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The Editor,

Sir,

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

## **TNAU Price Forecast for Vegetables**

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 vegetables. Tamil Nadu is the major producer and consumer of tomato, brinjal and bhendi.

## **Tomato**

According to the Third Advance Estimate of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare (2021-22), the area under tomato cultivation is 0.54 lakh hectares with production of 16.17 lakh tons in Tamilnadu. The major tomato producing districts in Tamilnadu are Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Theni and Tiruppur. At present, tomato arrivals to Coimbatore wholesale market, are coming from surrounding villages especially Kinathukadavu, Chavadi, Mathampatti, Thondamuthur, Periyanaickenpalayam and Udumalpet of Tamilnadu and also from Mysore region of Karnataka. According to the trade source, tomato arrival to the market has decreased because of price fall in the last season, rainfall and climate change and there is shortage in supply of tomatoes.

## **Brinjal**

According to the Third Advance Estimate of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare (2021-22), the area under brinjal is 0.24 lakh hectares with a production of 3.12 lakh tons in Tamilnadu. The major producers of brinjal in Tamilnadu are Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Dindigul, Tiruppur and Vellore districts. As per trade sources, current arrivals are coming from Mathampatti,

Alandurai, Natchipalayam, Alandurai, Kuppanoor, Thondamuthur, Puluvampatti and

Mysore district of Karnataka.

Bhendi

According to the Third Advance Estimate of Ministry of Agriculture and

Farmer Welfare (2021-22), Bhendi area under cultivation in Tamilnadu is 0.25 lakh

hectares with production of 2.41 lakh tons. The major producers of bhendi in

Tamilnadu are Salem, Theni, Dharmapuri, Thiruvallur, Coimbatore, Madurai,

Dindigul, Tiruppur and Krishnagiri districts. As per the trade sources, most of bhendi

arrivals are coming from Mathampatti, Alandurai, Natchipalayam, Alandurai,

Kuppanoor, Thondamuthur, Puluvampatti.

The Price Forecasting Scheme team has analyzed the past 12 years prices of

tomato, brinjal and bhendi that prevailed in Oddanchathiram and Coimbatore

Uzhavar shandies. As per the results of the analysis, the farm gate price of good

quality tomato during harvest (March - April 2023) would be around Rs.21-23 per

kg. Farm gate prices of good quality brinjal will rule around Rs. 23-25 per kg and

bhendi will rule around Rs. 22-24per kg respectively and the price may go up due to

extended monsoon. Hence, farmers are advised to take appropriate marketing

decision accordingly.

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