

Executive Summary:

- All India, onion arrival during Second week of November is almost double when compared to previous week and Last year during same time. The reason for increase in arrivals is harvesting of kharif crop which was delayed by 2-3 weeks this year.
- Expected onion production in Maharashtra during this kharif season is estimated to be 6.93 lakh tons with average yield of 12.20 ton/ha.
- In Lasalgaon and Pimpalgaon market, prices have fallen to Rs 3400/ quintal and Rs 3300/ quintal from Rs 4650 and Rs 4350/ quintal respectively in last one week.
- In Solapur and Ahmednagar maximum arrivals are arriving in market. On a daily basis approximately 45000 and 16000 quintals onion arriving in Solapur and Ahmednagar markets respectively.
- Transplanting of late kharif onion in Maharashtra is almost over now. Acreage is expected to be higher by 30-35% than previous year's acreage of 85000 hectare.

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

Center Name	Avg. Wholesale Price(9 November - 16 November)	Avg. Wholesale Price(2 November -9 November)	% Change in Wholesale Price over prev. week	Avg. Retail Price (9 November- 16 November)	Avg. Retail Price (2 November-9 November)	% Change in Retail Price over prev. week
BANGALORE	3486	4120	-15.39	4666	5000	-2.54
BHUBANESHWAR	4057	4270	-4.99	4867	5391	-0.80
CHENNAI	5107	4460	14.51	5933	5767	0.00
DELHI	3357	4100	-18.12	5833	5900	0.00
HYDERABAD	2150	2450	-12.24	3500	3667	-24.17
JAIPUR	4579	4555	0.53	6100	5650	-6.28
KOLKATA	5083	4125	23.22	6340	5900	-8.42
MUMBAI	3542	4500	-21.29	5600	5600	0.00
PATNA	5383	5150	4.52	6900	6417	-5.07

(Source: Agriwatch, NHB)

Prices have increased in Kolkata by 23% because of obstacles in inter-state trade after export ban of potatoes by West Bengal Govt. Otherwise prices have fallen in other metro cities except in Chennai after increase in arrivals from producing regions. Prices are expected to fall further in coming week with increase in harvesting.

In Delhi fresh crop is arriving in market from Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka and MP. Prices are hovering in the range of Rs 2875- Rs 4500/ quintal respectively. Onion from Pakistan is trading at Rs 3875 to Rs 4500/ quintal.

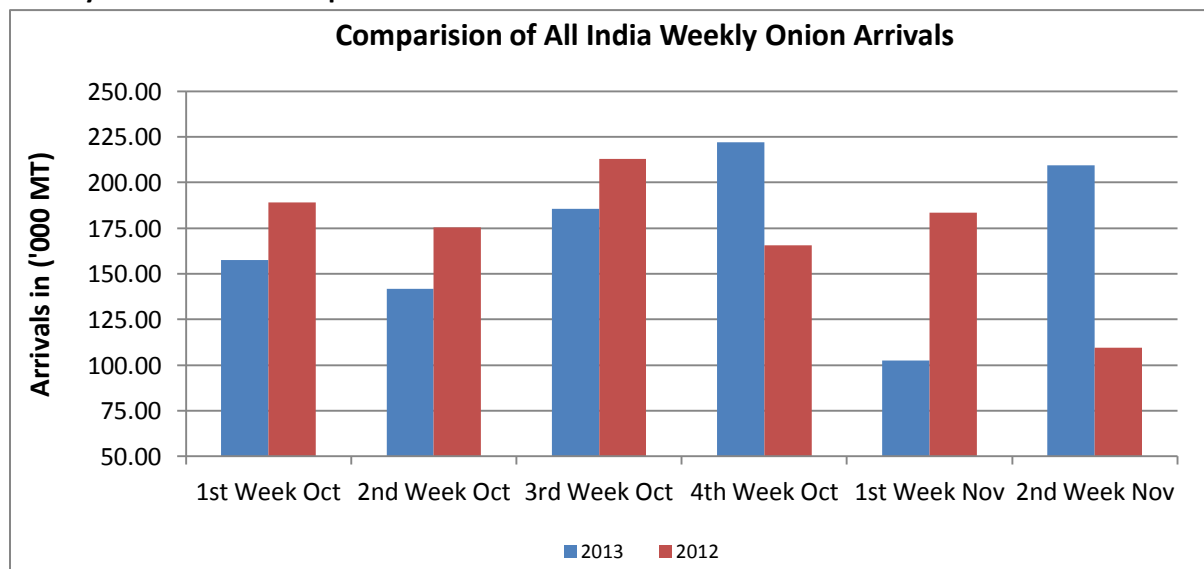
Weekly Wholesale Prices and Arrivals in producing regions:

Center Name	Avg. Wholesale Price(9 November -16 November)	Avg. Wholesale Price(2 November -9 November)	% Change in Wholesale Price over prev. week	Total Arrivals (9 November -16 November) Quintals	Total Arrivals (2 November -9 November) Quintals	% Change in Retail Price over prev. week
AHMEDNAGAR	2550	2884	-11.58	106500	35000	204.29
SOLAPUR	2586	3188	-18.88	298800	82800	260.87
BANGALORE	3486	4120	-15.39	396811	307000	29.25
INDORE	2883	3566	-19.21	167500	112500	48.89

(Source: Agriwatch)

The above table shows the weekly difference between prices and arrivals in producing regions. Prices have decreased in all markets due to higher arrivals from producing regions. Throughout the week arrivals were high in markets. Kharif onion arrivals are picking up pace which is clearly visible in above table. Maximum arrivals have increased in Ahmednagar and Solapur markets.

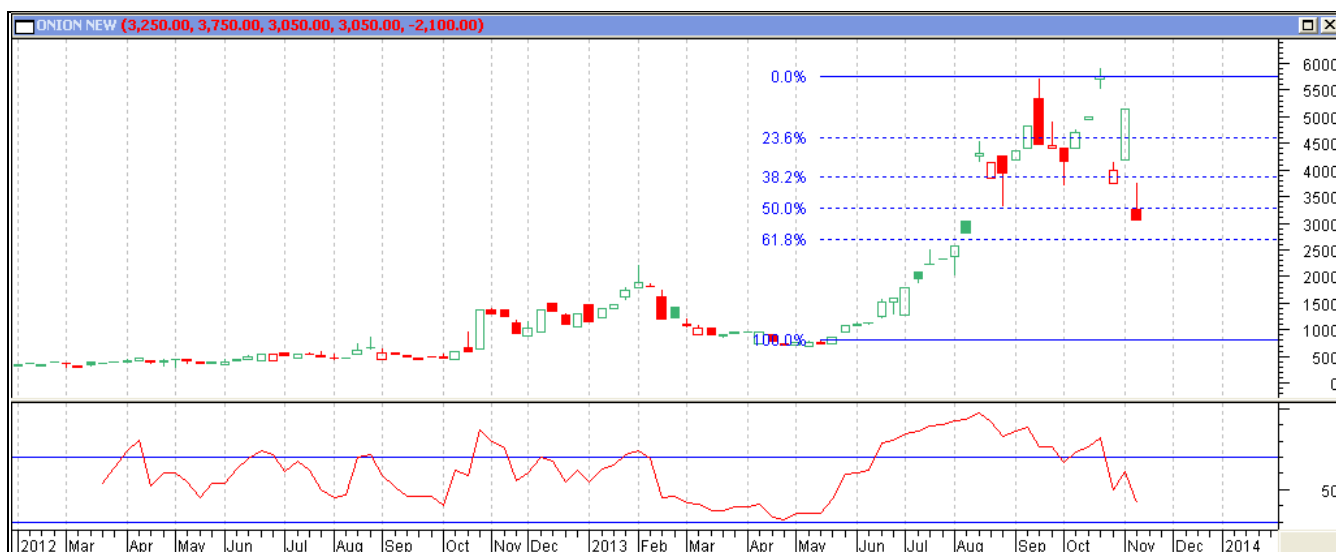
Weekly Onion Arrival Comparison:



(Source: Agmarknet)

The above graph shows the week on week basis all India onion arrivals compared to last year. This year arrivals were comparatively lower than last year in every week. But in 2nd week of November arrivals increase sharply as during first week there were many festivals so farmers had delayed the harvesting. Last year, arrivals were low due to lower sowings in kharif season because of delayed and less rains in onion producing regions.

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. As expected prices have breached the 50% retracement level of 3300 and closed below it. Next support would be near 2600 which is 61.8% retracement level as per Fibonacci retracement theory. On the higher side prices may found Resistance at a level of Rs 3800/ quintal

The Fibonacci retracements shows that prices may be range bound at a level of Rs 2700/ quintal which may also act as long term support. Candle stick pattern reveals that prices are in down trend and may fall further.

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