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# MARKET REPORT

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## Black Pepper

*Harvesting is progressing in India and the new arrivals started coming in to market centres in smaller volumes. Prices slightly eased on selling pressure. Current price for MG1 grade is at \$9800/MT. New crop is estimated to be around 53000 MT as against 70000 MT in the last season. Domestic consumption of pepper is projected to be around 40,000-45,000 MT. The shortfall will lead to the price hike during the year.*

*In Vietnam, harvesting has begun in some areas and full swing harvesting is expected to start after TET festival. New crop production is estimated to be higher than that of last season. Planting area has been increased. There was no major incidence of pest attack and weather is favourable. Prices started declining on estimated higher production. Current quote for ASTA grade is at \$8400/MT and White Pepper at \$12200/MT.*

*Indonesia has almost sold out their 2015 crop prevailing*



*price in Indonesia is higher than Vietnam. Current offers for ASTA quality is at \$8950/MT. Next harvest will be in July-August. It is too early to predict the crop size as the future climate is crucial for the crop.*

*Main harvest in Sri Lanka is during May-June. Crop seems to be reasonably good. Indian demand is supporting the current market. Prices for 500 G/L FAQ grade is @ \$8750/MT.*

## Paprika

*Harvesting is progressing in India. Poor arrivals have been reported from the market centers as planting area had substantially reduced due to deficient monsoon. The crop size is estimated to be around 50-60% of last years. Peak arrivals expected to start from mid of February. Prices remained firm as Indian ground spice Industry is very active in the market. Current price is ranging from Rs.120-140/Kg.*

*Prices continue to remain firm on estimated lower crop size.*



## Chilli

*New crop started arriving into market centres and is expected to increase the volume by 2nd half of February. Though the acreage has been increased, production is expected to be lower due to poor monsoon. Water level in the dams in Krishna River that feeds the chilli-growing areas is still low because of scanty rains in the interior regions.*

*Domestic buyers are aggressively buying and prices*



*remained high in the markets. Lower stocks in the cold storages, failure of Madhya Pradesh crops due to virus attacks and estimated lower production led the market to remain firm.*

## Turmeric

*Turmeric prices moved sharply higher in India due to the concerns of lower output along with firm demand. Crop damage is reported in Telangana and Maharashtra due to a long dry spell climate. Current market price for MFT variety (low curcumin variety) is at Rs.90-105/Kg. New crop arrivals have begun but are miniscule. Arrivals are expected to pick up from February 2nd half.*

*The extraction grade high curcumin variety (AFT) is mainly grown in Kerala state. Over the last few years, crop*



*size has seen a decline because of better return from other alternative crops and shortage of labours. Production of higher curcumin AFT variety is limited to around 2500 MT. New crop arrivals are expected from February.*

## Ginger

*In India, new crop harvesting has started. Most of the harvest is traded as fresh ginger into vegetable market. Planting area has been increased in Karnataka state, while the same area is maintained in Kerala as compared to last season. Present crop stand is good, without any major pests or diseases. Prices remain steady on demand from vegetable market for fresh ginger. Current price for SO2 free dry ginger is Rs.175-200/Kg.*



*Full swing harvesting started in Nigeria. Crop size is expected to be the same as last season. Due to the change in Government's financial policy, prices have moved up. Current indication from the market is \$2300/MT.*

## Nutmeg/Mace

*Arrivals reduced in the market centres in India as crop season has finished. Prices slightly up as compared to last month. Superior grade Mace in the domestic market is at Rs.1200/Kg and farm grade nutmeg with shell is trading at Rs.325/Kg while that of export grade is sold at Rs.350/Kg. Without shell Nutmeg is quoting at Rs.550/Kg and that of export quality ABCD grade is at Rs.575/Kg.*



*In Sri Lanka, limited arrivals are there for the extraction grade material due to off season. Current quote for BWP grade is at \$3800/MT*

## Cardamom

*Cardamom prices slightly eased on sluggish demand. This year production is higher than that of last season. The current season has begun from August and the total arrivals during the season stood at 18621 MT. Price is likely to remain steady in the short term.*



*Prices of various grades were 7-8 mm (AGEB) Rs.700-740/Kg; 6-7 mm (AGB) Rs.600-640/Kg; 5-6 mm (AGS) 550-600/Kg.*

## Celery Seed

*Area under cultivation for new crop has been increased substantially because of attractive price during the last season. So far, climate is favourable for the crop. Harvesting will begin from May.*

*Market remained firm as carryover stocks are thin,*



*which is not sufficient to meet the demand till the next crop. ASTA quality has been traded around \$2.25/kg at the market while extraction quality is offered at \$1.80/Kg. Prices likely to continue firm due to limited availability.*

## Cumin

*New crop sowing has almost finished in Gujarat and Rajasthan, the major producing states in India. The attractive prices prevailing in the present season has prompted the farmers to increase the area under cultivation by 20%. At present climate is favourable for the crop.*



*Prices slightly eased with limited demand. Current price for ASTA grade is \$2.4/Kg.*