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To
The Editor,
Sir,

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I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

TNAU Price forecast for Maize

The TN-IAM Project funded Price Forecasting Scheme of the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore has developed market advisory for maize.

The area under maize in India is 9.8 million hectares with a production of 33.62 million tonnes according to the Second Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (2022-23). The leading states in the country for maize production are Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. During the 2021-22 marketing year (October 2021 – September 2022), India exported 3.43 million metric tonne of maize against 3.70 million metric tonne in the previous year. Bangladesh is the top buyer of Indian maize followed by Nepal and Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand.

In Tamil Nadu, maize is cultivated in an area of 4 lakh hectare with 25.64 lakh tonnes of production during 2020-21. The major maize growing districts of Tamil Nadu are Perambalur, Salem, Dindigul, Madurai, Tiruppur and Ariyalur. According to the trade sources, maize arrivals to Tamil Nadu are from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Bihar and these three states contribute nearly 30 per cent of the total demand of Tamil Nadu. The price of maize in the domestic market has increased due to high export and domestic demand for poultry and animal feed.

The Price Forecasting Scheme has analyzed the maize prices that prevailed in Udumalpet Regulated Market for the past 27 years. As per the analysis and market survey, the farm gate price of good quality maize during, March to April 2023 will be **Rs.2000-2200** per quintal. Hence, farmers are advised to take up appropriate marketing decision.

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