# Maize Prices will not Rise

The area under maize in India is nearly 93 lakh hectares with a production of 198.9 lakh tonnes according to the First Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (2019-20). The leading states in the country for maize production are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The major maize growing districts of Tamil Nadu are Salem, Dindigul, Namakkal, Pudukottai, Tiruppur, Villuppuram, Perambalur and Ariyalur.

According to the trade sources, maize arrivals to Tamil Nadu are from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Bihar. Domestic arrivals from Tamil Nadu will commence from Ariyalur, Perambalur, Theni, Kovilpatti, Kantharvakottai, Dindigul, Tiruppur and Virudhunagar in January'20 followed by other major growing places.

Favorable climatic conditions prevailed during current season and extended monsoon which reduced the attack of Fall Army Worm along with adequate precautionary measures taken by the maize farmers facilitated better crop growth and yield. Since the arrivals from Tamil Nadu have already started, the maize prices started declining and the prices will not increase further, if the supply is adequate.

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University analyzed the past 19 years prices that prevailed in Udumalpet Regulated Market for maize. As per the analysis and market survey, the farm gate price of good quality maize during February to March 2020, will be Rs.1800 to 1900 per quintal. Hence farmers are advised to take up appropriate marketing decision.

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