

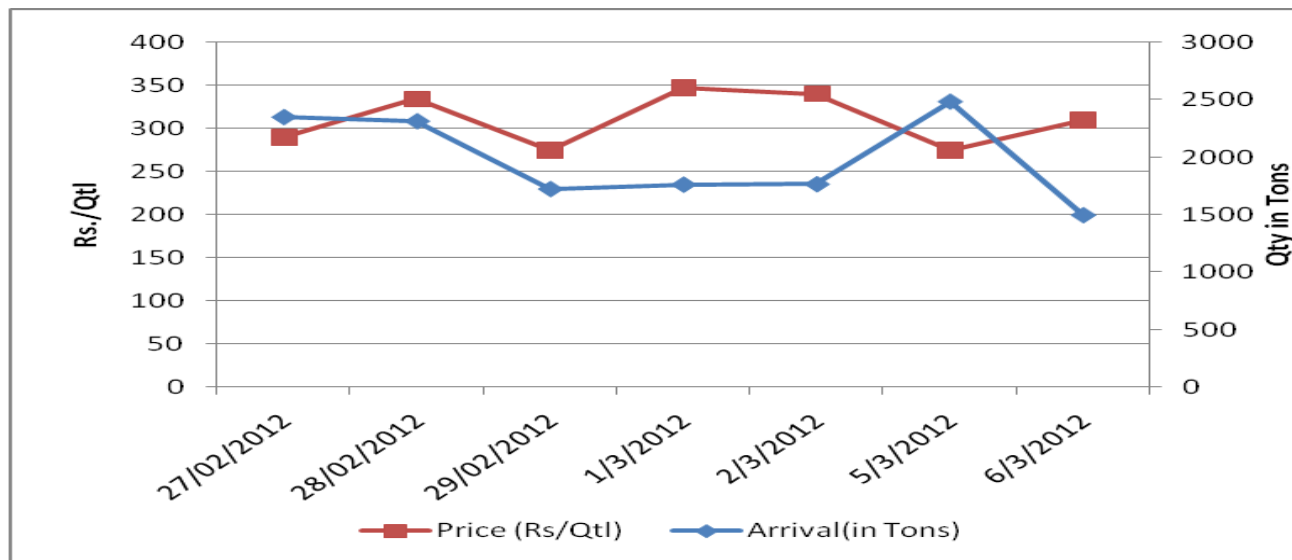
Onion Fundamentals:

- In last week, the onion was traded between Rs. 300/Qtl to Rs 350/Qtl in Lasalgaon mandi of Nasik district. Lasalgaon mandi is Asia's largest mandi for onion.
- At the same time, the retail prices are hovering between Rs. 800 to Rs 1500/Qtl. The highest retails price Rs. 1500/Qtl was recorded in Guhawati (Assam). The prices are increasing in West Bengal and North eastern states due lower supply and poor quality from Nasik.
- Arrivals are increasing on daily basis in major mandi. With the rabi onion crop is expected to arrive soon, there might be further pressure on prices. However, good demand is seen from Punjab, Bihar and Orissa.
- Govt's recent move to lower MEP (Min Export Price) from \$150 to \$125/ton has given support to prices. Due to this export demand has improved and expected to increase further from next month especially from West Asia and Malaysia.
- Presently, export demand is more for Red variety Onion of Nasik from Srilanka. There is demand of Pune side onion also from Gulf Countries and Malaysia.
- The managing director of Maharashtra agriculture marketing board has urged the Union government to abolish the minimum export price (MEP) mechanism (the factor that decides the price of onion in international markets) to curb price fluctuations and to prevent losses to growers.

Outlook:

Onion price is likely to stay range bound and may find buying support in case of major decline due to export off-take.

Price & Arrival Chart of Onion at Lasalgaon (Nasik) Market



(Source: AGMARKNET, NHRDF)

Onion Prices – Wholesale & Retail as on 5th March 2012

Centre	MinPrice	MaxPrice	ModelPrice	Arrival	RetailPrice
Name	(Rs/Qtl)	(Rs/Qtl)	(Rs/Qtl)	(MT.)	(Rs/Qtl)
ABOHAR	500	700	600	90	1000
AGRA	500	700	600	30	1200
AHMEDABAD	300	500	400	478	800
AMRITSAR	625	750	675	175	1000
BANGALORE	550	650	600	1100	1400
BHOPAL	400	500	450	160	600
CHANDIGARH	600	700	650	80	1200
CHENNAI	700	900	800	550	1200
DEHRADUN	450	550	500	20	1000
GANGATOK	800	1000	900	4	1100
GUWAHATI	850	900	875	190	1500
JAIPUR	500	600	555	265	900
JAMMU	700	750	740	250	1000
KOLKATA	650	700	675	180	1100
LUCKNOW	550	650	600	70	900
MUMBAI	300	520	450	1330	1000
NAGPUR	450	875	663	430	1100
PUNE	400	450	425	1875	600
RAIPUR	550	625	600	45	1200
RANCHI	550	650	625	210	1000
SHIMLA	900	1100	1000	16	1400
SRINAGAR	850	950	900	220	1500
SURAT	500	600	550	230	1000
TRIVENDRUM	800	950	875	60	1400

(Source: NHB)

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