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The Editor,

Sir,

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

TNAU Announces Price Forecast for Small Onion

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 Small Onion.

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. According to the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crop, Tamil Nadu produced 3.57 lakh tonnes of small onion in 0.51 lakh ha during 2020-21. In Tamil Nadu, small onion is cultivated more than 80 per cent of the total onion area and remaining area is under bellary onion. Major small onion producing districts in Tamil Nadu are Dindigul, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Trichy and Namakkal.

Small onion prices in Tamil Nadu are set to remain under pressure due to more arrivals from neighbouring states like Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Due to increased area, production and sufficient availability/stored onion in Tamil Nadu, the supply situation is expected to be comfortable in coming months. The availability of small onion is expected to be excess in coming months. The trend is likely to continue till the end August, 2022.

The Price Forecasting Scheme has analyzed the past 23 year historical prices that prevailed in Dindigul Market for small onion. As per the results of the time series analysis, the farm gate prices of good quality small onion till end of August would be around Rs. 20-22/kg and subsequent price fluctuation would be subjected to the arrivals from Karnataka. Hence, the farmers are advised to take selling decision accordingly.

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