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**Spice News**

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## Spices and Extracts Raw materials - crop/market update

### Paprika

#### India:

In Dharwad, Haveri and Gadag districts of Karnataka state, harvesting of colour chili has finished, around 90% of harvest is done in Bellary, Raichur and Gulberga. Arrival of new crop into the Byadgi market may continue till the first week of May. In the last few weeks, around 250,000 bags of chili have arrived into the Byadgi market. Quality of the chilies is not suitable for extraction. Majority of the chilies is with low colour and high moisture content. Dry spice manufacturers and domestic traders are still active in the Byadgi market for buying colour chili.



#### China:

In Xinjiang province, sowing has just started, carry over stock of right quality ORP is limited with ORP manufacturers in China.

*OR Paprika prices stable.*

### Black Pepper

Sri Lanka is the main source of extraction quality black pepper. Next harvesting of light pepper has just started and it might continue till end of June. Peak harvesting will be from the middle of May to the first week of June. According to the trade sources, estimated crop size is around 10-15% higher than last season. Carry over stock of light pepper is almost NIL. Market price for ungarbled bold pepper with 520 gm/liter bulk density is around 60% higher compared to the same from Vietnam, due to reduced risk of pesticide residues. The demand and price trend of bold pepper would influence the price trend of light pepper. However, we are expecting slightly downward price trend for black pepper during the next harvesting season, when compared to last year.

Indian farmers are not harvesting light pepper for the last 7 years. Here the crop is around 20% lower than last season. Farmers are releasing the materials to the market in a very controlled manner.



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In Vietnam, harvesting of light pepper is already finished. Right quality light pepper is not available in the market. Estimated production of black pepper in Vietnam for this season is above 200,000 MT. The price trend of black pepper in Vietnam was downward for the last two weeks mainly due to the lack of export demand.

*Expecting slightly downward price trend.*

## White Pepper

In Vietnam and Indonesia, the price trend of white pepper is almost stable, it would follow the price trend of Black Pepper.

## Turmeric

**MFT:** In Gundulupet, around 90% of the harvest is finished. The estimated production of extraction quality turmeric is around 40-50% lower than normal due to severe draught in the turmeric growing areas during the period September to November 2016. Curcumin content in the turmeric from this area is lower by 10-15% compared to normal, mainly due to unfavourable climatic conditions. The price trend of MFT (unpolished turmeric) is slightly downward for the last two weeks due to low domestic demand, however, we expect the same to go up in the long term.

**Sangli Kocha:** In Maharashtra, harvesting of Koch turmeric has already finished. Price has increased by around 15% towards the end of the season, compared to the price prevailed in the beginning of the season, quality also has come down drastically. Availability of right quality Kocha turmeric is very limited.

**Panagali:** Harvesting has finished, estimated production is around 40% lower than normal due to severe draught in the turmeric growing areas in Tamil Nadu state. Availability of right quality is limited, oleoresin manufacturers are very active in the market for buying this variety of turmeric.

**AFT:** Harvesting has finished. Estimated crop size is almost same as last season. Carry over stock was very limited.

**Vietnam Finger Turmeric:** Harvesting has almost finished, availability of extraction quality is very limited.

**Myanmar:** Harvesting has almost finished. Availability of extraction quality turmeric is very limited, prices have moved up by 15% compared to beginning of this year.

**Indonesia:** Carry over stock is almost NIL. New harvesting season may start from August onwards.



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**Ethiopia:** Harvesting of turmeric has already finished. Price trend is almost stable. Estimated production is around 20% higher than last season. Lack of knowledge among the farmers about the correct post-harvest practices is affecting the quality of the turmeric adversely.

*Turmeric/Curcumin prices stable for the short term and may go up during long term.*

## Heat Chili (Capsicum)

In Andhra Pradesh and Telagana states, around 90% of the harvest has already finished, where as it is complete in Karnataka state. Estimated production of heat chili in the above states is around 40% higher than last season, mainly due to favourable climatic conditions in the growing areas. Prices have fallen. The colour values of the chili arriving into the market also low due to high temperature in the chili growing areas. All cold storages in the above mentioned states are full with chili. Low prices have put the farmers in deep trouble, with the current market prices, they are getting back only less than half of what they have spent on the crop!



*Red Pepper / Chili / Oleoresin Capsicum prices stable at the lower end, but expecting higher for long term.*

## Ginger

In Karnataka and Kerala, harvesting of ginger has already finished, estimated production of ginger in Karnataka is around 20% higher, compared to the last season. Price trend is downward for the last one month due to reduction in demand from both domestic and export markets. In Nigeria, harvesting has almost finished. The price of dried ginger has not fallen down considerably due strong demand from India.

*Ginger prices downwards.*

## Nutmeg & Mace

In India, harvesting of nutmeg has already finished. Price trend is almost stable for the last three months. Next harvesting may start from middle of May onwards. In Indonesia, the price trend of both nutmeg and mace is stable for the last two months.

*Nutmeg/Mace prices stable at the lower levels.*

## Celery

In India, next harvesting season would start in May 2017. We expect that the price of celery may come down during the next peak harvesting season. Carry over stock of good quality celery is almost NIL.

*Celery prices downwards.*

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## Coriander

In India, harvesting season has started from the third week of March. Estimated crop size is around 30% higher than the last season.

*Expecting downward price trend.*

## Fenugreek

In India, season has started from March, estimated crop size is around 20% lower than the last season.

*Prices stable at the lower end.*

## Cumin

Harvest has already started in India, the crop size is expected to be slightly lower than last year. Prices came down by around 20% due to good arrivals in the main markets, however, the trend may reverse as it progresses, especially as demand could increase due to reduced availability of material from Syria.

*Expecting stable price trend for cumin for short term.*

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