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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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

TNAU Pre-Sowing Price Forecast for Maize

Maize has been gaining nutritional and commercial significance year by year owing to its demand has been driven by the feed industry, industrial usage, ethanol blending initiatives of National Policy on Bio-fuels, bio plastic usage, etc.

As per the Third Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India (2025-26), maize is grown approximately in 10.74 million hectares accounting for 55.10 million tonnes of production in India. Since, Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted that the below normal rainfall is expected during the current South West Monsoon characterised by El Nino climate phenomenon, crop production in major maize producing states viz., Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal would be affected. But, these climate driven supply shocks along with bumper harvest of the previous year are neutralised by the West Asian Crisis, rising fuel cost affecting exports and domestic trade of maize.

Tamil Nadu is also one of the major maize producing states of the country accounting for 3.3 million tonnes of production from 0.54million hectares largely from Salem, Namakkal, Dindigul, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Viluppuram and Tiruppur districts contributing to only 50 per cent of our domestic demand. But, remaining 50 per cent of our state demand has met with arrivals from other states and deficit monsoon would make maize price very volatile.

In this context, Domestic and Export Market Intelligence Cell (DEMIC) of CARDS, TNAU has analysed the maize prices prevailed in Udumalpet regulated market for the past 15 years and also conducted market survey. Accordingly, farm gate price of good quality maize would prevail around Rs.2200-2400/quintal during harvest. Hence, the farmers are advised to take up appropriate sowing decisions.

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