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The Editor,

Sir,

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

Feed Demand boosts Maize Prices

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore has developed market advisory for maize.

In India, maize is grown throughout the year and it is predominantly a Kharif crop with 85 per cent of the area under cultivation in the season. According to the Second Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (2021-22), the area under maize in India, is nearly 9.5 million hectares with a production of 32.4 million tonnes. In India, maize is largely grown in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. USA, Brazil, Argentina and Ukraine are the major exporting nations of maize. The major export destinations of Indian maize (2020-21) are Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan. The price of maize in the domestic market has increased due to high export and domestic demand for poultry and animal feed.

In Tamil Nadu, maize is cultivated in an area of 0.4 million hectare with 2.56 million tonnes of production during 2020-21. Major maize growing districts of Tamil Nadu are Perambalur, Ariyalur, Salem, Dindigul, Namakkal, Pudukottai, Tiruppur and Viluppuram. According to the trade sources, maize arrivals to Tamil Nadu are from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Bihar and these three states contribute nearly 30 per cent of the total demand of Tamil Nadu. Arrivals from Bihar have already started from the month of March and will extend up to July and Karnataka arrivals will commence from August'22.

The Price Forecasting Scheme has analyzed the maize prices that prevailed in Udumalpet Regulated Market for the past 27 years. As per the analysis and market survey, the farm gate price of good quality maize during June-August 2022, will be Rs.2400-2500 per quintal. Hence, farmers are advised to take up appropriate marketing decision.

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