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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 Pulses

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 blackgram and greengram.

Blackgram

Blackgram accounts for about 29 per cent of India's total pulses production and largely cultivated in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. These states together contribute for 71 per cent of total blackgram production in the country According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare for year 2022-23, blackgram production is lower than the target. (26.82 lakh tonnes as against 37 lakh tonnes).

Many exporting countries are dependent on India for marketing their pulses as India is the largest producer, consumer and major importers of pulses in the world. India imports most of its blackgram from Myanmar, China and Unites States and is the third largest importer of blackgram in the World. Under the bilateral agreement signed last year, India has committed to import 2.5 lakh tonnes blackgram annually from Myanmar between 2021-22 and 2025-26.

Tamil Nadu is one of the major blackgram growing states of the country accounting for 4 lakh hectares with a production of 2.25 lakh tonnes annually. Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Viluppuram, Thanjavur and Tiruvarur are the major districts cultivating blackgram. Major cultivars are ADT 3, ADT 4, ADT 5, KKM 1, CO 6, VBN (Bg) 5 and VBN 6. Tamil Nadu reports, peak harvesting period of blackgram from March to April.

According to the trade sources, blackgram arrivals from Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have already started and it is expected that new arrivals from Tamil Nadu will commence from the second week of March'23 onwards.

Greengram

According to the Second Advance Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare for year 2022-23, Greengram production is lower than the target (35.45 lakh tonnes as against 40 lakh tonnes). In India, major greengram producing states are Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Orisha, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

In Tamil Nadu, greengram is cultivated in an area of 1.60 lakhs hectare with production of 0.58 lakhs tonnes annually. Greengram is grown in Nagapatinam, Thiruvarur, Thiruvallur, Thoothukudi and Salem. ADT 3 and VBN (Gg) 3 are the major cultivated varieties in Tamil Nadu.

The Price Forecasting team has analyzed the last 15 years of blackgram and greengram prices prevailed in Viluppuram Regulated market. The result of the econometric analysis revealed that the farm gate price of the good quality blackgram would revolve around Rs. 69-72 per kg and greengram around Rs.68-70 per kg during harvest (April to May 23). The price may subject to change according to the recent government initiative taken in procuring pulses directly from farmers.

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