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The Editor,
Sir,

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

**Interim Market Advisory for Small 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.

Around 90 per cent of India’s small onion is produced from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Karnataka is the major competitor for Tamil Nadu in cultivation and trade of small onion. According to the Second Advance Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (2021-22), the area under small onion is 0.54 lakh hectares with a production of 5.66 lakh tones in Tamil Nadu. Namakkal, Perambalur, Trichy, Dindigul, Coimbatore, Salem and Tiruppur, are the major small onion producing districts in Tamil Nadu.

At present, small onion from Karur, Dindigul, Erode and Tripppur districts are arriving to Coimbatore markets. The trade sources indicated that the demand would be expected to increase from September to October for sowing in Purattasi pattam coupled with festival season which may push the price of small onion upwards.

The price forecasting team has analyzed the past 10 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 October’2022 would be around Rs. 45-50 /kg and subsequent price fluctuation would be subjected to the onset of monsoon and arrivals from Karnataka. Hence, farmers are advised to take appropriate marketing decisions accordingly.
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