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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

Price Forecast for Small Onion

Tamil Nadu is the major producer and consumer of small onion (shallot) in India. Small onion is traditionally grown in Dindigul, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Trichy, Namakkal, Theni and Madurai districts of Tamil Nadu. In Tamil Nadu, small onion is mainly cultivated in three seasons, i.e., Thai, Vaigasi and Purattasipattam and stored to make it available in the market throughout the year.

From Tamil Nadu, small onion is exported to Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia. Consumers in overseas markets prefer small onion of size 23 mm at least. Now, fresh arrivals are started coming from Dharapuram, Palladam and Udumalpet to Trichy and Dindigul markets. Small onion growers are also storing their produce in anticipation of better prices. According to the trade sources, the stock position of onion is good and the price may be remain stable as compared to current market price until Mysore arrivals commence from September'2021 onwards to Tamil Nadu markets.

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 22 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 September would be around Rs. 32-34 /kg and subsequent price fluctuation would be subjected to the onset of monsoon and arrivals from neighboring states. Hence, the farmers are advised to take up sowing decision accordingly.

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