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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:

**Chances are remote for price increase in small onion**

Tamil Nadu is the largest producer of small onion in India. It accounts approximately 90 percent of country's shallot production. The major small onion growing states are Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Major importers for small onion are Bangladesh, Malaysia, UAE and Sri Lanka.

Currently the small onion arrivals in Dindigul, Trichy, Perambalur and Tirupur markets are very high. This is affecting the farm harvest price of small onion in Tamil Nadu. At present the price of good quality small onion price is ruling around Rs.25/kg in Dindigul market.

The Back office of Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre (AMI & BPC) in the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has analyzed the farm gate prices of small onion that prevailed during the last 12 years in Dindigul wholesale market and conducted the trader's survey.

The analysis revealed that the farm gate price for the good quality small onion will prevail around Rs. 22- 24per kg during March- April, 2016. Hence, farmers are advised to take appropriate sowing decision according to the market advisory.

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