

Static price trend will prevail for small onion

Tamil Nadu is the major producer of small onion (shallot) accounting for nearly 70 per cent of total area under small onion in India in 2014-15. Shallot is mainly cultivated in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and major export destination are Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Maldives.

In Tamil Nadu, Perambalur (7948 ha), Trichy (3500 ha), Dindigul (2990 ha), Tirunelveli (1828 ha), Tiruppur (1036 ha), Thoothukudi (1300 ha), Namakkal (1988 ha), Virudhunagar (1242 ha) and Coimbatore (1131.5 ha) are the major small onion growing districts in 2014-15. These districts accounted for 85 per cent of total small onion cultivated area in Tamil Nadu.

At present, fresh arrivals from Dharapuram, Palladam, Udumalpet, Madurai and Dindigul and stored arrivals from Namakkal, Trichy and Ottanchathiram are arriving to the market. Mysore arrivals will start from July, 2015 onwards. At present, farm gate price of good quality small onion is ruling around Rs. 30 per kg in Dindigul market. The demand for seed onion for sowing is also increased with the current level of price. Further price changes will depend upon, export demand as well as the normally of South-West Monsoon in the small onion growing districts of Tamil Nadu.

Under these circumstances, 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 shallot that prevailed during the last 17 years in Dindigul market.

The back office of AMI & BPC analysis revealed that the price for the good quality small onion will prevail around Rs. 28 - 30 per kg during August - September, 2015. Hence, farmers are recommended to take-up sowing

based on the above price. In Tamil Nadu, Co - 5 variety which is the most preferred variety for export market is round in shape, pink in colour and has a diameter of 27 mm and above.

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