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Paprika

India:

In the main colour chili growing areas in Karnataka state, land preparations for planting is going on. Almost all areas received pre-monsoon. Sowing / transplantation of the chili seeds/seedlings in to the main fields have just started and it may continue till last week of August. Arrival of colour chili into the Byadgi market is very limited, with very low availability of colour chili with above 230 ASTA colour. Carry over stock is around 20% lower compared to the same period last year. Price trend is stable for the last two months.



China:

In Xinjiang province, area of cultivation of paprika has increased by around 20% compared to last season. Plants are healthy. Harvesting might start from the beginning of October. Since the climatic conditions in the coming months are also very critical, it is too early to predict the crop size now. Carry over stock of ORP in the market is limited in the Chinese market.

OR Paprika prices stable.

Black Pepper

In India, flowering of pepper has just started. Heavy rains in Kerala and Karnataka states may not be favourable for flowering and berry settings in pepper plants. Minimum import price (MIP) imposed by the Government of India have been relaxed for re-exporters.

In Sri Lanka, harvesting of light pepper has already finished. The crop size was around 60% lower than normal due to unfavourable climatic conditions in the growing areas. Carry over stock of black pepper light berries in the Sri Lankan market is very limited. The price of light pepper has decreased by around 10%, compared to the price prevailed in the beginning of the harvesting season in April- May, 2018 due to downward price trend of black pepper(bold) in all origins and availability of light berries from Indonesia at lower prices. Next harvesting season may start from the middle of November and it would be a smaller crop.



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In Vietnam, harvesting has finished and they exported 132,000 MT in first half of 2018 based on latest announcement from country ministry of Agriculture. Flowering started and climatic conditions in the growing areas are favourable for flowering and berry setting. Next harvesting of light berries may start from the end of October and that of bold pepper berries may start from the middle of December. Current price trend of bold pepper in the Vietnam market is slightly downward mainly due to weaker demand from consuming countries.

In Indonesia, new harvesting season for light pepper just started. Estimated crop size is around 60,000 MT. Price trend of bold pepper is slightly downward due to the weaker demand, but the price trend of black pepper light berries is stable for the last two weeks mainly due to the increase in demand for light pepper from oleoresin manufacturers.

In Brazil, harvesting has just started. Estimated crop size is around 60,000 MT. The price of bold pepper is lower in Brazil, compared to all other origins.

Expecting stable price trend for the rest of the year for Oleoresin/Oil.

White Pepper

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

Turmeric

India: In Gundlupet region and Erode & Salem, turmeric planting has already finished. Area of cultivation has increased by around 20% compared to last season. Plants are healthy. In Maharashtra and in Andhra Pradesh, turmeric planting has started and it may continue till the end of July. Area of cultivation may be the same as last year.

Almost all major turmeric growing areas received monsoon rains on time. Carry over stock of turmeric is around 20% lower compared to the same period last year.

Availability of extraction quality turmeric with high curcumin content is very limited. The current price trend is stable and we expect this to continue for another couple of months.

Vietnam: Sowing has finished, area of cultivation has reduced by around 30% compared to last season due to the low prices during the last season. High labour costs for harvesting and post harvesting operations and low prices for dried turmeric in the market discouraged the farmers to harvest the turmeric fully last year (around 5% of the area remain not harvested) and to cultivate turmeric in more areas during this season. Almost all turmeric growing areas received good rainfalls and plants are growing healthy. No incidence of diseases in turmeric plants. Current price trend is stable. Next harvesting season may start from January 2019.

Myanmar: Sowing has finished. Area of cultivation of turmeric is almost same as last year. Next harvesting may start from the middle of February 2019. Carry over stock of turmeric with high curcumin is very limited. Current price trend is stable.



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Ethiopia: Planting/sowing just completed. Area of cultivation is slightly lower than last year. Since the volume of production of turmeric is small compared to other producing countries such as India, it may not make any major impact on the global price.

Nigeria: Planting/ sowing completed, area of cultivation is almost same as last year. Carry over stock of good quality Nigerian turmeric is very limited. Next harvesting season may start from January 2019.

Turmeric/ Curcumin prices stable.

Heat Chili (Capsicum)

Almost all heat chili growing regions in India received monsoon rains. In Karnataka, sowing/ transplantation has started from the beginning of July and it may continue till the end of August, whereas in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the same would start from the end of July and may continue till middle of September. We will get a clear indication about the increase or decrease in the area of cultivation of chili only by the middle of September. Carry over stock of good quality chili, especially Teja and Namdari varieties, is around 30% lower, compared to the same period last year. Price trend is stable for the last one month.



Red Pepper / Chili / Oleoresin Capsicum prices stable.

Ginger

Harvesting of ginger has finished in all growing areas in Kerala and Karnataka. Carry over stock is around 30% lower compared to the same period last year. Price trend is upward due to increase in demand from both export and domestic markets. Price of fresh ginger has increased by 20% compared to the price of fresh ginger prevailed in the market during the last harvesting period in Jan- Feb, 2018. Planting for the next season has finished. We expect that the area of cultivation in both Kerala and Karnataka state is almost same as last season.

In Nigeria, carry over stock of aflatoxin free ginger is very limited. Price trend is slightly upward. Next harvesting season may start from January 2019.

Ginger prices stable.

Nutmeg & Mace

In Kerala, harvesting has started and it may continue till middle of August. Estimated crop size is almost same as last season. Price trend is downwards due to decrease in demand from both domestic and export markets. In Indonesia, price trend of nutmeg is stable for the last one month, however that of mace has increased by around 10% mainly due to the increase in demand. In Sri Lanka, harvesting has finished, stable price trend.

Nutmeg/ Mace prices stable.

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Celery

In India, harvesting has finished. Carry over stock is almost same as last season. We expect stable/ slightly upward price trend for the next two to three months.

Celery prices stable.

Coriander

In Rajasthan and Gujarat, harvesting has already finished, estimated crop size is around 20% lower than last season mainly due to reduction in the area of cultivation. The price of coriander is stable for the last one month and we expect that it may continue for the next one month. In Ukraine, the new harvesting season may start from the end of July. Estimated crop size is around 40% lower than normal, mainly due to unfavourable climatic conditions in the growing areas.

Expecting slightly upward price trend.

Fenugreek

In Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, harvesting has already finished, crop size was around 30% lower than last season. Price trend is almost stable for the last one month and we expect that the same for the next two months.

Prices stable.

Cumin

In India, harvesting has already finished. Current price trend is stable. Next sowing may start in October for the next harvest in February, 2019.

Prices stable.

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