

Price Forecast for Aadipattam

In Tamil Nadu, Aadipattam is an important cropping season under rainfed system and the South West Monsoon determines the production of crops sown during this season. Mostly cereals, oil seeds and vegetables are sown in this season and farmers have to take appropriate decisions on sowing of these crops. To help them in taking proper sowing decisions, Back office of Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre (AMI & BPC) functioning in the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) provides price forecast for Kharif crops. As the forecasts for Maize, Sorghum and Small Onion are already given, Price forecasts for remaining crops are given below and farmers are advised to take sowing decisions according to the market advisories.

Gingelly

India and China are the major sesame producers in the world. Turkey, South Korea, Japan, Syria, Netherlands, UK and Singapore are the major importing countries. In India, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharastra, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are the major growing states.

In Tamil Nadu, Thanjavur, Erode, Karur, Cuddalore and Salem are the major gingelly cultivation districts. There are two major growing seasons for gingelly cultivation viz, Thai pattam (Jan-Feb) and Karthigai pattam (Nov-Dec). Apart from that, Adipattam sowing is also taken in some districts of Tamil Nadu such as, Dharmapuri, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Ariyalur.

As per the data furnished by Solvent Extraction Association of India, the kharif season sowing coverage area during 2015-16 is 0.79 lakh hectare. Simultaneously, the average price of gingelly during June 2015 is Rs. 6291 per quintal in Sivagiri market, which has been declined by 10.84 per cent, when compared to June 2014.

Based on the analysis of fifteen years monthly prices of gingelly at Sivagiri regulated markets and traders survey the average quality gingelly farm gate price during Sep-Oct, 2015 upon harvest would be around Rs. 5500-5700 per quintal in Sivagiri regulated market and based on the export demand and monsoon pattern the price may fluctuate further. Hence, farmers are advised to take sowing of gingelly based on the above market intelligence.

Groundnut

In groundnut production, India stands second position followed by China in global scenario. Asia, Africa and South America accounted for 97 percent of global cultivation area and 95 percent of global production. Among these continents, Asia alone contributes to 50 percent of cultivation area and 64 percent of groundnut production.

In India, groundnut is mostly cultivated under rainfed condition. Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan are the major groundnut growing states which comprise more than 85 percent of domestic production. Among these states, Gujarat alone contributes for 50.77 per cent of groundnut production during 2013-14. During 2013-14, India exported 5.1 lakh tonnes of groundnut for Rs. 31.88 billion. South East Asian countries namely, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand are the major export destinations.

Tamil Nadu is in the third place with 9.91 per cent of total groundnut production in the country during 2013-14. In Tamil Nadu, Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Vellore, Namakkal, Salem, Erode, Pudukkottai and Kancheepuram districts are the major groundnut cultivation districts with approximately 65 percent of state groundnut production.

The Back Office of AMI &BPC operating in the CARDS, TNAU has analyzed the eighteen years monthly prices of Sevur and Tindivanam markets and also conducted traders survey to give forecast. The result of the analysis and traders survey indicated that groundnut price during Sep-Oct, 2015 upon harvest would be declining and the average price of freshly harvested groundnut will rule around Rs. 5200-5500 per quintal in Sevur regulated market and Rs. 5500-5800 per quintal in Tindivanam regulated market. Hence, farmers are advised to take sowing of groundnut based on the above market intelligence.

Cotton

Despite global decline in cotton production and higher expectations on export and consumption for cotton during 2015-16, CCI's huge stock holds (1.46 million tonnes) may influence the domestic price during the 2015-16. The result indicated that, the price trend for good quality long staple cotton will be around Rs. 4000 - 4200 during Jan-Feb, 2016 which is well around the MSP. Hence, Farmers are advised to take sowing according to the price forecast.

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