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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

Sell Blackgram and Greengram upon Harvest

In the world, pulses are grown by 107 countries with a production of 66 million tonnes from 73 million hectare. India, China, Brazil, Australia, Canada and Myanmar are prominent countries on production of pulses. India is the largest producer, consumer and the largest importer of pulses in the world.

As per the Fourth Advance Estimates by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, pulses production in India was 19.78 million tonnes in 2013-14. Government of India expects pulse production to touch 19.50 million tonnes during 2014-15. Blackgram and Greengram account for 7.85 and 7.76 percent share in the total India pulses production during 2013-14. The latest estimate by Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of India for 2014-15 shows that India's consumption demand is about 22 million tonnes, while the production is close to 19.50 million tonnes, necessitating an import of about 2.50 million tonnes. The major pulses in India are being imported from Canada, Australia and Myanmar that cater to around 60 per cent of India's total import of pulses.

In Tamil Nadu, the production of Blackgram and Greengram was 0.89 and 0.34 lakh tonnes during 2012-13. Blackgram was mainly cultivated in Cuddalore (24%), Nagapatinam (12%), Villupuram (11%), Thanjavur (10%) and Thiruvarur (8%). Green gram was grown in Nagapatinam (17%), Thiruvarur (16%), Thiruvallur (15%), Thoothukudi (14%) and Salem (11%) respectively. The current ruling prices are Rs.54 and 64 per kilogram for Blackgram and Greengram, respectively on an average in Villupuram regulated market.

Now harvesting season has commenced for Greengram and Blackgram especially in the rice fallows areas. Hence farmers wanted to know whether to keep the produce under storage in anticipation of better price or sell immediately.

In this regard scientists in the Back office of Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre (AMI &BPC), Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS) in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University have analyzed the prices of Blackgram and Greengram that prevailed during the last ten years in Villupuram regulated market.

As per the results of the analysis the prices of the above crops for the period March - May 2015 are forecasted as Rs.57-59 and Rs.64-65 per kg for Blackgram and Greengram, respectively. For Blackgram during June-July 2015 there are slight chances for the prices to increase upto Rs.3 per kilogram and no chance to increase prices for Greengram further. Based on this information farmers are recommended to sell the Blackgram and Greengram upon harvest.

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