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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

### **Sell Sorghum Immediately after Harvest**

Tamil Nadu ranks sixth position in the production of sorghum in India. Sorghum is used as grain, fodder and dry feed. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are the major sorghum growing states of India.

In Tamil Nadu, Namakkal, Dindigul, Coimbatore, Trichirapalli, Salem, Virudhunagar and Dharmapuri are the major sorghum growing districts contributing 76 per cent of total of sorghum area of the state. Current arrivals from Negamam, Palladam, Avinashi, Erode, Trichy, Salem and Virudhunagar are already started. Market arrivals from Mysore will be commencing from October first week onwards. The major sorghum varieties cultivated in the area are Manjal cholam for good quality fodder production and Vellaicholam (or) Kari cholam for seed and food purposes. Sorghum can be grown in Kharif (July-September), Rabi (October - December), as well as in summer season. In Tamil Nadu, hybrid CO-5 was high yielding, suited for both fodder and grain purpose besides resistant to shoot fly and grain mould disease.

To facilitate farmers in taking a better decision about the grain sorghum, Back office of Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre (AMI & BPC) in the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has analyzed the prices of sorghum that prevailed during the last 12 years in Tiruppur regulated market.

Current farm gate price of average quality grain sorghum is Rs.21-23 per kg in Tiruppur market. The results of econometric analysis and traders' survey revealed that the farm gate price for the average quality grain sorghum will hover around Rs.22 - 23 per kg in October-November, 2015. Hence, sorghum farmers are recommended to sell immediately after harvest.

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