

BLACK PEPPER

Fundamentals:

Today's Update:

- Steady to firm sentiment witnessed in Black pepper spot market on Friday.
- On March 3rd, the prices of domestic pepper in Vietnam experienced a decline of 500-1000 VND/kg compared to the previous day. In Dak Lak and Dak Nong, the price of pepper fell by 1,000 VND/kg and is currently being traded at 64,000 VND/kg. Gia Lai witnessed a sharp decrease of 1,000 VND/kg and is currently trading at 63,000 VND/kg. Dong Nai saw a slight decrease of 500 VND/kg and is currently being purchased at 63,000 VND/kg. In Ba Ria - Vung Tau, the price dropped significantly to the threshold of 65,000 VND/kg, whereas in Binh Phuoc, the price of pepper increased by 500 VND/kg compared to yesterday and is being traded at 64,500 VND/kg.
- Pepper harvest season in Indonesia is observed between July and October each year. Presently, the country's pepper cultivation area has decreased by 25% from the 120,000 hectares recorded during the 1990s. Adverse weather conditions have impacted the yield and quality of pepper in Indonesia.
- As a consequence of consecutive droughts over many years and decreasing prices, Indonesia's crop production in 2023 is anticipated to be approximately 48,000 tonnes, which is lower than the previous year's production of 52,000 tonnes. Due to the low prices of pepper, black pepper farmers in Indonesia are shifting their focus to alternative crops such as rubber, cassava, and particularly palm oil.

Previous Update:

- Lower pepper supply reported as stockists were not interested to release their stocks as they are expecting higher prices in coming days supported the prices.
- 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.

Black Pepper Spot Market Prices (Loose): (Rs/Qtl)					
State	Centre	Grade	03-Mar-23	02-Mar-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi Benchmark market	Ungarbled	48700	48600	100
		Garbled	50700	50600	100
Karnataka	Chikmagalur	Ungarbled	49000	49000	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	03-Mar-23	02-Mar-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi	Arrivals	56.5	29	27.5
		Off-take	56.5	29	27.5

Black Pepper FOB Prices (USD/MT)						
Date	Brazil	ex Kochi (India) ASTA	Lampung (Indonesia)	Kuching (Sarawak, Malaysia) ASTA	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam) 500g/l	Ho Chi Minh 550g/l
	ASTA 570		ASTA 570			
24-02-23	2950	6170	3606	4900	3325	3375
27-02-23	2950	6170	3592	4900	3325	3375
28-02-23	2950	6170	3600	4900	3325	3375
01-03-23	2950	6170	3598	4900	3325	3375
02-03-23	3000	6170	3593	4900	3325	3375
03-03-23	3000	6170	3585	4900	3325	3375

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