

Executive Summary:

- Across the country onion prices have dropped down in onion because of arrival of Rabi onion from producing regions. The other reason is damaged crop from Maharashtra arriving in market due to rains and hailstorms.
- As per IBIS (International Business Information Services) around 25368 tons of processed and fresh onion has been exported during 23 March- 29 March compared to previous week export of 28278 tons during 16 March- 22 March 2015.
- In Bangalore, Onion is arriving in market from local region (ChitraDurga and Bijapur District) and Maharashtra which are contributing approximately 40% and 60% respectively.
- In Lasalgaon market , onion prices have dropped down from Rs 1200/quintal to Rs 950/quintal in last one week due to rabi crop arriving in market which also include damaged crop.
- In M.P, rabi onion harvesting is expected to be in peak during 1st week of April. Traders are expecting prices to remain firm.

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 31.March.2015	As on 24.March.2015	As on 31.March.2014	As on 31.March.2015	As on 24.March.2015	As on 31.March.2014
DELHI	1150	1179	1035	2900	2900	2100
LUCKNOW	1500	1650	1150	2000	2000	NR
AHMEDABAD	1100	1100	900	1500	1600	2000
INDORE	1125	625	500	900	1100	1000
MUMBAI	1400	1250	NR	2400	2500	NR
JAIPUR	900	1050	NR	1800	2000	1400
BHUBANESHWAR	1750	1850	1600	2000	2000	1500
KOLKATA	1250	1250	900	1800	1800	1400
HYDERABAD	1200	950	NR	2600	2600	NR
BANGALORE	NR	NR	NR	2000	2400	NR
TRIVANDRUM	NR	NR	NR	3100	3100	2000
CHENNAI	NR	NR	NR	1700	1900	NR

(Source: #Agmarknet, *Consumer Affairs)

Above table shows the wholesale and retail prices in major markets. Retail prices have decreased in almost all the markets. The reason for decline in price is supply of damaged quality onion in market due to rains and hailstorms in previous week. The other reason for prices to fall down is availability of rabi crop onion in 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 bearish market for coming weeks. Prices have decreased compared to previous week. Relative Strength Indicator (RSI) is moving downward in neutral zone which indicates bearish prices for coming week. On the upper side prices may find resistance at a level of Rs 1500/ quintal whereas on the lower side prices may find long term support at a level of Rs 700/ quintal. Overall market is expected to remain weak in the range of Rs 800- Rs 1300/ quintal for coming weeks.

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