

## Turmeric Outlook –September 2020

Turmeric is an important spice grown in India since ancient times. It is referred as Indian saffron and commonly called as Haldi. India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world. The global production of turmeric is around 11 lakh tonnes per annum. India dominates the world production scenario contributing 80% followed by China (8%), Myanmar (4%), Nigeria (3%) and Bangladesh (3%). Major turmeric importing countries from India are Bangladesh (15,888.88 tonnes), Iran (11,859.50 tonnes), Morocco (7,225.72 tonnes), USA (6,318.45 tonnes) and UAE (5,938.10 tonnes).

In India during 2019-20, about 2.54 lakh ha (6 lakh acres) area was covered under turmeric. The important turmeric growing states in India are Telangana 55,443 ha (1,37,000 acres), Odisha 27,864 ha (68,852 acres), Tamil Nadu 18,296 ha (45,209 acres), West Bengal 17,711 ha (43,764 acres), Karnataka 17,598 ha (43,895 acres), Assam 16,550 ha (40,895 acres), Maharashtra 14,511 ha (35,857 acres) and Andhra Pradesh 13,223 ha (32,674 acres).

In Telangana during the year 2020-21 area covered under turmeric so far is 0.36 lakh hectares (0.90 lakh acres) as on 06.09.2020 as against 0.55 lakh hectares (1.37 lakh acres) in 2019-20. Major turmeric growing districts in Telangana during 2019-20 were Jagtial 13,707 ha (33,870 acres), Nizamabad 13,549 ha (33,480 acres), Nirmal 8,005 ha (19,780 acres), Warangal (Rural) 4,612 ha (11,396 acres) and Mahabubabad 4,424 ha (10,932 acres). According to 3<sup>rd</sup> advance estimates, turmeric production in Telangana State during 2019-20 was 3.07 lakh tonnes with productivity of 5543 Kg/ha (2243 Kg/acre).

**Table 1: Turmeric Arrival Scenario in India (in bags of 65 Kg each)**

Market	% Change over Previous Week	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug to 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2019
<b>Nizamabad</b>	<b>122.22</b>	20,000	9,000	9,500
<b>Duggirala</b>	<b>-26.92</b>	9500	13000	4000
<b>Salem</b>	--	67	NA	502
<b>Erode</b>	<b>-8.66</b>	11,600	12,700	23,300
<b>Sangli</b>	<b>-39.29</b>	8500	14000	30000
<b>Warangal</b>	--	NA	NA	1550
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>49,667</b>	<b>48,700</b>	<b>68,852</b>

Source: [www.agriwatch.com](http://www.agriwatch.com)

**Table 2: Turmeric Spot Prices (Rs/q)**

State	Centre	Grade	% Change Over Previous Week	27-Aug-2020	20-Aug-2020	27-Jul-2020	27-Aug-2019
Telangana	Nizamabad	Nizam quality	Unchanged	5700	5700	5700	6800
		Double polish finger	Unchanged	6500	6500	6400	7800
		Gattah (unpolished)	Unchanged	5500	5500	5300	6600
		Gattah (double polished)	Unchanged	6400	6400	6100	7600
	Warangal	Finger	--	5200	NA	Closed	6750
		Round	--	4800	NA	Closed	6450
Tamil Nadu	Erode	Finger	Unchanged	6300	6300	6400	6900
		Gattah	Unchanged	5800	5800	5900	6600
		Sellem	Unchanged	7300	7300	7400	7800
	Coimbatore	Bulb	Unchanged	5500	5500	5500	NA
		Finger	Unchanged	6000	6000	6500	NA
	Salem	Bulb	--	NA	NA	NA	NA
Finger		--	6150	NA	NA	7050	
Andhra Pradesh	Duggirala	Bulb	--	NA	4900	5000	6350
		Bilty	--	NA	5341	5450	6922
		Finger	--	NA	4900	5000	6150
		Bilty	--	NA	5341	5450	6704
Maharashtra	Sangli	Rajpuri / Salem Finger	--	NA	NA	Closed	10000
		Rajpuri Medium	--	NA	NA	Closed	8500
		DesiKadappa	--	NA	NA	Closed	6500
	Nanded	Turmeric Finger Polished	10.91	6100	5500	5800	6600
		Turmeric Bulb Polished	9.43	5800	5300	5400	6300
		Turmeric Mix	9.62	5700	5200	5200	6000

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**Table 3: Turmeric (Bulb and Finger) Prices at Nizamabad Market in August 2020**

Date	BULB				FINGER			
	Arrivals (Qtls)	Maximum Price (Rs/q)	Minimum Price (Rs/q)	Modal Price (Rs/q)	Arrivals (Qtls)	Maximum Price (Rs/q)	Minimum Price (Rs/q)	Modal Price (Rs/q)
17	106	5409	4500	5292	1436	5706	4500	5385
21	156	5586	4500	4819	1078	6188	4500	5088
24	623	5611	4500	5439	2253	6228	4505	5288
26	931	5871	4501	5525	2581	6178	4500	5688
27	1197	5801	4500	5369	2560	6268	4500	5750
28	977	5801	4500	5388	1965	6328	4500	5458
31	761	5742	4501	5250	1728	6138	4500	5559

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Buyers remained inactive in the spot market as movement to other states is slow because of the virus fear. As per Andhra Pradesh Government Turmeric sowing as on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is 12,734 hectares as compared to 10,135 hectares in the corresponding period of last year. Turmeric sowings are going on in major growing regions in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and is likely to be completed in September first week. In Nizamabad market during current year (2020), Turmeric arrivals are reported around 85,988 MT from 2<sup>nd</sup> January till 28<sup>th</sup> August compared to last year same period, 101,367 MT i.e., 15.17% down from last year. In Erode spot market, turmeric new crop supply is arriving on average 2,200 – 2,300 bags daily.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Turmeric is likely to trade in price range between **Rs. 5300 – 5500** per quintal during September 2020.