

Executive Summary:

- During the first week of May, onion arrival has shrunk by -49.55% compared to previous week. If we compared to previous year during same time arrivals have also decreased by -43.35%.
- Rainfall in major growing state in Maharashtra hampers the supply to the market. Sources revealed that, onion quality also affected due to heavy rainfall.
- As per IBIS (International Business Information Services) around 21264 tons of processed and fresh onion has been exported during 27th April – 3rd May compared to previous week export of 21464 tons during 20th April- 26th April 2015.
- Supply reported down in onion domestic market. Due to rainfall in Maharashtra lower quality arrivals reported.
- In Maharashtra, average yield of this Rabi season is estimated to be 17.47 ton/ha against after considering the crop damage. Prior to rains & hailstorms, farmers average yield expectation was 21.5 ton/ha which is a good yield.

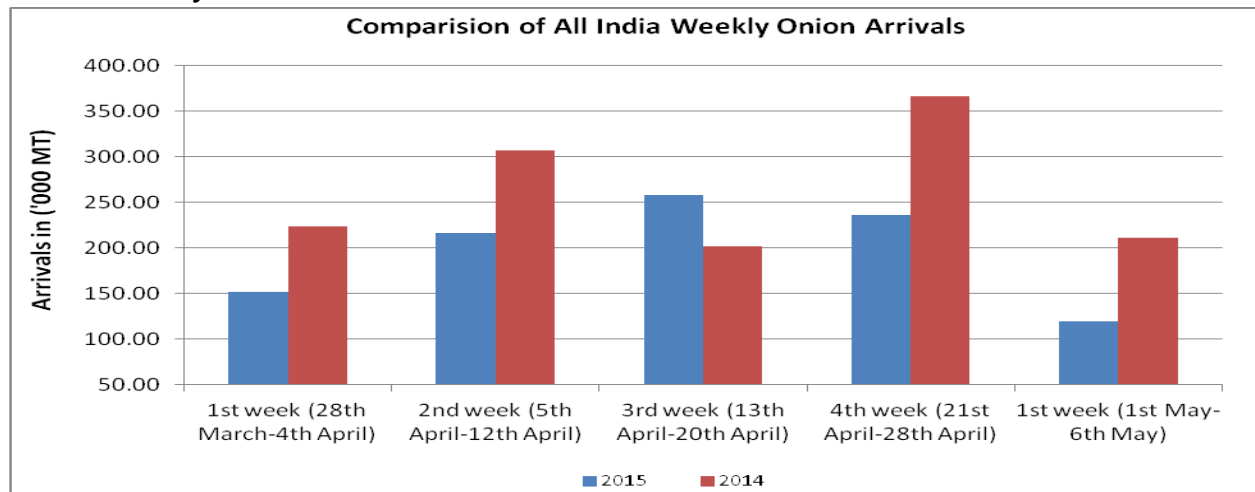
Weekly Wholesale and Retail Onion Prices (Rs/Qtl) in important markets across India

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 5.May.2015	As on 28.April.2015	As on 5.May.2014	As on 5.May.2015	As on 28.April.2015	As on 5.May.2014
DELHI	1329	NR	1117	2900	2700	2100
LUCKNOW	NR	1500	1300	NR	2000	2000
AHMEDABAD	1000	1000	800	1700	1800	1600
INDORE	875	NR	625	1100	1100	1200
MUMBAI	NR	1400	1050	2200	2200	2500
JAIPUR	NR	NR	NR	1600	1600	1300
BHUBANESHWAR	1750	NR	1650	2000	2000	1600
KOLKATA	1700	NR	NR	2400	2400	1600
HYDERABAD	1400	1500	900	2200	2200	1600
BANGALORE	1100	NR	700	2200	2200	NR
TRIVANDRUM	NR	NR	NR	3100	3100	2600
CHENNAI	NR	NR	NR	NR	1900	1800

(Source: #Agmarknet, *Consumer Affairs)

The above table depicts the wholesale and retail prices in major markets. Mixed variation was seen in retail and wholesale prices. Prices are expected to fall ahead as onion is arriving in market with full pace. However, steady sentiment witnessed in retail market prices during the week.

All India Weekly Arrival



(Source: Agmarknet)

Lower arrivals reported in 1st week of May as compared to previous week but expected to increase ahead as rabi harvesting is in full pace. In Maharashtra, Rabi area is estimated to be 1.84 lakh hectares compared to last year 1.91 lakh hectares. In M.P, acreage is approximately 15% less compared to previous year which is clearly visible from above graphs.

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 depicts the weekly price movement of onion in the benchmark of Lasalgaon mandi of Nasik. Candlestick chart indicates range bound movement market. Relative Strength Indicator (RSI) is moving upward in neutral zone for short term. On the upper side prices may find resistance at a level of Rs 1280/ quintal whereas on the lower side prices may find long term support at a level of Rs 900/ quintal. Overall market is expected to remain in the range of Rs 900- Rs 1300/ quintal for coming weeks.

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