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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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

TNAU Price Forecast for 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 Crops, Tamil Nadu produced 3.80 lakh tonnes of small onion in 0.51 lakh ha during 2020-2. 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.

At present, small onion from Rasipuram, Thuraiyur, Sathyamangalam and Triuppur are arriving to Coimbatore markets. According to trade source, monsoon and associated crop damage in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu has reduced the market arrivals of small onion. Hence, the price of small onion increased in recent period. The price may fall during February-March'2023 after the harvest of current crop as well as commencement of arrivals from Karnataka.

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 during February to March'2023 would be around Rs.35-40/kg. Hence, the farmers are advised to take sowing decision accordingly.

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