

BLACK PEPPER

Fundamentals:

Today's Update:

- Steady to firm sentiment was witnessed in Black pepper spot markets on Tuesday.
- Vietnam pepper prices as on 25th April 2023 traded in a range between 64,500 - 67,500 VND/kg. Specifically, the price of pepper in Dak Lak and Dak Nong today increased by 1,000 VND, to 66,000 VND/kg; in Gia Lai increased slightly by 500 dong, trading at 64,500 dong/kg; in Dong Nai also increased slightly and purchased at 65,000 VND/kg; in Ba Ria - Vung Tau increased slightly to 67,500 VND/kg; in Binh Phuoc pepper trading at VND 67,000/kg; after an increase of 1,000 dong. As per sources, increase in buying from export markets supported the prices.
- On April 25, the global pepper market remained steady with stable prices in various countries. In Indonesia, Lampung black pepper was priced at \$3,540/ton, while Muntok white pepper was traded at \$6,002/ton. Malaysia's Kuching ASTA black pepper was priced at \$4,900/ton and ASTA white pepper at \$7,300/ton. Meanwhile, in Brazil, black pepper ASTA 570 was priced at \$2,950/ton, and in Vietnam, the export prices of black pepper grades 500 and 550 g/l were at \$3,275 and \$3,325/ton, respectively. White pepper was priced at \$4,830/ton for export in Vietnam.

Previous Update:

- As per the Vietnam Pepper Association (VPA), approximately 70% of the pepper farming areas in Vietnam have already been harvested by mid-March 2023. Despite this, both planters and stockists are holding onto their pepper stocks instead of selling them immediately, as they anticipate higher prices in the near future. Some are only selling their stocks to meet their basic requirements.
- Sources suggest that pepper production in Vietnam has drastically reduced due to the decline in planting areas and crop losses. As a result, stockists are hoarding the remaining pepper stocks, expecting the prices to surge. Additionally, they are anticipating a surge in demand from China in the forthcoming days.
- World pepper production in 2023 is forecast around 539,850 Mt up from 521,000 Mt in 2022.
- 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	25-Apr-23	24-Apr-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi Benchmark market	Ungarbled	48200	48100	100
		Garbled	50200	50100	100
Karnataka	Chikmagalur	Ungarbled	48200	48200	Unch
Delhi	New Delhi	Unpolished	NA	NA	-
		550 GL	53000	53000	Unch
		Number 11.5	55000	55000	Unch
	Arrivals & Off-take in Tons				
State	Centre	Parameter	25-Apr-23	24-Apr-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi	Arrivals	26.5	24.5	2
		Off-take	26.5	24.5	2

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			
14-04-23	2950	6191	3663	4900	3225	3275
17-04-23	2950	6192	3560	4900	3225	3275
18-04-23	2950	6192	3540	4900	3225	3275
19-04-23	2950	6192	3625	4900	3225	3275
20-04-23	2950	6192	3625	4900	3225	3275
21-04-23	2950	6138	-	-	3275	3325

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