

Executive Summary:

- All India, Onion arrival in 3rd week of December is approximately 2% higher compared to previous week. If arrivals compared with previous year during 3rd week of December it is approximately 28% lower.
- As per IBIS (International Business Information Services), approximately 25821 tons of processed and fresh onion has been exported till 21st December 2014. This export contains both Air and Sea route.
- In Karnataka, total targeted area for Rabi season is approximately 16676 hectares. As on 22-12-2014 approximately 10466 hectares of area is sown compared to last year area of 21799 hectares.
- All India Rabi sowing is in progress across different major producing states. As per initial estimates Rabi sowing is expected to be 5-6% less compared to previous year.
- Kharif arrivals reported similar to previous week because of rains in producing regions and due to fog which are major constraints to supplies.

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

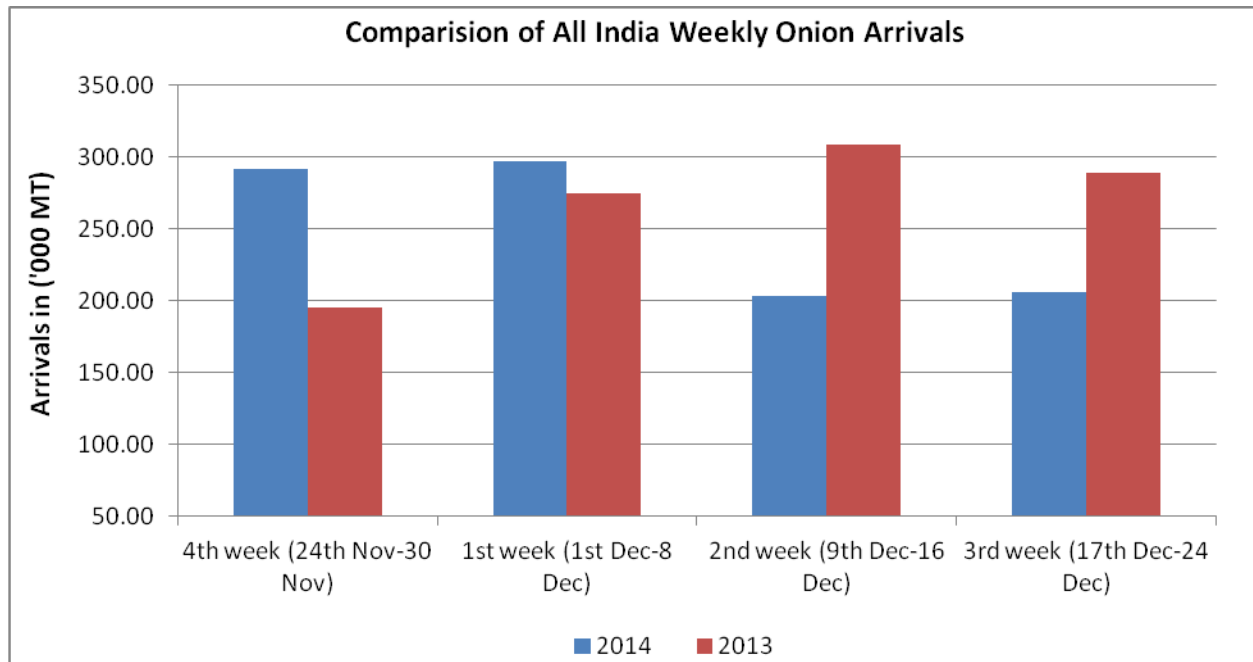
Centre	Wholesale Prices (Rs/Qtl.)#			Retail Prices (Rs./Qtl.) *		
	Current Week	Previous Week	A year ago	Current Week	Previous Week	A year ago
	As on 23.Dec.2014	As on 16.Dec.2014	As on 23.Dec.2013	As on 23.Dec.2014	As on 16.Dec.2014	As on 23.Dec.2013
DELHI	1719	1714	1366	3300	2900	3000
LUCKNOW	NR	1500	NR	NR	2500	NR
AHMEDABAD	2000	1900	1500	2000	2000	3000
INDORE	1625	1500	1000	1900	1600	2000
MUMBAI	NR	1750	1250	3000	2800	3500
JAIPUR	1500	1400	NR	2400	2400	1500
BHUBANESHWAR	2500	1600	NR	2800	2500	2000
KOLKATA	NR	NR	NR	3000	3000	2500
HYDERABAD	2100	1800	NR	2600	2600	3000
BANGALORE	2250	2100	NR	2400	2400	NR
TRIVANDRUM	NR	NR	NR	3900	3900	5700
CHENNAI	NR	NR	NR	2600	2300	1800

(Source: #Agmarknet, *Consumer Affairs)

Above table shows the wholesale and retail prices in major markets. In wholesale market prices have increased in most of the market except Mumbai and Bhubaneswar. Prices increased because of lower arrivals during week period due to rains in producing regions.

Similarly, prices has also increased in retail market and expected to fall down in coming weeks.

Weekly Onion Arrival Comparison:



(Source: Agmarknet)

The above graph depicts the week on week basis All India onion arrivals compared to last year. In third week of December arrivals reported similar to previous week. In coming weeks arrivals are expected to increase as farmers may bring their harvested kharif onion to market.

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. Candlestick chart indicates range bound movement in the market. But this week prices declined by Rs 150-Rs 200/ quintal as Relative Strength Indicator (RSI) is moving downward in neutral zone from last few weeks which indicates prices to fall down in market. As per Fibonacci retracement prices may touch a higher level of Rs 1850/ quintal but overall it is expected to bearish. For the coming week prices are expected to remain in the range of Rs 1000- Rs 1400/ quintal.

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