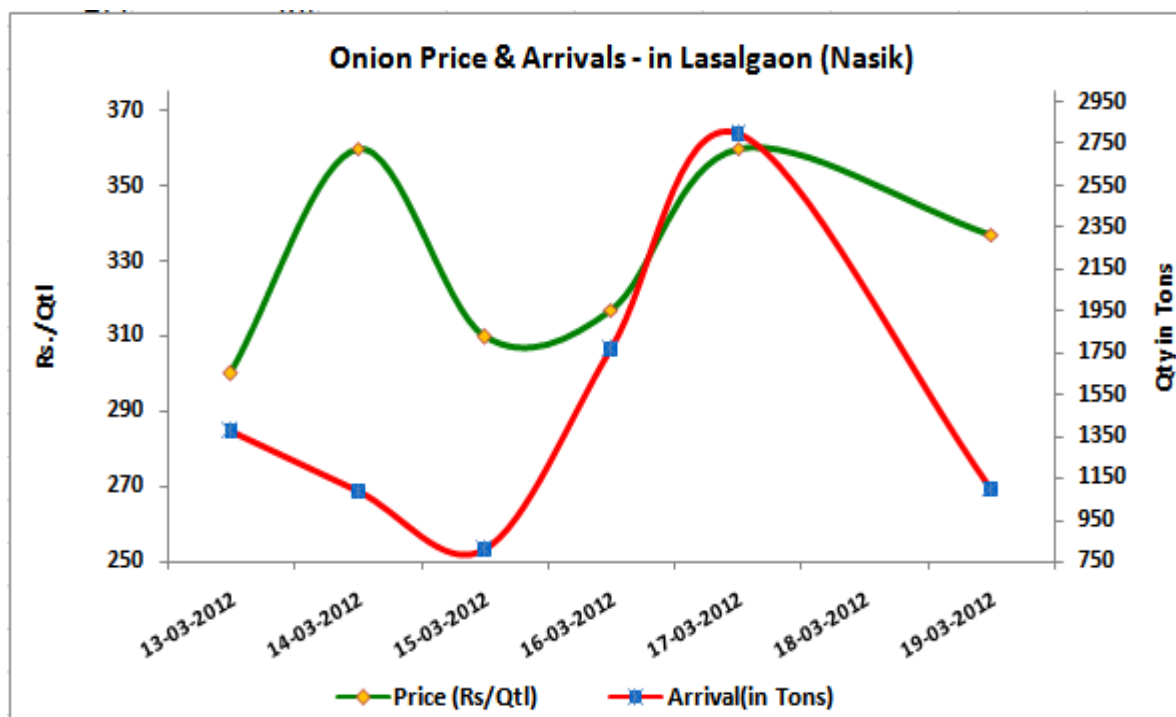


## Onion Fundamentals:

- Onion prices in Mumbai declined from Rs 460/Qtl on Saturday to Rs 450/Qtl on Monday backed by higher arrivals. Arrivals improved significantly to 9550 quintal on Monday from 1100 quintals on Saturday.
- Meanwhile, onion prices at Bangalore declined by Rs 99/Qtl on Monday to Rs 451 a quintal due to higher arrivals. Arrivals increased from 17,831 quintals on Saturday to 22,431 quintals on Monday.
- Demand for onion from Bangalore, Hyderabad and Chennai was stable at these price levels. Demand for dark red variety of onion (Agrifound Dark Red) will improve during coming 15 days and exporters are keeping a close eye on its arrivals which is likely to begin from first week of April.
- Central government might consider the demand of a few states asking to lower MEP of onions (current MEP \$125/ton) to boost export. Any policy shift to a lower MEP could lend support to the onion prices moving forward as exports would gather pace.
- Export demand for onions are seen stable to firm as exporters are buying onions from spot markets to cater to the growing demand of Dubai, Kuwait, UAE and adjoining Gulf nations. At the same time demand from Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh also improved during recent days.
- Higher export demand and improvement in arrivals shall keep Onion prices range bound and will continue to attract domestic and export buyers on any price dips.

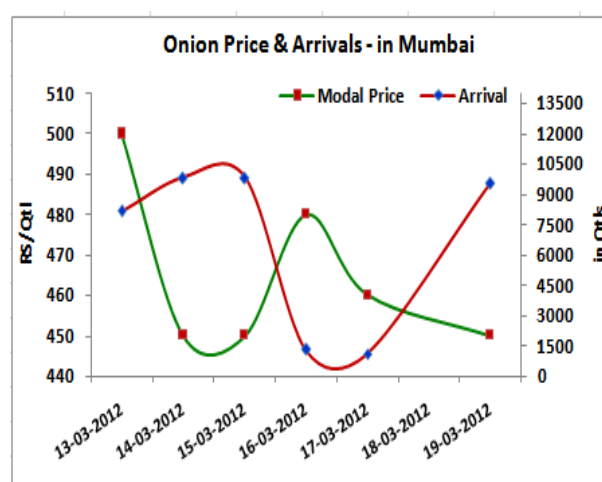
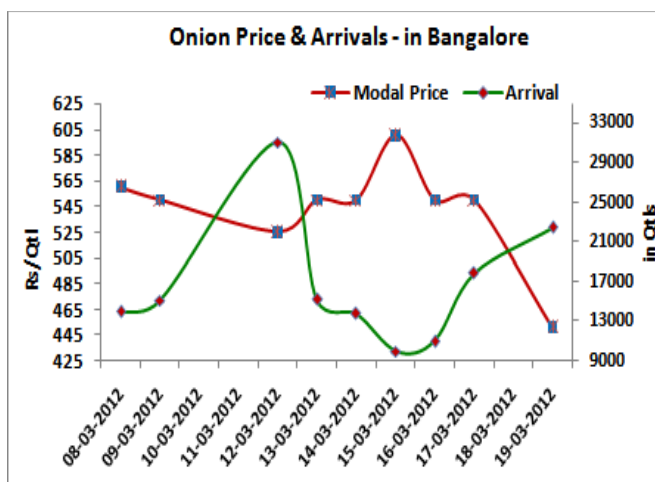


(Source: NHRDF)

## Outlook:

Onion prices are expected to stay range bound around these levels. However we expect onion prices to gain during first week of April backed by exporters buying better variety of onions.

## Onion Prices & Arrivals in Metro Cities



## Onion Prices – Mandi vs. Retail as on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012

S.No.	Centre Name	Min Price (Rs/Qtl)	Max Price (Rs/Qtl)	Avg Price (Rs/Qtl)	Arrivals (MT)	Retail Price (Rs/Qtl)
1	ABOHAR	600	800	700	80	1200
2	AGRA	500	600	550	50	1000
3	AHMEDABAD	300	500	410	421	800
4	AMRITSAR	500	600	550	210	800
5	BANGALORE	550	650	600	1000	1200
6	BARAUT	-	-	-	-	-
7	BHOPAL	400	500	450	160	600
8	BHUBANESHWAR	-	-	-	-	-
9	CHANDIGARH	400	500	450	160	600
10	CHENNAI	700	800	750	90	1200
11	DEHRADUN	500	642	611	27	1200
12	GANGATOK	-	-	-	-	-
13	GUWAHATI	700	800	750	200	1400
14	HYDERABAD	500	700	600	840	1000
15	JAIPUR	450	650	550	125	-
16	JAMMU	700	800	750	180	1000
17	KOLKATA	550	600	575	150	-
18	LASALGAON	101	480	337	110	-
19	LUCKNOW	600	700	650	50	900
20	NAGPUR	-	-	-	-	-
21	NASIK	131	550	390	147	-
22	PIMALGAON	125	475	306	647	-
23	PUNE	350	450	400	2167	500
24	SHIMLA	1000	1200	1100	14	1400
25	SRINAGAR	840	950	900	180	1500

(Source: NHB)

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