

### BLACK PEPPER

#### Fundamentals:

#### Today's Update:

- Continued steady to firm sentiment was witnessed in Black pepper spot market on Wednesday.
- Vietnam Pepper prices today (August 23) were simultaneously stable in key provinces in the country. Currently, the domestic purchase price is fluctuating in the range of 68,000-71,000 VND/kg. In which, the lowest price is present in Gia Lai province and the highest is recorded in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province. Better than Gia Lai province is Dong Nai province with the price of 68,500 VND/kg. The two provinces of Dak Lak and Dak Nong currently purchase pepper at the same rate of 69,000 VND/kg. Similarly, pepper price today in Binh Phuoc province is also stable at 70,000 VND/kg.
- According to a report from the Import and Export Department (Ministry of Industry and Trade) Vietnam is the largest source of pepper for the US in the first 5 months of 2022 with imports reaching 27.52 thousand tons. This number increased 19.8% in volume over the same period in 2021.
- Vietnam's pepper market share in total US imports increased from 64.48% in the first 5 months of 2021 to 74.65% in the first 5 months of 2022. In contrast, the US reduced pepper imports from India with a decrease of 9.5% in volume, but an increase of 16.3% in value compared to the first 5 months of 2021, reaching 2.8 thousand tons, worth 14 million USD in the first 5 months of 2022. India's share of pepper in total US imports fell from 8.68% in the first five months of 2021 to 7.59% in the first five months of 2022. In general, the supply of pepper to the US is still concentrated mainly from Vietnam. Thanks to the advantage of stable supply, Vietnam plays an important role in the structure of pepper supply to the US in the coming time.

#### Previous Update:

- In Asia, China's pepper imports in the first 6 months of 2022 decreased by 23.4% compared to the same period in 2021. New crop supplies from Brazil and Indonesia are continuing to add to the market. Black and white pepper prices in the domestic market increased thanks to positive signals from the Chinese market, while exports to the European and US markets remained slow. It is forecasted that pepper prices will continue to recover in the near future.
- In Southeast Asia, domestic and international Malaysian pepper prices have been stable since mid-May 2022. The price of Vietnamese white pepper for export fell last week, while other commodities recorded stability. Only Indonesian black pepper prices increased last week. Meanwhile, white pepper prices were stable as some areas in Lampung finished the harvest.
- As per current situations, AgriWatch expected India's pepper productions for 2021-22 likely to go down by 8 to 10% compared to last year. Last year (2020-21) India's Pepper production was 62,000 MT.

Black Pepper Spot Market Prices (Loose): (Rs/Qtl)					
State	Centre	Grade	24-Aug-22	23-Aug-22	Change
Kerala	Kochi Benchmark market	Ungarbled	50000	49900	100
		Garbled	52000	51900	100
Karnataka	Chikmagalur	Ungarbled	50000	50000	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Unpolished	56500	56500	Unch
		Number 11.5	58300	58300	Unch
	Arrivals & Off-take in Tons				
State	Centre	Parameter	24-Aug-22	23-Aug-22	Change
Kerala	Kochi	Arrivals	22.5	18.5	4
		Off-take	22.5	18.5	4

Black Pepper FOB Prices (USD/MT)						
Date	Brazil ASTA 570	ex Kochi (India) ASTA	Lampung (Indonesia) ASTA 570	Kuching (Sarawak, Malaysia) ASTA	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam) 500g/l	Ho Chi Minh 550g/l
16-08-22	3000	6493	4102	5900	3750	4000
17-08-22	3000	6486	NA	5900	3750	4000
18-08-22	3000	6461	4078	5900	3550	3800
22-08-22	2950	6484	4070	5900	3550	3800
23-08-22	2950	6501	4067	5900	3550	3800
24-08-22	2950	--	4079	5900	3550	3800

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