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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:

TNAU announces Price Forecast for Maize

USA, China, Brazil, Argentina, Ukraine and India are the major maize growing countries in the World. These Countries together contribute 74.86 per cent of world maize production. Among the maize growing countries, India ranks 4th in area and 6th in production, representing around 4 per cent of the world maize area and 2 per cent of total production. According to Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, India produced 30 million tonnes in an area of 9.9 Million hectares in 2020-21. USA, Brazil, Argentina and Ukraine are the major exporting nations of maize.

The major export destinations of Indian maize (2019-20) are Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan and Bhutan. India is a net importer of maize in which 41 per cent of maize is imported from Myanmar followed by Ukraine.

Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu together accounted for 62 percent of the total maize production in India. In Tamil Nadu, maize is cultivated in an area of 3.35 lakh hectare with 2.47 million tonnes of production during 2019-20. The major maize growing districts of Tamil Nadu are Salem, Dindigul, Namakkal, Pudukottai, Tiruppur, Villuppuram, Perambalur and Ariyalur.

According to the trade sources, area and production of maize in Tamil Nadu has increased compared to the previous year. Demand for maize in Tamil Nadu is partially met through inflow from other states. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar are the major states supplying maize to Tamil Nadu during November to February.

Under these circumstances, TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 16 year historical prices that prevailed in Udumalpet Regulated Market for Maize. As per the results of the time series analysis, the farm gate price of good quality Maize during harvest(January 2022) would be around Rs. **1700-1800**per quintal. Hence, the farmers are advised to take appropriate selling decision.

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