Executive Summary:

- In Delhi, modal prices are expected to trade between Rs 1000 Rs 1100/ qtl in coming week due to continuous supply of rabi onion.
- In A.P, total targeted area for Rabi season is approximately is 5054 hectares. As on 16.03.2016, approximately 6256 hectare of area is sown compared to corresponding year of 2015 area of 3566 hectares.
- In Maharashtra, Rabi acreage is higher and expected to be 1.90 lakh hectares compared to corresponding year of 2014, 1.85 lakh hectares.
- In Karnataka, 17722 hectares of area is sown in Rabi season compared to corresponding seasons 19286 hectares last year.
- In Lasalgaon, prices are trading in the range of Rs 600-Rs 900/ quintal compared to corresponding year of 2015, Rs 1100-Rs 1150/ quintal during same period.
- In M.P according to trade sources Rabi acreage and yield is expected to be higher than last year. Last year's Rabi acreage was 91387.1 hectares based on field survey.

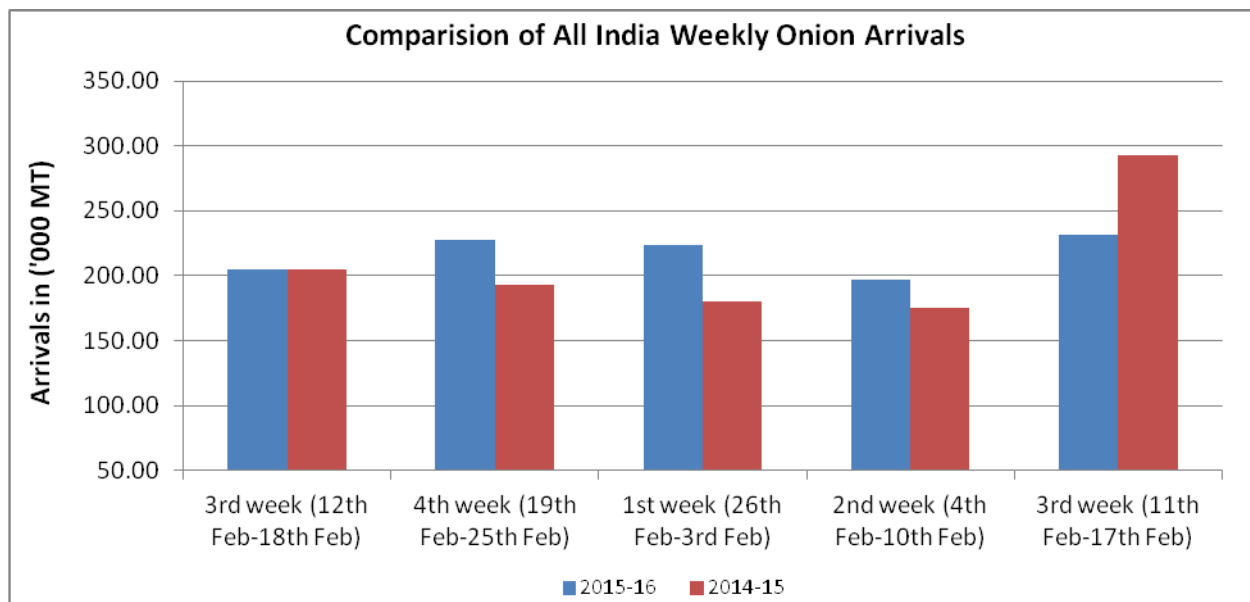**Weekly Wholesale and Retail Onion Prices (Rs/Qtl) in important markets across India**

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 16.Mar.2016	As on 9.Mar.2016	As on 16.Mar.2015	As on 16.Mar.2016	As on 9.Mar.2016	As on 16.Mar.2015
DELHI	NR	957	1517	2400	2600	3300
LUCKNOW	1200	1100	1725	1500	1500	2000
AHMEDABAD	800	800	1300	2200	2200	2000
INDORE	500	625	1250	1200	1200	1500
MUMBAI	800	900	NR	2100	2000	2800
JAIPUR	NR	975	1150	1200	1200	2000
BHUBANESHWAR	1150	NR	2100	1600	1600	2400
KOLKATA	NR	NR	1250	1600	2000	1800
HYDERABAD	NR	NR	1600	1800	1800	2600
BANGALORE	850	950	1600	1800	1800	2400
TRIVANDRUM	NR	NR	NR	2500	2500	3500
CHENNAI	NR	NR	NR	1400	1800	2200

(Source: #Agmarknet, *Consumer Affairs)

The above table depicts the wholesale and retail prices in major markets. In Wholesale market, prices have declined marginally in most of the markets except Lucknow. In coming weeks prices are expected to remain range bound because of continuous Rabi arrival in market. In retail market prices are almost similar to corresponding week in most of the markets.

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Prices are comparatively lower in both wholesale and retail market compared to corresponding year of 2015 during same period.

All India Onion Arrival:

Comparision of All India Weekly Onion Arrivals

(Source: Agmarknet)

The above graph depicts the onion arrivals across the country on a weekly basis. During the week period arrivals have increased by 17.73 % higher compared to previous week but expected to increase further in coming weeks with arrival of Rabi crop from producing regions. Arrivals are 21.11% lower compared to corresponding year of 2014-15 during week period but in coming weeks expected to increase.

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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. During the week period Candlestick chart pattern indicates downwards movement sentiments in market. But market is expected to rebound from this level in coming weeks because prices have touched its long term support level. On lower side may find support at a level of Rs 500/ quintal whereas on the higher side prices may find resistance at a level of Rs 1600/ quintal.

Outlook- Prices are expected to trade in the range Rs 600-Rs 900/ quintal for coming week.

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