

Thai pattam Groundnut and Gingelly will be Remunerative (06th Jan '14)

Groundnut

India is one of the largest producers of groundnut in the world. Total world production of groundnut in 2013-14 is approximately 39.34 million tonnes. China, India, Nigeria, United States, Burma, and Indonesia are the major producers of groundnut globally. In India, groundnut production in Kharif (2012-13) was 26.20 lakh tonnes and 47.15 lakh tonnes in Kharif 2013-14 is anticipated. The major producers of groundnut are Gujarat (26.34 %), Andhra Pradesh (19.08 %), Rajasthan (17.68 %), Tamil Nadu (9.54 %), Karnataka (7.63 %), Madhya Pradesh (7.25 %) and Maharashtra (5.34).

In Tamil Nadu, during kharif 2013-14 about 1.80 lakh tonnes of groundnut is expected to be produced as informed by traders. Major groundnut production centres in Tamil Nadu are Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Namakkal, Kancheepuram, Dharamapuri, Thanjavur and Salem districts. In most of these districts groundnut is sown during July to August (Adi pattam) and January to February (Thai pattam). In Thaipattam, it is grown under irrigated conditions. The peak arrivals are during March to May and lean arrivals are during November to December. TMV10 (locally called Pattani) variety is mostly grown for oil purpose. TMV7, TMV2, VRI2, JL24 (specific for confectionery) are the varieties widely cultivated by the farmers in Tamil Nadu.

To facilitate farmers to take up sowing decisions, NAIP –Domestic and Export Market Intelligence Cell functioning in Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 13 year prices prevailed in Tindivanam Regulated Market for groundnut kernal and Sevr Regulated Market for groundnut pod. The econometric analysis of groundnut prices revealed that farmers could get a price of Rs 45-48/kg of kernel in Tindivanam area and Rs 35-37 / kg of groundnut pods around sevr market area during April, May 2014. Based on the above prices, farmers may take their sowing decision on groundnut in Thaipattam.

Gingelly

Sesamum is an important edible oilseed in India. Gingelly seed production in kharif (2012-13) was 3.40 lakh tonnes and about 3.50 lakh tonnes in kharif during 2013-14 is anticipated by traders. West Bengal, Orissa, Assam and Andhra Pradesh mostly produce red and black varieties while white gingelly is grown in Maharastra and other Western States. Gingelly is the major oilseed crop grown under rainfed conditions in almost all the states of India. In Tamil Nadu, about 50,000 tonnes is expected during kharif 2013-14. Erode, Karur, Thanjavur, Cuddalore, Salem, Villupuram, Tiruppur and Thiruvannamalai are the major districts that are contributed about 62 per cent of the state area and 44 per cent of the state production during 2011-12. Erode district has the highest productivity of 734 kg per hectare. Main varieties cultivated in Tamil Nadu are TMV 3, TMV 4, TMV 5, TMV 6, TMV 7 (Brown gingelly), CO1, (Black gingelly) and SVPR1, (White gingelly). Red gingelly varieties are used for oil purpose and black gingelly varieties are mainly used in confectionaries. Red gingelly accounts for more than 75 per cent of total gingelly trade in Tamil Nadu. White Gingelly mainly used for export. Domestic and Export Market Intelligence Cell, Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, has analysed 13 years historical prices that prevailed in Sivagiri Regulated Market and the results reveal that the price of red gingelly would be around Rs 80-

85 per kg during harvest period viz., April to May 2014. Farmers are requested to take their sowing decision on gingelly based on the above prices.

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