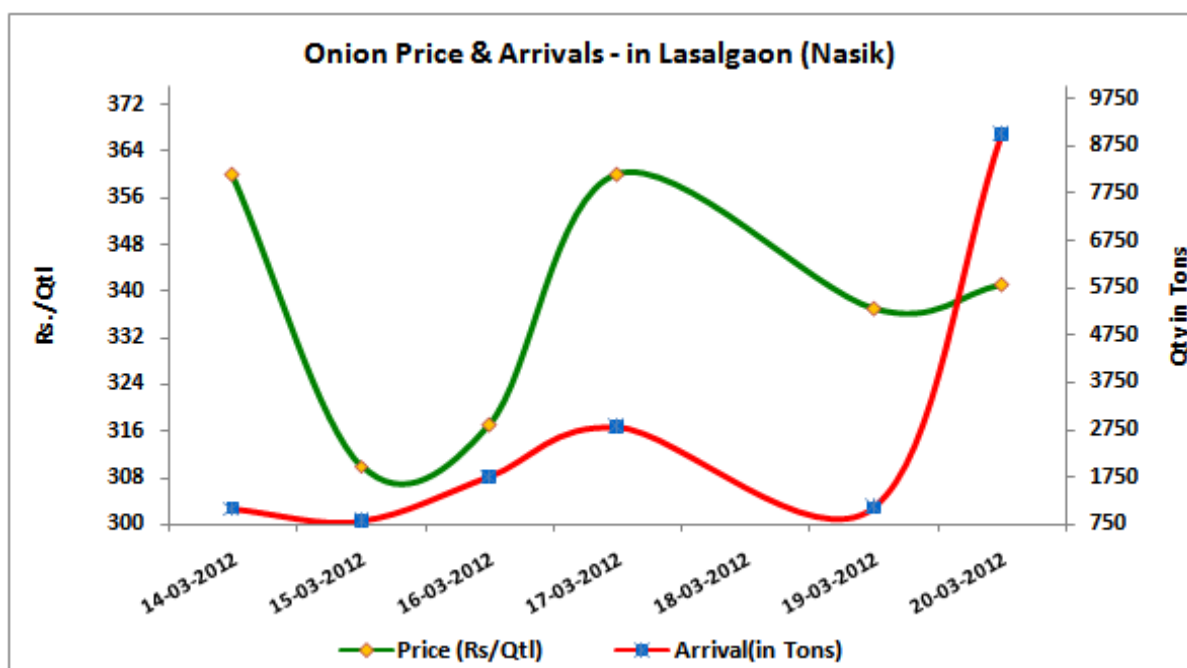


Onion Fundamentals:

- Onion prices in Mumbai remained stable at Rs 450 a quintal even as arrivals declined from 9550 quintals on Monday to 7200 quintals on Tuesday. Traders said onion demand was stable in Mumbai.
- Prices increased in Bangalore by Rs 35/Qtl to Rs 486/Qtl backed by decline in arrivals. Onion arrivals on Tuesday stood at 18,378 quintals lower by 4,044 quintals as compared to Monday. Moving forward we expect arrivals to improve gradually during coming couple of days.
- Rabi crop harvest of Onion has started from Maharashtra resulting in new crop arrivals. New crop arrivals in Nasik region of Maharashtra weighed on the market sentiments and resulted in prices declining. Onion new crop traded in the range of Rs 400-500/Qtl on Tuesday compared to Rs 500-600 on Monday, a decline of nearly Rs 100 a quintal. However, onion demand from Nasik region is steady as exporters are waiting for superior quality of onion during the next few days.
- Rabi crop harvest is also reported from Lasalgaon region of Maharashtra which is the major growing belt for onion. Gradual harvest in the region is leading to increase in arrivals in the market yard. However, peak arrivals in Lasalgaon and adjoining region is only expected from 1st April onwards.
- New crop at Lasalgaon was quoted at Rs 350-400/Qtl with marginal increase in prices by Rs 20-50/Qtl on Tuesday as per quality. We expect arrivals to improve gradually in Lasalgaon which will cap any near term price rise.
- Demand for onion in most of the trading regions of Maharashtra was seen stable with domestic traders and exporters inquiring for good quality onions. Greater buying interest for superior quality of onions both for export and domestic demand shall act as support for prices. This is likely to keep onion prices range bound during coming couple of days.

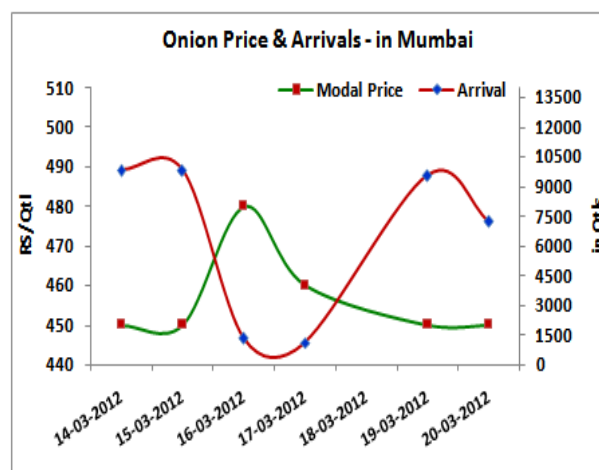
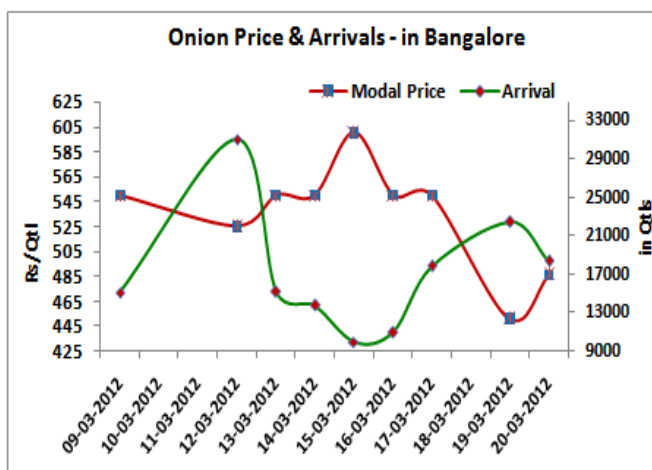


(Source: NHRDF)

Outlook:

Onion prices are expected to stay range bound for short term. Marginal decline in prices is expected with the onset of active arrivals. However, greater demand for onions by exporters shall lend underlying support to the prices moving forward.

Onion Prices & Arrivals in Metro Cities



Onion Prices – Mandi vs. Retail as on 20th 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	-	-	-	-	-
2	AGRA	550	675	615	45	1000
3	AHMEDABAD	300	500	400	423	800
4	AMRITSAR	-	-	-	-	-
5	BANGALORE	500	600	550	1250	1200
6	BARAUT	-	-	-	-	-
7	BHOPAL	450	550	500	180	700
8	BHUBANESHWAR	800	850	825	300	1050
9	CHANDIGARH	-	-	-	-	-
10	CHENNAI	-	-	-	-	-
11	DEHRADUN	515	631	603	32	1200
12	GANGATOK	-	-	-	-	-
13	GUWAHATI	700	760	730	200	1400
14	HYDERABAD	-	-	-	-	-
15	JAIPUR	550	650	605	410	1000
16	JAMMU	700	800	750	200	1000
17	KOLKATA	563	625	595	117	1100
18	LASALGAON	400	450	430	250	650
19	LUCKNOW	600	700	650	40	900
20	NAGPUR	400	600	500	240	1000
21	NASIK	400	500	460	210	700
22	PIMALGAON	350	450	410	240	650
23	PUNE	400	500	450	2083	600
24	SHIMLA	950	1100	1000	14	1400
25	SRINAGAR	800	950	880	210	1500

(Source: NHB)

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