

# The flip side of Sri Lanka's organic farming

Sri Lanka is heavily dependent on food imports to feed her **22 million people**. Sri Lanka's agri/food.import is as high as **\$ 2. 6 bn.**

Imported food commodities include wheat , rice, sugar, soybeans, maize, lentils, onion, potato, edible oil, milk etc

Now that Sri Lanka has decided to go fully organic. In order to have a level playing field it must import only certified organic products.

In that case, their food import bill will soar overnight by **200- 400%**.

It will be interesting to see Sri Lanka's stand on this.

As a sovereign country, Sri Lanka can ill afford to have a dual policy that allows disproportionate advantage to imports. (ie to farmers outside Sri Lanka).