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To The Editor, Sir,

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

## **TNAU Price Forecast for Oilseeds**

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 oilseeds.

## Groundnut

Groundnut is an important oilseed crop and is one of the important sources of protein. As per the Third Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, groundnut production in India during 2021-22 is estimated at 100.87 lakh tonnes. Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra are the major growing States together accounted for 89 per cent of total production in India during 2020-21. The major groundnut export destinations are Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia and United Arab Emirates.

As per the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, groundnut was cultivated in 4.09 lakh hectares with production of 10.23 lakh tonnes in Tamil Nadu during 2020-21. Major groundnut cultivating districts are Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Viluppuram, Kanchipuram, Cuddalore, Tirupathur, Erode, Pudukottai, Salem, Dharmapuri and Namakkal. In most of these districts, groundnut is sown during July to August (Adipattam).

The TN-IAMP Price Forecasting Scheme implemented at the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 21 years historical prices that prevailed in Tindivanam Regulated Market for groundnut. The econometric analysis and market survey revealed that during September 2022, farmers could get a price of Rs. 65-70 / kg of groundnut. Based on the above advisory, farmers are recommended to take their sowing decision.

## Sesame

India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of sesame at the world level. As per the Third Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, sesame production is estimated at 8.57 lakh tonnes during 2021-22. The major states producing sesame are Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu representing more than 85 per cent of total country's production.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, sesame was cultivated in 0.52 lakh hectares with 0.34 lakh tonnes production in Tamil Nadu during 2020-21. Karur, Erode, Viluppuram, Salem, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Tiruppur, Pudukottai, and Tiruvannamalai are the major sesame producing districts. The crop is mainly cultivated during December -January and July - August months. Black and red sesame are used for oil purpose and white sesame is mainly used in confectionaries.

The TN-IAMP Price Forecasting Scheme implemented at the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 21 years historical prices that prevailed in Sivagiri Regulated Market for sesame. The econometric analysis and market survey revealed that during September 2022 farmers could get a price of Rs. 100-110 / kg for red sesame. Based on the above advisory, farmers are recommended to take their sowing decision.

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