

Price Forecast for Small Onion

Small onion is one of the most important kitchen staple in the Southern India. India ranks second position next to China by contributing 18 per cent of the total World production. According to the Third Advance Estimates (2018-19) of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the area and production of small onion in Tamil Nadu is estimated to be 0.28 lakh ha and 3.01 lakh tonnes respectively. Small onion is mainly grown in the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Odissa. Karnataka is the major competitor for Tamil Nadu in cultivation and trade of small onion.

In Tamil Nadu, small onion is cultivated more than 80 per cent of the total onion area and remaining area is under bellary onion. Dindigul, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Trichy and Namakkal are the major small onion producing districts in Tamil Nadu.

According to trade source, monsoon and associated crop failure in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh has reduced the arrivals of onion to Tamil Nadu market. Both July and October sown crops in Tamil Nadu are affected due to pest and diseases, which are further aggravated by extended monsoon. Hence, the price of small onion increased in recent period. The price may fall during March'2020 after the harvest of current crop as well as arrivals from Karnataka.

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 12 year historical prices that prevailed in Dindigul Market for small onion. As per the results of the time series

analysis, the farmgate prices of good quality small onion till end of March '2020 would be around Rs. 50-60/ kg and subsequent price variation will depend upon the market arrivals from Karnataka. Hence, the farmers are advised to take sowing/selling decision accordingly.

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