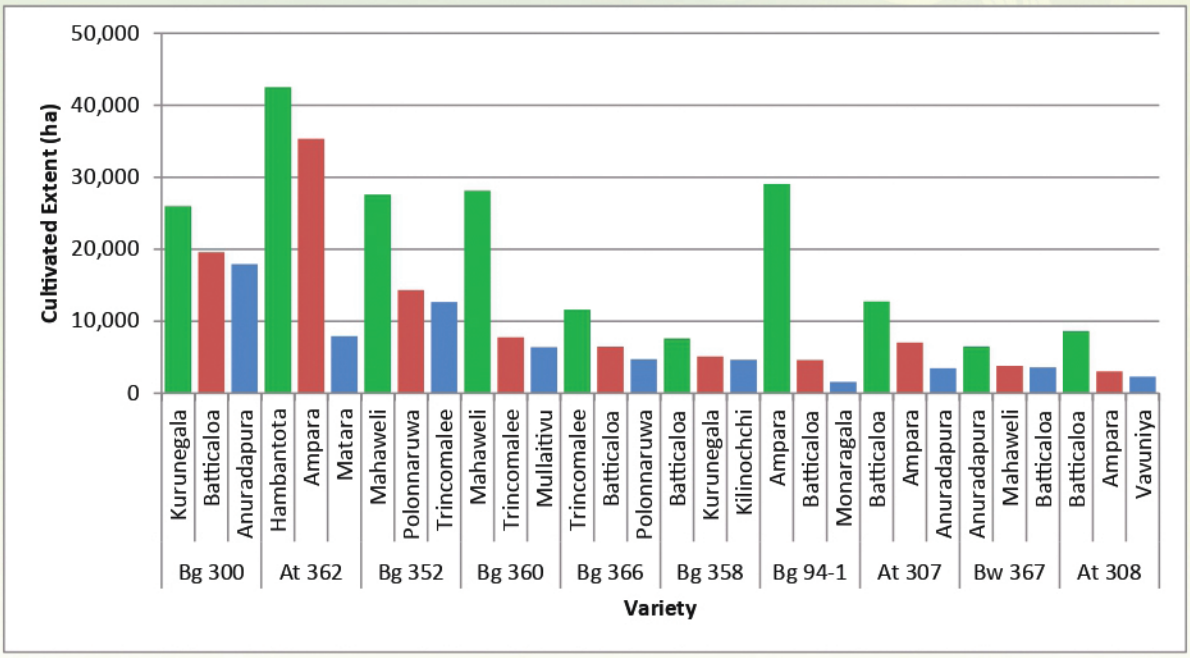



**Figure 2: Cultivated extents of ten most popular rice varieties in major three districts of Sri Lanka 2017**

**Table 2: Cultivated extent of rice varietal categories - 2017**

| | 2016/17 Maha | | 2017 Yala | | Annual | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (ha) | % | (ha) | % | (ha) | % |
| New Improved Varieties | 528,902 | 98.65 | 258,536 | 99.65 | 787,438 | 98.97 |
| Old Improved Varieties | 4,277 | 0.80 | 378 | 0.15 | 4,654 | 0.59 |
| Traditional Rice Varieties | 2,967 | 0.55 | 544 | 0.21 | 3,511 | 0.44 |

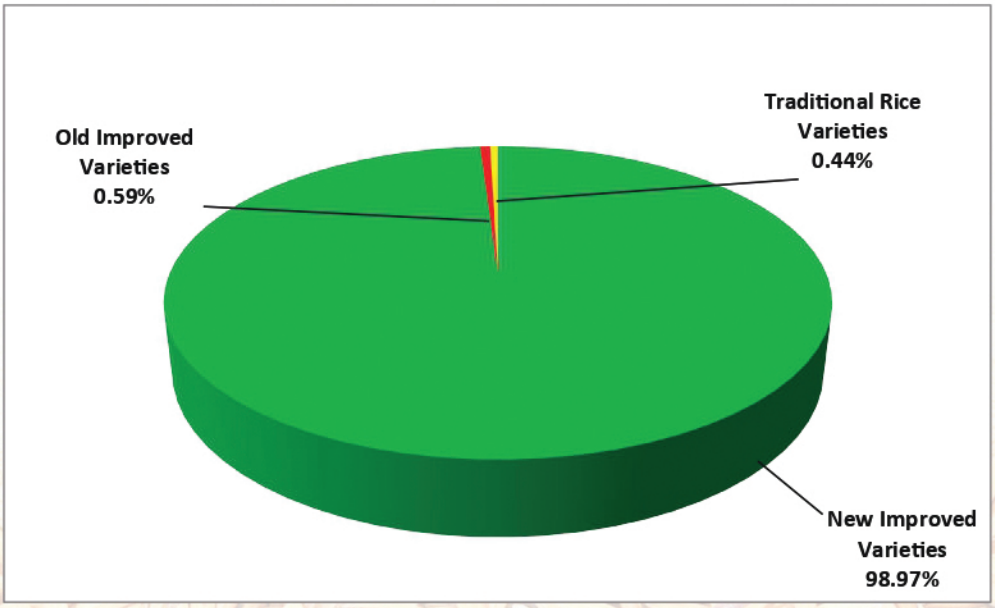
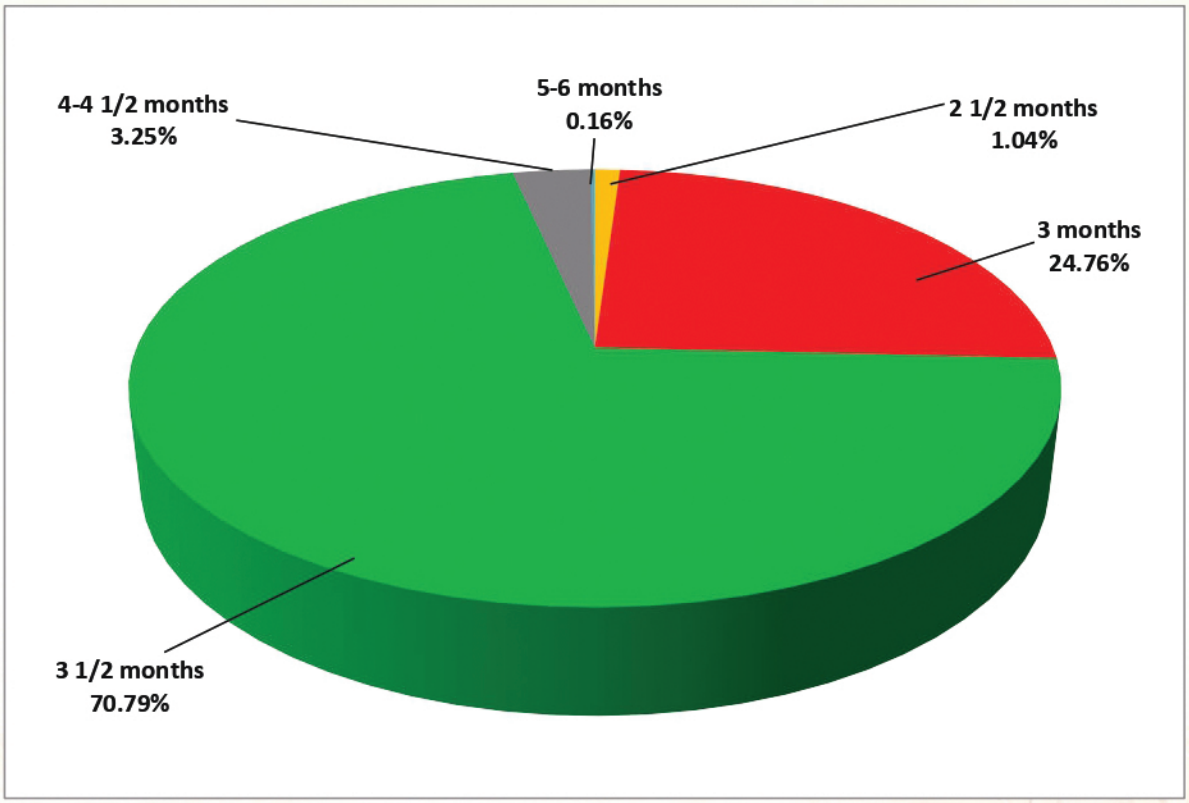



**Figure 3: Cultivated extent of rice varietal categories – 2017**

**Table 3: Varietal distribution of New Improved Rice varieties according to age groups - 2017**

| Age Class | 2016/17 Maha | | 2017 Yala | | Annual Extent | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (ha) | % | (ha) | % | (ha) | % |
| 2 ½ Months | 4,561 | 0.85 | 3,720 | 1.43 | 8,280 | 1.04 |
| 3 Months | 135,352 | 25.25 | 61,676 | 23.77 | 197,028 | 24.76 |
| 3½ Months | 372,654 | 69.51 | 190,524 | 73.43 | 563,177 | 70.79 |
| 4-4½ Months | 22,458 | 4.19 | 3,411 | 1.31 | 25,868 | 3.25 |
| 5-6 Months | 1,121 | 0.21 | 128 | 0.05 | 1,249 | 0.16 |

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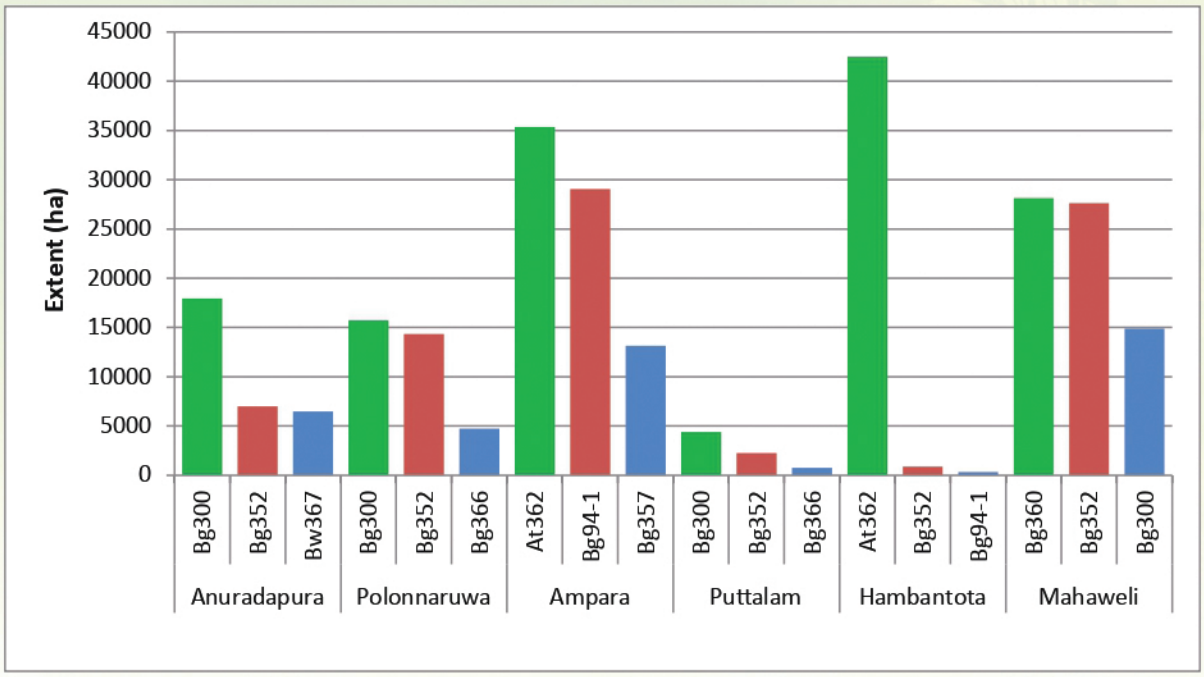
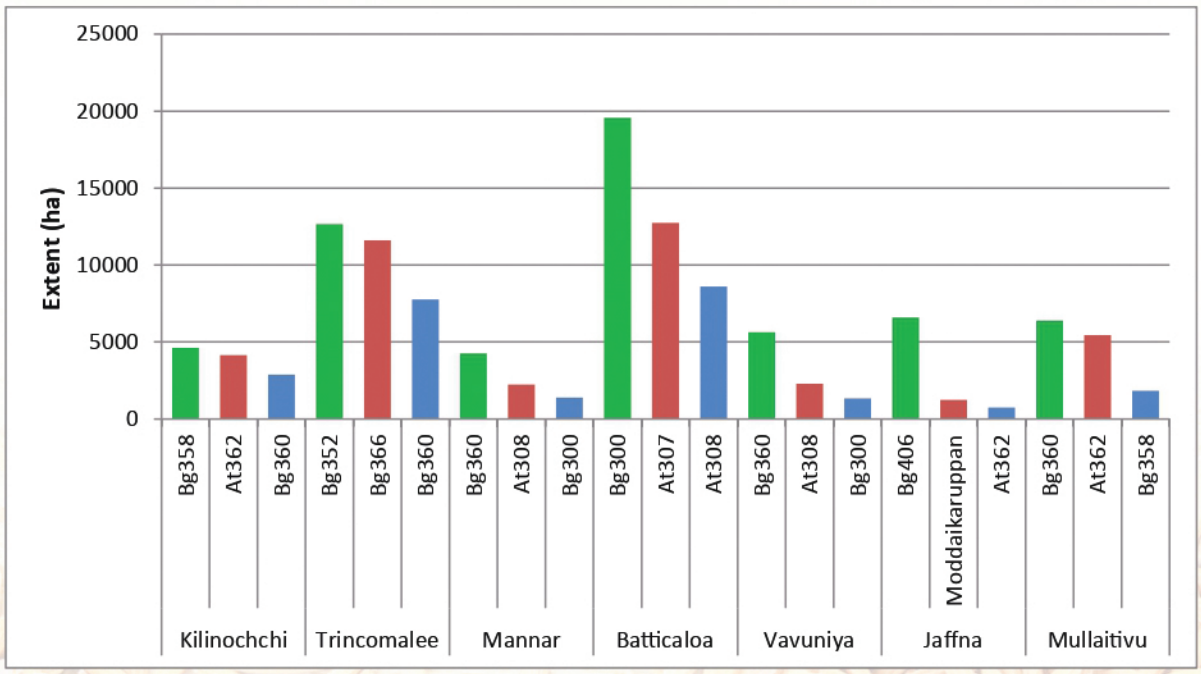



**Figure 5 a: Spread of three major rice varieties including Mahaweli areas in Dry Zone- 2017**

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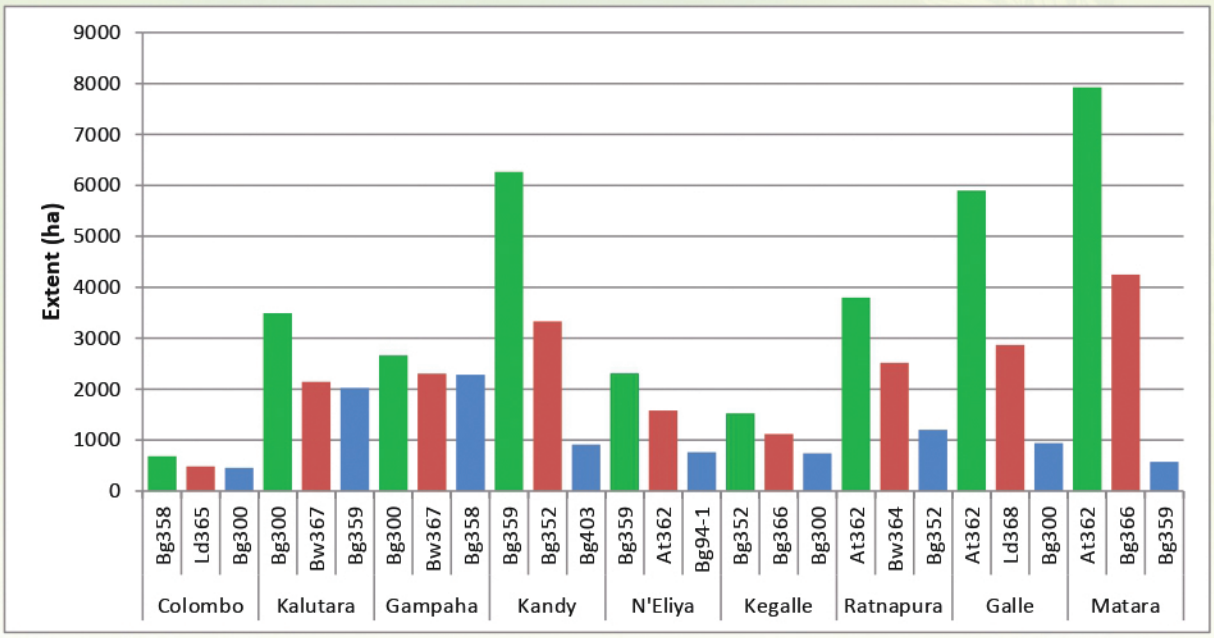
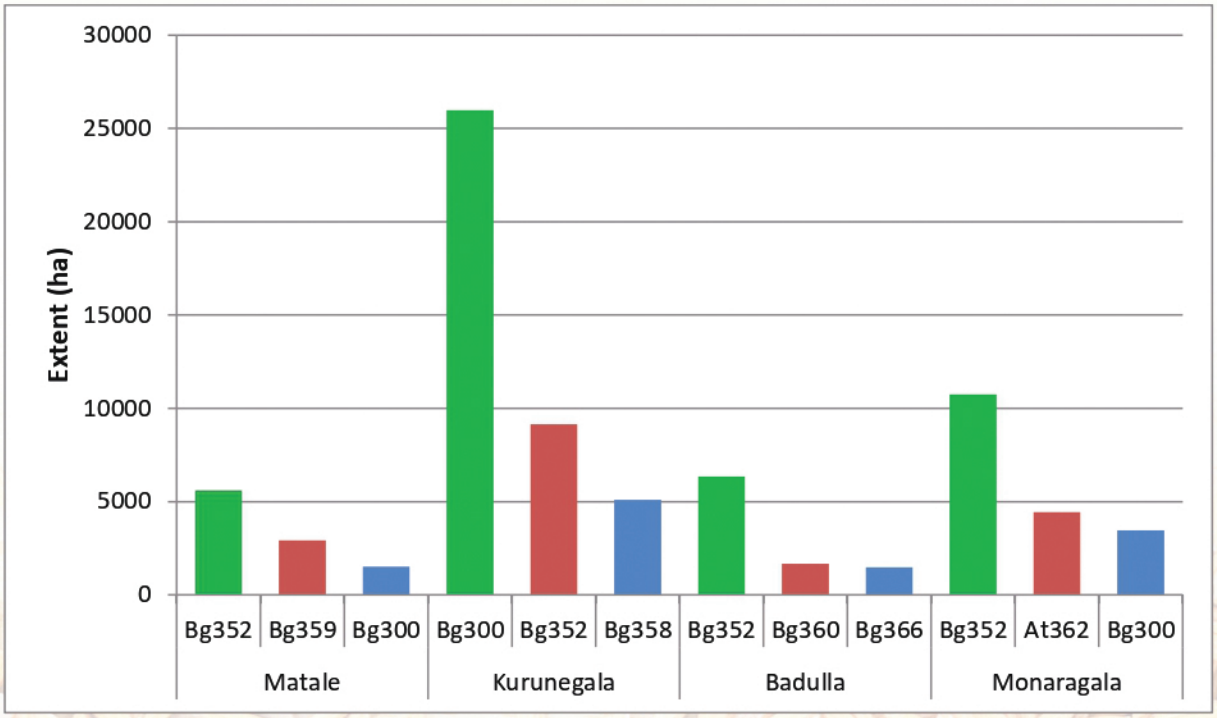



**Figure 6: Spread of three major rice varieties in Wet Zone - 2017**

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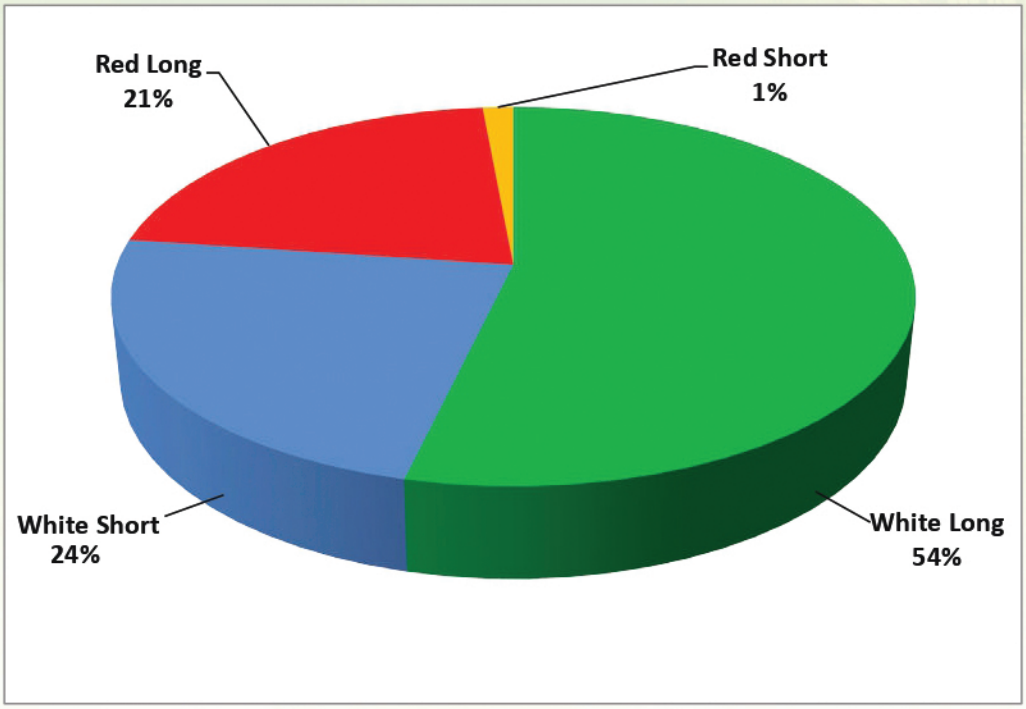


**Figure 8: Varietal spread according to grain types - 2017**

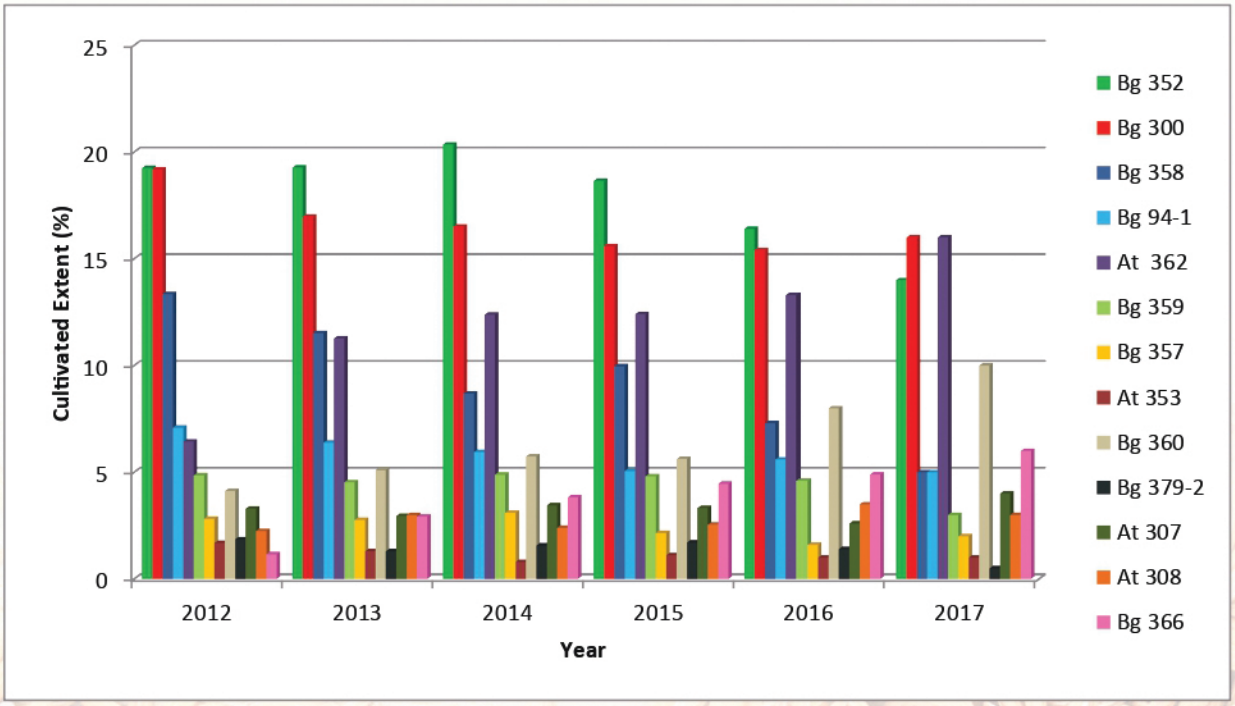


**Figure 9: Spread of popular rice varieties in Sri Lanka (2012 - 2017)**

(Note: Popular Rice Varieties in last Six years relative to 2012)

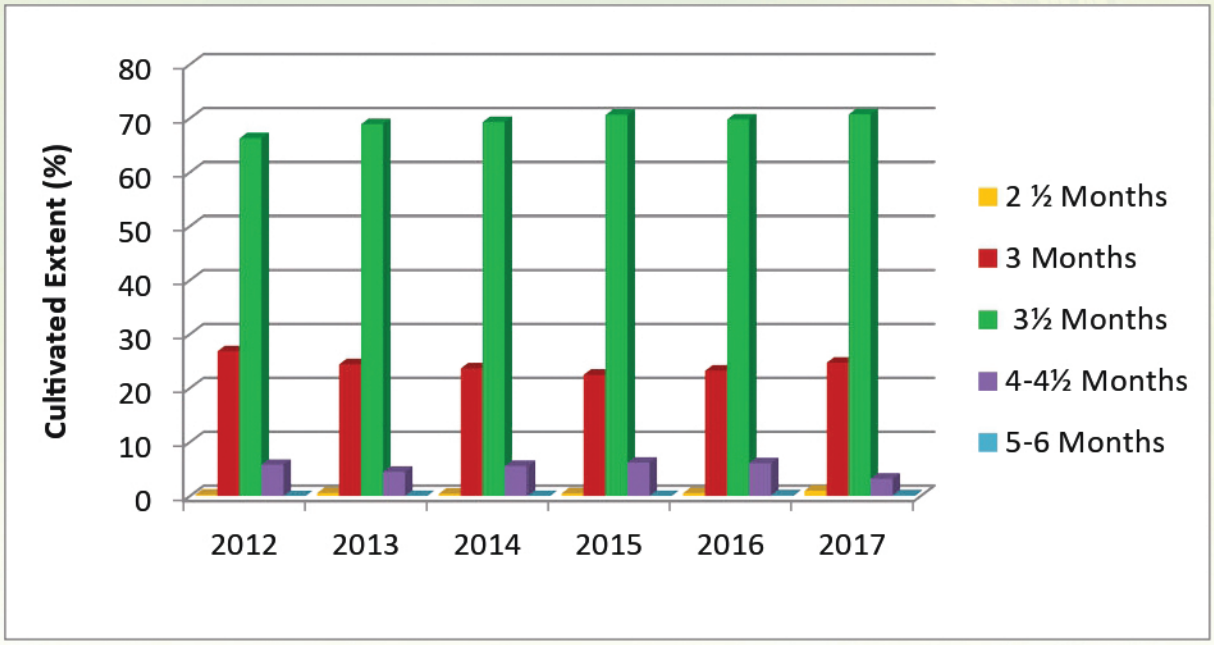


**Figure 10: Distribution of rice varieties by age groups (2012 – 2017)**

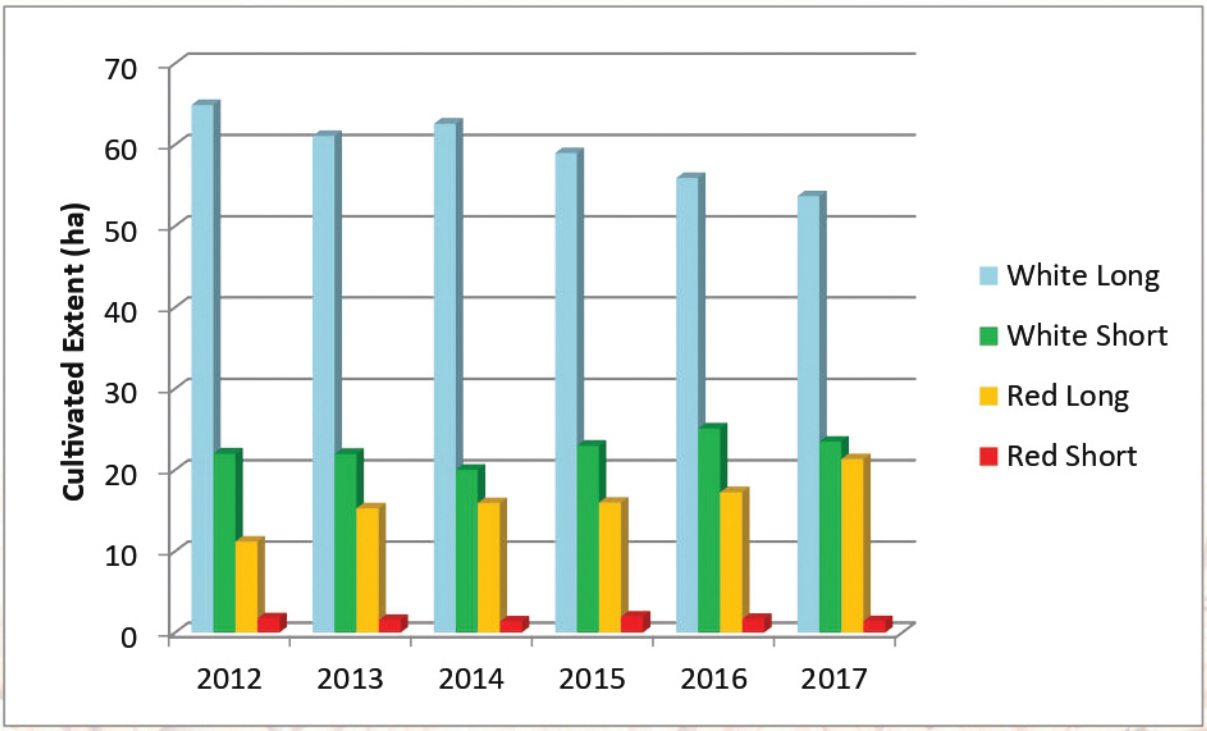


**Figure 11: Distribution of rice varieties by grain type and colour (2012 – 2017)**

## Table 4: New rice varieties released by RRDI after 2005

| Year of release | Variety | Maturity group (months) | Grain Size and Colour | Area of Recommendation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2005 | Bg 250 | 2½ | White-IB | Droughts escape and flood prone areas. |
| 2005 | At 307 | 3 | White-IB | General cultivation |
| 2005 | Bg 406 | 4 - 4½ | Red -IB | Northern region |
| 2005 | Bg 407H | 4 - 4½ | White-IB | High potential areas ( 1st hybrid variety) |
| 2005 | Bg 454 | 4 - 4½ | White-IB | General cultivation with assured supply of water |
| 2006 | Bw 364 | 3½ | White-IB | Wet zone- tolerant to iron toxicity |
| 2008 | Ld 365 | 3½ | Red-SR | Wet zone |
| 2008 | At 308 | 3 | White-SR | General cultivation |
| 2009 | Bg 366 | 3½ | White-IB | General cultivation |
| 2010 | Ld 408 | 4 - 4½ | Red –IB | General cultivation |
| 2011 | Bw 367 | 3½ | White-SR | General cultivation-tolerant to iron toxicity |
| 2011 | Ld 368 | 3½ | Red-SR | Wet zone |
| 2012 | Bg 369 | 3½ | White-LM | Salinity prone areas |
| 2013 | Bg 370 | 3½ | White-SR | General cultivation |
| 2013 | Ld 371 | 3½ | White-SR | Wet zone |
| 2013 | Bw 372 | 3½ | Red –IB | Wet zone-tolerant to iron toxicity |
| 2013 | At 309 | 3 | White-LS | General cultivation-for rice based products |
| 2014 | At 373 | 3½ | White-SR | General cultivation –*Ambalantota Suwanda Samba* |
| 2014 | Bg 251 | 2½ | White-IB | Drought prone areas |
| 2014 | Bg 310 | 3 | White-IB | General cultivation-salinity tolerant |
| 2014 | Bg 455 | 4½ | Red -IB | Flood prone areas |
| 2015 | At 311 | 3 | Red- LS | General cultivation - *Neeroga* |
| 2016 | Bg 252 | 2½ | Red- SR | Drought prone areas |
| 2016 | Ld 253 | 2½ | White-LS | General cultivation |
| 2016 | Bg 374 | 3½ | White-IB | General cultivation |

Long grain (Nadu) : LM ( long Medium) , LS (Long Slender), IB (Intermediate Bold)
Short grain (Samba) : SR (Short Round)

## Message from Director RRDI....

Rice Research and Development Institute is the national center for the development and primary dissemination of rice technologies to improve quality of rice, the productivity and profitability of rice farming. In order to achieve the stated objective, a need of a sound database on rice variety distribution is of paramount importance.

RRDI has been in the process of estimating rice variety distribution in Sri Lanka for many decades in collaboration with Provincial and Inter-provincial Department of Agriculture and Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

This newsletter on rice variety distribution is widely used by scientists, students, academia and policy planners. I essentially appreciate the effort made by Socio Economics Division of Rice Research and Development Institute in producing this newsletter which has national importance.

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