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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:

Store and Sell Small Onion

India is the largest small onion producer of the world and Tamil Nadu is the major producer of small onion in India. From Tamil Nadu, small onion is exported to Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.

Small onion is mainly cultivated in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Currently, small onion from Dindigul, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Trichy and Madurai districts of Tamil Nadu started arriving to market and the market arrivals from Mysore of Karnataka would persist till last week of August. The market price of small onion will be stable up to November' 2015, anticipating less crop damage due to the North-East monsoon. After that, the price may fall due to fresh arrivals from Vilathikulam and Theni of Tamil Nadu and Mysore arrivals which will again commence from December, 2015 onwards.

At present, the farm gate price of good quality small onion is ruling between Rs.25 - 30 per kg in Dindigul market. Small onion is mainly cultivated in summer season and farmers take up sowing during July depending on monsoon rains. Export demand from Srilanka and Indonesia will be anticipated in mid-September, 2015 onwards.

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 farm gate prices of small onion that prevailed during the last 17 years in Dindigul market and conducted the traders survey.

The analysis revealed that the farm gate price for the good quality small onion will prevail around Rs. 30 - 33 per kg during October - November, 2015. Hence, farmers are advised to store their produce and sell during October – November, 2015.

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