

BLACK PEPPER

Fundamentals:

Today's Update:

- Steady to weak sentiment was witnessed in Black pepper spot market on Wednesday.
- Current year lower production in India supported the domestic prices. As per trade sources production down by around 10% compared to last year.
- Vietnam Pepper price as on last trade in the domestic market remained unchanged compared to previous trading day. Specifically, Dak Lak and Dak Nong pepper prices today remained at 57,000 VND/kg. Pepper price in Gia Lai traded at 56,000 VND/kg; unchanged, in Dong Nai it is still purchased at 57,000 VND/kg. The latest pepper price as on last trade in Ba Ria - Vung Tau remained at the threshold of 57,500 VND/kg; The price of Binh Phuoc continues to be purchased at 57,000 VND/kg.
- In 2022, Vietnam pepper export reported 228,000 tons, a decrease of 12% in volume compared to the same period in 2021.
- The main harvest season of Vietnam lasts until the end of April. The Vietnam Pepper Association (VPA) predicts that in 2023 production will increase by about 5% compared to 2022 to 180,000-185,000 tons.

Previous Update:

- As per current situation, AgriWatch expects India's pepper production for 2022-23 likely to be around 52,000 to 53,000 MT. Last year production was 57,000 to 58,000 MT.
- In 2022, global pepper demand will decrease due to high inflation and China's "Zero COVID" policy. However, the pepper price in 2022 is higher than in 2021, leading to an increase in the value of imports from many markets. It is forecasted that in the short term, pepper imports of the German, British and French markets will remain low.

Black Pepper Spot Market Prices (Loose): (Rs/Qtl)					
State	Centre	Grade	01-Feb-23	31-Jan-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi Benchmark market	Ungarbled	49300	49400	-100
		Garbled	51300	51400	-100
Karnataka	Chikmagalur	Ungarbled	50000	50000	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Unpolished	55000	55000	Unch
		550 GL	54500	54500	Unch
		Number 11.5	58500	58500	Unch
	Arrivals & Off-take in Tons				
State	Centre	Parameter	01-Feb-23	31-Jan-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi	Arrivals	45	35.5	9.5
		Off-take	45	35.5	9.5

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
20-01-23	2750	6295	3553	4900	3250	3350
24-01-23	2750	6295	3599	4900	3250	3350
25-01-23	2750	NA	3592	4900	3250	3350
27-01-23	2800	6331	3587	4900	3250	3350
30-01-23	2800	-	3663	4900	3250	3350
31-01-23	2800	-	3660	4900	3250	3350

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