

BLACK PEPPER

Fundamentals:

Today's Update:

- Steady to weak sentiment was witnessed in Black pepper spot markets on Monday.
- In the Vietnam domestic market, pepper prices have continued to rise from 2,500 VND/kg to 3,000 VND/kg as of May 8th, with current prices ranging between 71,000 to 74,000 VND/kg. Records indicate that the lowest price of 71,000 VND/kg in Gia Lai province has increased by 2,500 VND/kg, followed by Dong Nai with a price of 71,500 VND/kg, which has increased by 3,000 VND/kg. The purchasing price of pepper in Dak Lak and Dak Nong has increased by 2,500 VND/kg, and both provinces are currently trading at 72,000 VND/kg. Additionally, pepper prices in Binh Phuoc and Ba Ria - Vung Tau have increased by 3,000 VND/kg, with current prices of 73,500 VND/kg and 74,000 VND/kg, respectively.
- During Q1 of 2023, Vietnam's pepper exports to China surged over 12 times to 25,919 tons, compared to 2,138 tons in the same period last year, and exceeding the total exports of 20,498 tons to China. The increase is attributed to China reopening its borders after the Zero COVID policy impacted the market in 2022. However, the General Department of Customs Vietnam reported a decline in pepper exports to other major markets, such as the US and India, which fell by 21.6% and 20.7% respectively, likely due to the economic crisis leading to decreased market demand.

Previous Update:

- According to the preliminary data report of Vietnam Customs, pepper exports in the first 17 days of April 2023 reached 14,464 tons, bringing exports in more than three months. Current year to 89,795 tons, up 39.27% in volume and 8.59% in value over the same period in 2022. The average export price of pepper in the period was recorded at USD 3,048/ton, up 2.35% compared to the average export price of March 2023.
- During April 2023, Vietnam will be able to export 25,000-30,000 tons, bringing the total export volume from January to April 2023 to 102,000-107,000 tons, expected to be higher than the recorded 79,410 tons in the same period last year.
- 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	08-May-23	06-May-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi Benchmark market	Ungarbled	48700	48800	-100
		Garbled	50700	50800	-100
Karnataka	Chikmagalur	Ungarbled	49500	Closed	-
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	08-May-23	06-May-23	Change
Kerala	Kochi	Arrivals	40.5	25.5	15
		Off-take	40.5	25.5	15

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
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02-05-23	2950	6129	3499	4900	3275	3325
03-05-23	2950	6129	3498	4900	3275	3325
04-05-23	2950	6129	3516	4900	3275	3325
05-05-23	2950	6129	3506	4900	3275	3325
08-05-23	2950	6083	3575	4900	3500	3600