

Executive Summary:

- **As per latest Exports data available from NAFED**, approximately 95687 MT onions have been exported in the month of May 2013 as compared to previous year 167583 MT. This is approximately 42% lower than previous year May month exports of 167583 MT because of high domestic prices.
- However, according to International Business Information Services (IBIS), approximately 1.5 Lakh ton has been exported in the month of May 2013 from sea and air route. Maximum onion was exported to **UAE** (25893 MT), followed by **Indonesia** (11563.18 MT).
- According to IBPIS data, approximately 115444 MT of onion was transported from **JNPT port**.
- **All India** onion cumulative arrivals in 1st week of June were down by approximately 25% as compared to previous year at the same time.
- Across the country in most of the markets, prices of onion have increased amid lower arrivals as prices have increased in benchmark market like **Lasalgaon and Solapur** mandi. Prices have increased in a range of 10-20% in last one week.
- According to NHRDF, the seed sowing and transplanting of early kharif onion in **A.P** is in full swing but area is expected to be decreased due to non availability of irrigation water.
- **In Yeola (Maharashtra)**, Rabi onion crop production is expected to be 10% more as compared to previous year production. According to trade sources, though the area was less but the productivity was higher.

Weekly Wholesale and Retail Onion Prices (Rs/Qtl) in important markets across India:

Center Name	Avg. Wholesale Price (1 June-8 June)	Avg. Wholesale Price (27 May-1 June)	% Change in Wholesale Price over prev. week	Avg. Retail Price (1 June-8 June)	Avg. Retail Price (27 May-1 June)	% Change in Retail Price over prev. week
BANGALORE	1393	1309	6.42	2172	1966	10.48
BHUBANESHWAR	1329	1192	11.49	1917	1600	19.81
CHENNAI	1656	1500	10.40	2286	2000	14.30
DELHI	1000	942	6.16	1700	1800	-5.56
HYDERABAD	1072	1134	-5.47	1800	1800	0.00
JAIPUR	908	893	1.68	1534	1534	0.00
KOLKATA	1511	1395	8.32	2058	1900	8.32
MUMBAI	1386	1192	16.28	1643	1500	9.53
Patna	1143	1067	7.12	1642	1600	2.63

(Source: Agriwatch, NHB)

The above table shows the wholesale and retail prices of onion in major cities of India. Onion prices have increased in most of the markets except Hyderabad. Prices are expected to increase ahead as most of the traders/farmers are stocking onion to fetch high prices in futures.

Weekly Wholesale Prices and Arrivals in producing regions

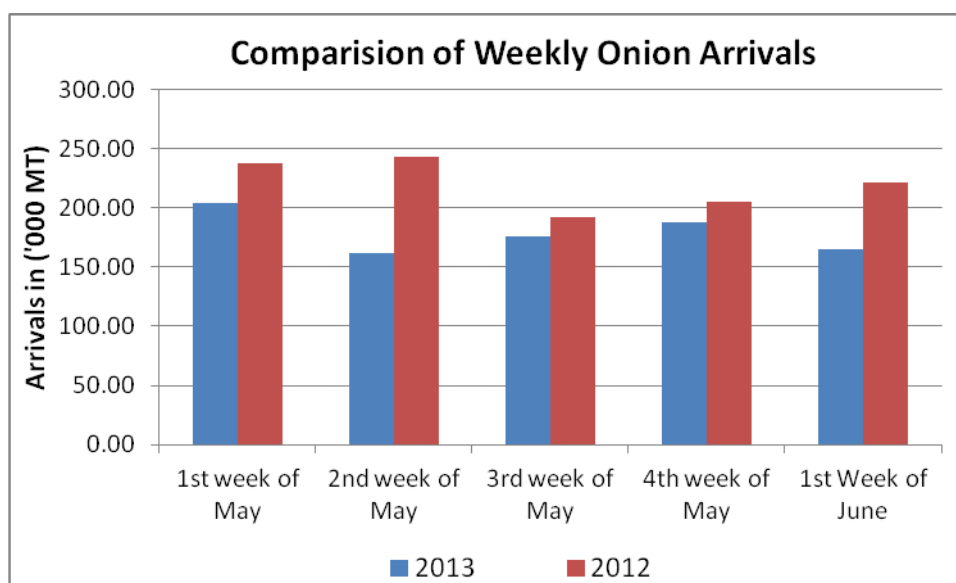
Center Name	Avg. Wholesale Price (2 June-8 June)	Avg. Wholesale Price (27May-June)	% Change in Wholesale Price over prev. week	Total Arrivals (2 June-8 June) Quintals	Total Arrivals (27 May-1 June) Quintals	% Change in Arrivals over prev. week
LASALGAON	1092	990	10.3	54040	46800	15.47
PIMPALGAON	1106	1005	10.05	73875	102650	-28.03
BHAVNAGAR	982	854	14.99	15950	27650	-42.31
INDORE	800	696	14.94	250500	109500	128.77

(Source: Agriwatch)

The above table shows the weekly difference between prices and arrivals in producing regions. In all the markets prices have increased whereas arrivals have fallen in Pimpalgaon and Bhavnagar markets. Maximum arrival has fallen in Bhavnagar because onion crop is almost over there. The other reason for low arrivals is stocking interest shown by traders/farmers in expectation of high prices ahead as of low Rabi crop this year.

In Indore, arrivals have increased by almost 128% compared to previous week because of higher prices this year. So traders and farmers are releasing maximum of their of their stock to fetch highest prices.

All India- Onion weekly arrival comparison



(Source: Agmarknet)

The above graph shows the weekly all India arrivals. Arrivals are low as compared to previous year. The reason for less arrival is stocking interest by farmers & stockiest to fetch high prices in future as Rabi production is less. In first week of June arrivals are almost 25% less compared to previous year at same time.

Onion Export (Quintals):

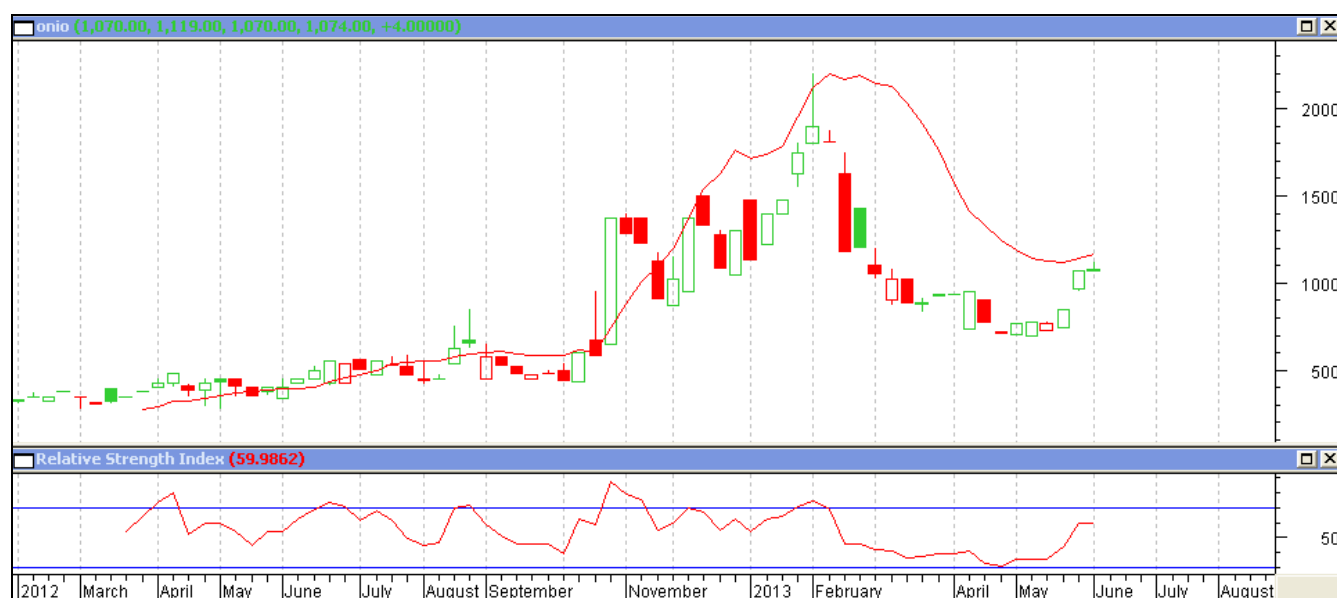
Country	May 2013	April 2013
Malaysia	294152.66	269772.21
UAE	258984.2	177784.64
Srilanka	226700	154905.52
Kuwait	65242.54	32764.76
Qatar	32697.48	17909.69
Bahrain	25640.99	23416.17
Pakistan*	18384.17	139843.83

(Source: IBIS)

*Pakistan export covers only air and sea route

The above table shows the month wise comparison of top countries which imports maximum onion from India. The above export includes both air and sea route. In Pakistan onion export was declined as compared to previous month.

Technical Analysis of Onion Prices at Lasalgaon, Nasik:



(Note: Each bar or "candle" in the chart shows the price movement in a particular week. The green candle signifies prices increased and red candle signifies prices decreased in that week. The length of the "candle" shows the upper and lower end of the price range for the week.)

The above chart shows the weekly price movement of onion in the benchmark of Lasalgaon mandi of Nasik. Modal prices have increased up to a level of Rs 950 –Rs1070/ quintal from a continuous range bound prices of Rs 700-800 levels. On the higher side prices may found resistance at a level of Rs 1150 and on the lower side prices may found support at a level of Rs 900. Relative Strength Indicator (RSI) is moving upward which suggest that onion market may remain firm ahead.

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