

## Executive Summary:

- Onion Prices have gone further down, on a week on week basis, in major markets of Maharashtra following huge Rabi productions.
- At Nasik APMC, the modal price or the rate at which most trades took place dropped to Rs 370 a quintal from Rs 395 a week ago.
- Arrivals have started increasing in Maharashtra APMC mandis including arrivals of good quality onions.
- The Center will review decision on export of Onion during its high-level meeting on April 30.
- Domestic and export buying was good amid huge arrivals. Exports are taking place to the Gulf, Malaysia, Sri Lanka. However, as per market participants, this year export demand is shifting to Pakistan due to Indian govt.'s uncertain trade policies like frequent Export Ban, Increase/decrease in MEP etc
- Estimates by trade and industry point towards Onion production of around 15.1 million tonnes during 2011-12 as compared to 14.6 million tonnes in the previous year

## Market Outlook

Onion prices are likely to be range bound due to higher arrivals in producing region and stocking interest for Rabi crop from both farmers and traders. Higher prices of other vegetables will also give support to onion prices

## Onion Arrivals (in MT) in important markets of Maharashtra:

Market	Avg Arrivals 16-23 Apr 2012 (Days Reported)	Avg Arrivals 09-15 Apr 2012 (Days Reported)	Avg Arrivals 16-23 Apr 2011 (Days Reported)	% Change (Over Previous Week)	% Change (Over Previous Month)	% Change (Over Previous Year)
Ahmednagar	1663.2 (1)	2255 (1)		-26.24		
Akole	663.5 (1)	324.8 (2)	152.65 (2)	104.28	1641.47	334.65
Chandvad	941.67 (3)	802.62 (4)	353 (4)	17.32	142.85	166.76
Kolhapur	766.28 (5)	622.96 (5)	377.97 (6)	23.01	0.36	102.74
Lasalgaon (Niphad)	356.75 (4)	94 (4)	151.5 (4)	279.52	-19.86	135.48
Malegaon (Umarane)	1343 (2)	2004.97 (3)	550 (2)	-33.02	39.5	144.18
Manmad	1087.5 (4)	1062.5 (4)	257.5 (4)	2.35	411.76	322.33
Pimpalgaon Baswant	683.3 (4)	455.52 (4)	253.5 (2)	50	91.83	169.55
Pune	1198.26 (7)	1613.76 (5)	1064.95 (4)	-25.75	-35.34	12.52
Shrirampur	623.67 (3)	436.05 (2)	202.8 (2)	43.03	685.97	207.53
Solapur	1312.15 (4)	1388.36 (5)	1208.48 (6)	-5.49	-14.28	8.58

(Source: AGMARKNET)



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As seen in above table. In Pune, Ahmednagar and Malegaon average daily arrivals have decreased 25-30% as compared to previous week. This could probably be due to farmer's reluctance to sell at lower prices. In Lasalgaon (Niphad) weekly arrivals increased by 279% due to negligible arrivals reported last week.

## Onion Prices (Rs./Qtl) in important markets of Maharashtra:

Market	Prices 16-23 Apr 2012	Prices 09-15 Apr 2012	Prices 01-08 Apr 2012	Prices 16-23 Apr 2011	% Change (Over Prev Week)	% Change (Over Prev to Prev Week)	% Change (Over Prev Year)
Akole	358	391.99	402	447.43	-8.67	-10.95	-19.99
Chandvad	376.37	374.57		451.21	0.48	—	-16.59
Lasalgaon	370.49	376.9	432.91	459.28	-1.7	-14.42	-19.33
Lasalgaon (Niphad)	382	318.74		614.58	19.85	—	-37.84
Malegaon (Umarane)	411	412.14		548.64	-0.28	—	-25.09
Manmad	385.47	404.59	389	457.99	-4.73	-0.91	-15.83
Nandgaon	369.03	393.02	400		-6.1	-7.74	—
Nasik	369.99	394.84	380	533.7	-6.29	-2.63	-30.67
Pimpalgaon Baswant	350.64	368.36	326.91	536.67	-4.81	7.26	-34.66
Pune	384.48	433.66	424.81	504.26	-11.34	-9.49	-23.75
Satara	350	450	450	500	-22.22	-22.22	-30
Shrirampur	261.73	339.29	450	382.9	-22.86	-41.84	-31.65
Vashi New Mumbai	516.07	560.86	565.8	574.84	-7.99	-8.79	-10.22

(Source: AGMARKNET)

On a week-on-week basis, prices are mostly down across all markets except Lasalgaon (Niphad) market. But, prices are still considerably lower on a year-on-year basis because of the higher production this year. In most markets, prices are lower by 10-30% compared to last year. However, in the Nashik market which is a major supply centre, prices are almost 30% lower as compared to last year. Similarly in Pimpalgaon Baswant, prices are lower nearly 35% indicating a bumper crop in that region. In the benchmark Lasalgaon mandi, prices are down 19% year-on-year.



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## State wise Wholesale Price Weekly Analysis Onion prices (Rs/Qtl) in India:

State	Prices 16-23 Apr 2012	Prices 09-15 Apr 2012	Prices 01-08 Apr 2012	Prices 16-23 Apr 2011	% Change (Over Prev Week)	% Change (Over Prev to Prev Week)	% Change (Over Prev Year)
Andhra Pradesh	414.69	428.42	455.73	416.11	-3.2	-9.01	-0.34
Assam	892.34	892.02	799.14	940.09	0.04	11.66	-5.08
Gujarat	464.42	497.03	477.53	396.43	-6.56	-2.75	17.15
Haryana	654.73	654.98	597.22	524.79	-0.04	9.63	24.76
Himachal Pradesh	815.28	783.83	734.85	785.15	4.01	10.95	3.84
J&K	751.24	844.49	774.63	761.08	-11.04	-3.02	-1.29
Jharkhand	804.22	811.54	776.15	719.88	-0.9	3.62	11.72
Karnataka	519.89	512.32	522.17	618.01	1.48	-0.44	-15.88
Kerala	1137.59	1171.28	1099.02	1285.87	-2.88	3.51	-11.53
Madhya Pradesh	300.51	337.37	369.67	361.32	-10.93	-18.71	-16.83
Maharashtra	399.7	409.01	457.08	493.08	-2.28	-12.55	-18.94
Meghalaya	1300	1173.33	1127.78	1300	10.8	15.27	0
NCT of Delhi	610.66	650.61	661.07	600.35	-6.14	-7.63	1.72
Orissa	953.77	960.05	889.83	879.98	-0.65	7.19	8.39
Punjab	609.5	598.08	585.83	732.81	1.91	4.04	-16.83
Rajasthan	439.99	446.11	490.15	431.56	-1.37	-10.23	1.95
Uttar Pradesh	643.11	636.89	626.49	620.3	0.98	2.65	3.68
Uttarakhand	518.11	579.12	611.84	529.4	-10.53	-15.32	-2.13
West Bengal	729.72	716.72	707.87	625.82	1.81	3.09	16.6

(Source: Agmarknet)

Onion Prices in most of the states have decreased on weekly basis except in Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Punjab and West Bengal. But on yearly basis, prices are up in the range of 8-25% in states like Haryana, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Orissa.

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