

## **MAIZE PRICE WILL BE STABLE AT HARVEST**

During 2013-14, maize cultivation area in India was 9.43 million hectare, production was 24.35 million tonnes. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu are the major maize growing districts of the country. Country's major export destinations have Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia.

In Tamil Nadu, the maize cultivation area was 0.30 million ha with a production of 1.64 million tonnes during 2013-14. Thoothukudi, Virudhunagar, Dindigul, Tirunelveli, Triuppur and Salem area the major kharif maize producing districts in Tamil Nadu. Now, arrivals from Tamil Nadu were ended and Odisha arrivals has started coming to the market. Arrivals from Karnataka will start from July second week onwards. At present, maize price is prevailing at Rs. 1,340 - 1,350 per quintal in Udumalpet regulated market. At the time of harvest of kharif maize during October - November, 2015, poultry feed and industry demand will be met by local maize production in the state.

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 has analyzed the maize prices that prevailed during the last 22 years in Udumalpet regulated market to provide market intelligence for the farmers of major maize growing districts.

The econometric analysis revealed that the price for the good quality maize grain will prevail around Rs. 1,300 - 1,320 per quintal during harvest of kharif maize. Hence, farmers are advised to take sowing decision according to the market advisory.

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