

**Executive Summary:**

- All India, cumulative onion arrival during 1<sup>st</sup> week of January month is approximately 34% higher compared to previous year arrival during same time. If we compare on a week on week basis, arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> week of January are approximately 32% higher compared to previous week.
- Late kharif arrivals have started arriving in markets from Maharashtra and few parts of Gujarat. According to trade sources, approximately 80% of late kharif and 20% of kharif onion is arriving in Maharashtra.
- According to international Business Information Services (IBIS), approximately 31216 MT of processed and unprocessed onion was exported from India as on 12.01.2014 in month of January through sea and air route. In addition some quantity is also exported to Bangladesh through road and rail route.
- Export has increased to 133290 MT in month of December compared to 66236 MT in November month after Indian Government slashed down the onion MEP (Minimum Export Price) so that onion prices may find their way in international market. Major demand is coming from Bangladesh and South East Asian countries.
- In Karnataka, total targeted area for Rabi crop is approximately 21967 hectares. So far, 22134 hectares of area has been sown and expected that area may increase further as sowing is still in progress.

**Weekly Wholesale and Retail Onion Prices (Rs/Qtl) in important markets across India:**

Center Name	Avg. Wholesale Price(6 January-11 January)	Avg. Wholesale Price(30 December-4 January)	% Change in Wholesale Price over prev. week	Avg. Retail Price(6 January-11 January)	Avg. Retail Price(30 December-4 January)	% Change in Retail Price over prev. week
BANGALORE	1067	1470	-27.41	1800	2300	-21.74
BHUBANESHWAR	1725	1700	1.47	2200	2500	-12.00
CHENNAI	1600	1840	-13.04	2600	2800	-7.14
DELHI	1242	1295	-4.09	2250	2500	-10.00
HYDERABAD	961	980	-1.94	1600	1500	6.67
JAIPUR	1383	1250	10.64	2000	2000	0.00
KOLKATA	1767	1720	2.73	2600	3000	-13.33
MUMBAI	1171	1270	-7.80	2000	2500	-20.00
PATNA	1650	1560	5.77	2200	2000	10.00

(Source: Agriwatch, NHB)

Above table shows wholesale and retail prices of onion across different markets. Prices have reduced in most of the markets in both retail and wholesale markets. The reason is continuous arrivals of crop from major

producing regions. In wholesale market maximum prices have fallen in Bangalore and Chennai by 27% and 13% respectively

In Retail market maximum prices have decreased in Bangalore by 22% followed by Mumbai and Kolkata by 20% and 13% respectively.

## Weekly Wholesale Prices and Arrivals in producing regions:

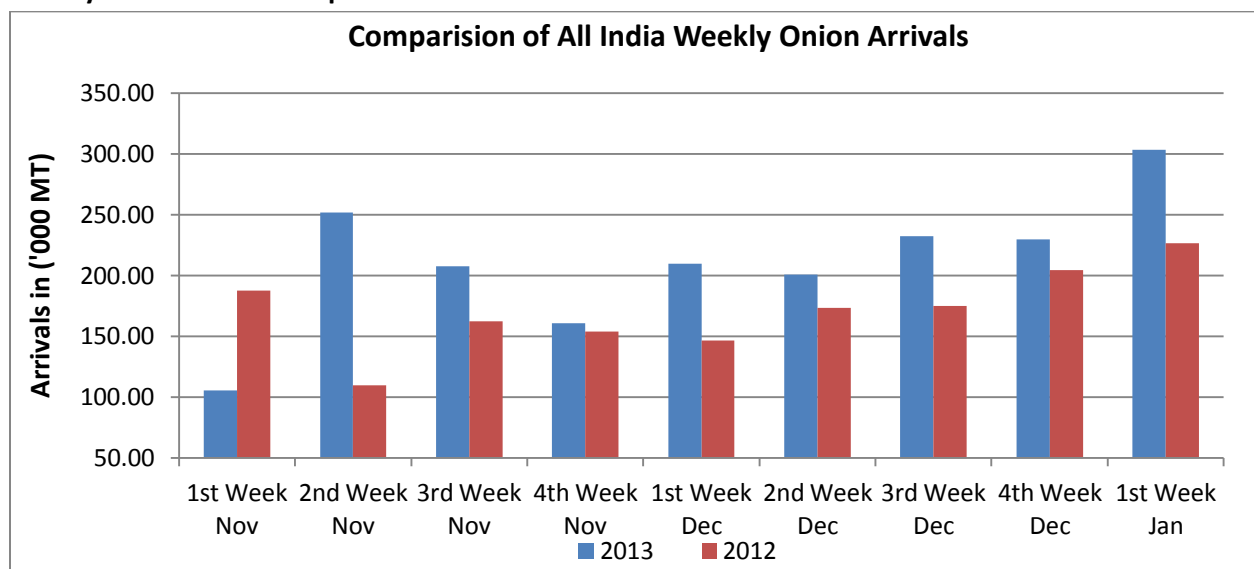
Center Name	Avg. Wholesale Price(6 January - 11 January)	Avg. Wholesale Price(30 Dec -4 January )	% Change in Wholesale Price over prev. week	Average Arrivals (6 January- 11 January)	Average Arrivals (30 Dec -4 January)	% Change in Arrivals over prev. week
AHMEDNAGAR	1033	1355	-23.76	20000	18500	8.11
SOLAPUR	848	1060	-20.00	44000	31500	39.68
BANGALORE	1067	1470	-27.41	42667	44000	-3.03
INDORE	833	900	-7.44	22083	20400	8.25
LASALGAON	1060	1225	-13.47	17600	26375	-33.27
PIMPALGAON	1085	1130	-3.98	22500	30625	-26.53

(Source: Agriwatch)

The above table shows the weekly difference between prices and arrivals in producing regions. Prices have decreased in all markets due to continuous supply of onion from different parts of the country. Overall market is expected to be sluggish ahead due to continuous supply of onion crop.

In Solapur, maximum arrivals have increased by 40% and in Lasalgaon market maximum arrivals have decreased by 33% among major onion growing areas.

## Weekly Onion Arrival Comparison:



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कृषि व्यापार संघ

Small Farmers'  
Agribusiness  
Consortium



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(Source: Agmarknet)

The above graph shows the week on week basis all India onion arrivals compared to last year. This year arrivals are comparatively higher than last year in every week because of delayed harvesting this year. In 1<sup>st</sup> week of January arrivals are 32% higher than previous week.

### Technical Analysis of Onion Prices at Lasalgaon, Nasik:



(Note: Each bar or "candle" in the chart shows the price movement in a particular week. The green candle signifies prices increased and red candle signifies prices decreased in that week. The length of the "candle" shows the upper and lower end of the price range for the week.)

The above chart shows the weekly price movement of onion in the benchmark of Lasalgaon mandi of Nasik. As we expected prices are continuously falling and touched a level below Rs 900/ quintal and expected to be range bound for next coming week. On the higher side prices may find resistance at a level of Rs 1300/ quintal and on the lower side prices may find support at level of Rs 800/ quintal. Relative Strength Indicator (RSI) is moving stable in neutral region which suggest that price are to be range bound between Rs 900 – Rs 1200/ quintal in next coming weeks.

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