

Small Onion Prices will Remain Stable

India is the largest small onion producer of the world. The major small onion growing states are Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh in India. In Tamil Nadu, small onion is grown in Dindigul, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Trichy, Namakkal, Theni and Madurai districts. Main varieties under cultivation are CO1, CO2 and CO (On) 5.

Most of the production of small onion is domestically consumed and the arrivals from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh facilitate domestic demand. From Tamil Nadu, small onion is exported to Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia. According to trade sources, there is not much export demand for small onion during current season.

Tamil Nadu is the major producer of small onion in India. At present, fresh arrivals are coming to Trichy and Dindigul markets from Dharapuram, Palladam and Udumalpet. Mysore arrivals will commence from June onwards.

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 15 year historical prices that prevailed in Dindigul Market for small onion. As per the results of the time series analysis, the farmgate price of good quality small onion during harvest (May- June, 2018) would be around Rs. 25/ kg. The price may subject to change based on the arrivals from Mysore. Hence, the farmers are advised to take appropriate selling decision.

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