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The Editor,

Sir.

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

Coconut and Copra Price will be Static

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 coconut and copra.

According to the Second Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (2021-22) in India, coconut accounted for 51 per cent of total plantation crops and Tamil Nadu accounted 68 per cent of area under coconut of total plantation crops. Tamil Nadu stands second in the country in terms of coconut production and second in productivity of 7.90 tonnes of nut per hectare compared to Andhra Pradesh (10.46 tonnes of nut per hectare) Karnataka (7.30 tonnes of nut per hectare) and Kerala (4.31 tonnes of nut per hectare).

Tamil Nadu state produced 35.15 lakh tones coconuts from the cultivable area of 4.44 lakh hectares in 2021-22. In Tamil Nadu, the major coconut growing districts are Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Thanjavur, Dindigul and Kanyakumari. The arrivals of copra to Perundurai market are from Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Pollachi, Salem and Kangayam.

As per trade sources, festival season in forthcoming months will enhance the demand for coconut in domestic market but the surplus production in the current season will stabilize coconut price. Enhanced supply in the major coconut producing states will pull down the festive demand in coming months.

Price Forecasting Scheme team has analyzed the past 15 year's prices for coconut and copra that prevailed at Avalpoonthurai Regulated Market of Erode district and Perundurai Cooperative Marketing Society. As per the results of the analysis, the price of good quality coconut during October - December, 2022 will be Rs. 13-14 per nut. Good quality copra price will be around Rs. 77-80 per kg. Hence, farmers are advised to take selling decision accordingly.

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