

## **Price Forecast for Vegetables**

### **Tomato**

The major tomato growing states are Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha and West Bengal. In Tamil Nadu, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Salem, Tiruppur, Theni and Dindigul district are the major cultivation pockets for tomato. As per the trade sources apart from the local arrivals, neighboring states such as Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have significant contribution to meet our local demands. At present in Coimbatore wholesale market the tomato arrivals are very high from surrounding villages especially Semmedu, Kinathukadavu, Thondamuthur, Nachipalayam, Alandurai. During the North East monsoon, Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu has received adequate rainfall which increased the area under tomato cultivation. Karnataka also received adequate rainfall which is favorable for tomato cultivation.

### **Brinjal**

Brinjal is largely cultivated during winter and summer months. In Tamil Nadu, the major brinjal growing districts are Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Dindigul, Tiruvannamalai and Vellore. As per trade sources, current arrivals are coming from Natchipalayam, Alandurai, Theni, Hosur and Cumbum. Currently, Coimbatore market is getting adequate arrivals from Tamil Nadu and Mysore district of Karnataka.

### **Bhendi**

In Tamil Nadu, major cultivation season for bhendi is February (Thai pattam) and June to August (Adi pattam). It is largely grown in Thalaivasal and Magudanchavadi blocks of Salem, Karamadai, Periyayakkanpalayam and Thondamuthur blocks of Coimbatore, Andipatti block of Theni and Vaiyampatti

block of Trichy district. Normally, bhendi fetches maximum price during January-February months in a year. As per the trade sources, most of bhendi arrivals are coming from Hosur, Pollachi and Udumalpet to Coimbatore.

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 12 years prices of tomato, brinjal and bhendi that prevailed in Oddanchathiram, Trichy and Coimbatore Uzhavar shandies. As per the results of the analysis, the farm gate price of good quality tomato during harvest would be around Rs.18-20 per kg. Farm gate prices of good quality brinjal will rule around Rs. 28-30 per kg and bhendi will rule around Rs. 23-25 per kg respectively. Hence, farmers are advised to take up sowing decision accordingly.

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