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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 Small Onion

India leads global production of small onions, with cultivation primarily concentrated in the Southern states viz., Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh. Small onions accounted for nearly 80 per cent of Tamil Nadu's total onion production. Cultivated across 0.44 lakh hectares, the crop yielded 5.28 lakh tonnes during 2024–25 with an average productivity of 12 tonnes per hectare. Within Tamil Nadu, key producing areas include the districts of Dindigul, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Trichy, Namakkal, Theni, and Madurai. While domestic demand is largely sustained by regional production supplemented by inflows from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu serves as a major export hub, supplying to markets in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Nepal.

Trade sources indicate that strong international demand during this season, with exports accounting for roughly 5 to 10 percent of small onion output. Currently, fresh harvests from Perambalur, Dharapuram, Palladam, Udumalpet, and Karnataka are supplying to major markets in Trichy and Dindigul.

In this context, Domestic and Export Market Intelligence Cell (DEMIC) of CARDS, TNAU has analysed the small onion prices prevailed in Dindigul market for the past 15 years and also conducted market survey. As per the results of the time series analysis, the farm gate prices of good quality small onion during harvest would be around Rs.30-35/Kg. Hence, the farmers are advised to take up sowing decision accordingly.

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