

KHARIF PRE-SOWING PRICE FORECASTS FOR 2015-16

MAIZE PRICE PER QUINTAL WILL BE AROUND RS 1,290 – 1,350 /Q, AT THE TIME OF HARVESTING.

In India Maize prices have been increasing, even though there is no major buying, just sporadic by the poultry and the starch sector. Average prices moved up to Rs 13,000 per tonne in India and prices in Karnataka, Rajasthan, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh all moving upward.

As per the second estimate year 2014-15, India is expected to produce 22.97 million tonnes of maize, which is 1.29 million tonnes (5.3 per cent) lower than last year production. Kharif production is estimated at 16.46 million tonnes and Rabi at 6.51 million tonnes, as area under Maharashtra, Andhra and Karnataka have declined. Andhra Pradesh's average at Rs 12,710 per tonne, Karnataka Rs 11,900 per tonne, Rajasthan at Rs 13,200 per tonne and Telangana at Rs 12,200 per tonne.

In 2014-15 the expected output both in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh stands at 41 lakh tonnes and there would be more than 50 per cent stocks at the beginning of the new season 2015-16. In states like Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Orissa the production is on the rise.

To know kharif harvest prices of Maize, econometric analysis of modal prices of Maize in Badepalli market for a period of 13 years was undertaken by the Network Project on Market Intelligence (NPMI) in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad. Maize price per quintal will be around **1,290 – 1,350 /q**, at the time of harvesting.

DRY CHILLIES PRICE MAY MOUNT MODERATELY AT HARVEST

Traders said buying support from retailers and stockists against fall in supplies from producing belts, mainly pushed up chilli prices. In Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, chillies are raised in nurseries or directly during kharif and the harvesting commences during January – April. Only single crop in a year is practiced in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, resulting in traders intended to pile their stock during this harvest period according to their year round demands.

Besides, a firming trend at futures market supported the uptrend. Barring a rise in red chilli prices on scattered demand from retailers against tight supplies from producing belts, other spices held steady at the wholesale kirana market today. With the demand increasing in the international market, the price had gone up from the initial Rs 6,000 a quintal in May'2015 to a little over INR 10,000. According to a release, the price forecast was made at the network project on market intelligence, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, PJTSAU, Hyderabad based on the econometric analysis done on the price of chillies that prevailed in the Guntur regulated market and the expected price at the time of harvest would be in the range of **INR 7,200 – INR 8,400** based on the varying varietal and qualitative conditions.

GROUNDNUT PRICES MAY WITNESS SLIGHT RISE AT KHARIF HARVEST

It is expected that the monsoon may strike in time for the present kharif season of 2015. Country's groundnut oil availability was down by 170,000 tonnes or 41.50 per cent from last year's 410,000 tonnes. The abolishment of the compulsory registration rule for groundnut shelling units to export to countries outside the European Union might increase shipments from India.

In the wake of reduction in groundnut acreage as well as production and diminishing quantity of the commodity available for crushing over the last couple of years, the prices may hike. Worldwide, groundnut crop has been estimated lower. Millers, as a consequence, will face scarcity of groundnut for crushing during the year, ultimately resulting in low groundnut oil production. It was cited that decline in groundnut production was the main reason behind drop in oil production.

To know kharif harvest prices of groundnut, econometric analysis of modal prices of groundnut in Gadwal market for a period of 13 years was undertaken by the Network Project on Market Intelligence (NPMI) in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad. Groundnut price per quintal will be around **Rs. 4,000 – 4,500/q**, at the time of harvesting based on the varying varietal and qualitative conditions.

COTTON PRICE PER QUINTAL WILL BE AROUND RS.3,950 -4,250 /Q, AT THE TIME OF HARVESTING

The Union government recently revised cotton production estimates to 39 million bales from 41 million bales for cotton year 2014-15 (October to September) while Cotton Association of India (CAI) has estimated the output at 39.1 million bales production. Traders expect cotton production to be around 38 million bales.

CCI has procured 9.1 million bales in the current year 2014-15 so far at the government's minimum support price, surpassing the previous record of 8.9 million bales in 2008-09. Almost the entire procurement operation for this year is done.

In the first nine months of the financial year (April-December 2014), data compiled by the Union textiles ministry showed a six per cent fall in the export, at 891 million kg as compared to 946 million kg in the same period a year before. The fall accelerated afterwards. In 2013-14, cotton yarn export was 1,303 million kg.

Yarn export to China has declined by 20 per cent due to a slowing in the textile industry there, which normally takes 40 per cent of the total. Exporters have tried to compensate from elsewhere and there has been a slight rise in yarn export to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Vietnam in recent months.

To know kharif harvest prices of cotton, econometric analysis of modal prices of cotton in Warangal market for a period of 13 years was undertaken by the Network Project on Market Intelligence (NPMI) in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad. Cotton price per quintal will be around **Rs. 3,950 -4,250 /q**, at the time of harvesting.

Forecasted prices for other major crops

Crop name	Expected price range
Turmeric	6600 -7200
Green gram	5900 - 6500
Red gram	5200 - 5400
Soyabean	3200 - 3300

Note: There are any possible deviations of the actual prices from the predicted prices in the light of tentative developments in the commodity markets such as change in international prices, export or import restrictions etc.,

“These forecasts are based on past data & different models and that actual market price may or may not turn out to be the same as forecasted”.