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A BRIEF REPORT ON ONION PRODUCTION AND AVAILABILITY IN THE
COUNTRY

The major kharif onion producing states are Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar and Tamil Nadu. The area under kharif crop in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamilnadu reported more compared to previous year. The area covered in Maharashtra is reported less compared to previous year area due to less and delayed rains.

As per 1st estimate of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, the area and production of onion is estimated as 11.92 lakhs ha and 193.57 lakhs MT, respectively which is little less in comparison with previous year area and production i.e. 12.04 lakhs ha and 194.02 lakhs MT.

Rabi onion sowing during the current season till 28/01/2015 has been completed in 5.53 lakhs ha area, which is 12.82% more compared to last year's rabi onion area of 4.90 lakhs ha in the major rabi onion growing states of the country.

Kharif crop harvesting is almost in all the kharif onion producing states of the country over and late kharif harvesting in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat started from mid of January onwards and would continue till mid of March.. Rabi onion transplanting is almost completed in different parts of the country. The harvesting of rabi onion will start from mid March onwards in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha and in other states like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab from April onwards. The crop condition of late kharif and rabi onions are at present good.

The modal prices are ranging in between Rs. 1100 to 1400/q. The comparative arrivals and prices of onion during last 3 years for major producing and consuming markets are given in Table:-1

Table:-1

ARRIVALS AND AVERAGE PRICES OF ONION								
Month / Year	ARRIVALS (q)				MODAL PRICE (Rs/q)			
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015
BANGALORE								
JAN	531906	426367	606710	583681	583	1550	1093	1602
FEB	363037	351372	522132		523	1536	797	
MARCH	386843	378399	683236		558	1123	747	
APRIL	376769	377960	697423		590	1026	711	
MAY	407188	384205	591250		599	1148	940	
JUNE	402256	337186	496447		688	1517	1790	
JUL	389497	349474	399867		784	2241	2426	
AUG	471034	511174	440875		869	3318	2129	
SEPT	691674	1289187	941818		782	3196	1715	
OCT	1098253	1639032	1412686		987	3429	1545	
NOV	903459	710266	1235389		1467	2709	1403	
DEC	515118	628220	842653		1523	1334	1386	
TOTAL	6537034	7382842	8870486		829	2011	1390	
MUMBAI								
JAN	262950	251980	246955	288460	546	1467	1137	1443
FEB	233440	214200	243615		491	1504	738	
MARCH	224000	235650	248000		484	1041	843	
APRIL	222640	204200	238351		543	981	938	
MAY	226300	203700	223570		527	1018	1124	
JUNE	210050	193050	215048		585	1480	1714	
JUL	235900	188854	183051		703	2194	2174	
AUG	180350	133340	176890		755	3803	1890	
SEPT	209150	131590	199940		707	4550	1552	
OCT	188300	164560	159050		909	4521	1540	
NOV	202750	172877	240700		1179	3484	1820	
DEC	218500	226385	294150		1330	1639	1802	
TOTAL	2614330	2320386	2669320		730	2307	1439	
KOLKATA								
JAN	211526	302820	386380	314980	698	1849	1506	1709
FEB	288560	285050	365930		731	2009	1189	
MARCH	177320	194530	150020		612	1259	1155	
APRIL	102790	99200	35610		666	1097	1121	
MAY	282220	252480	186800		718	1179	1350	
JUNE	410860	193240	108060		828	1666	1834	
JUL	427840	277760	141790		860	2585	2504	
AUG	228200	97600	121165		1050	4262	2374	
SEPT	289720	70340	169220		1083	4632	2110	
OCT	256960	69820	96320		1301	4734	2075	
NOV	201520	57027	72610		1666	4078	2090	
DEC	196020	142030	186640		1816	2432	2258	
TOTAL	3073536	2041897	2020545		1002	2649	1797	

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DELHI								
JAN	357155	324967	261467	249820	490	1291	1150	1353
FEB	278303	260920	269628		535	1464	926	
MARCH	302949	321941	296475		603	1155	969	
APRIL	252234	353698	272611		620	978	1030	
MAY	346714	354260	311504		544	860	1141	
JUNE	339307	324640	280149		582	1171	1276	
JUL	333825	286831	272278		680	1990	2041	
AUG	327870	227251	257155		690	3511	1749	
SEPT	319159	202201	266778		689	4116	1703	
OCT	305698	190152	267475		1018	4158	1628	
NOV	343711	277717	396297		1066	3395	1527	
DEC	399738	298700	301519		1142	1632	1609	
TOTAL	3906663	3423278	3453336		722	2143	1396	
CHENNAI								
JAN	126000	116700	120200	112500	891	1963	1477	2142
FEB	125700	130400	125200		883	2033	1300	
MARCH	127200	121900	129600		808	1518	1288	
APRIL	111600	118900	105900		834	1410	1320	
MAY	140800	143600	117200		775	1430	1640	
JUNE	122000	117600	125400		886	1850	2288	
JUL	124900	119600	132800		1038	2755	2981	
AUG	105000	105400	104600		1143	4530	2691	
SEPT	110200	109200	117400		1122	5217	2404	
OCT	108400	111800	96400		1268	4676	2338	
NOV	106500	101700	98800		1920	4704	2420	
DEC	63900	105750	117200		1909	2608	2404	
TOTAL	1372200	1402550	1390700		1123	2891	2046	
PUNE								
JAN	379607	379741	548689	434477	423	1165	816	1177
FEB	404884	657744	561226		342	1078	523	
MARCH	492800	402402	496146		374	780	669	
APRIL	372383	298921	300592		415	717	758	
MAY	318147	294869	266773		432	814	901	
JUNE	248325	192063	171318		539	1175	1493	
JUL	260243	214241	190500		615	1764	1730	
AUG	224113	143474	224609		666	3469	1511	
SEPT	223739	154398	226245		600	3746	1387	
OCT	238945	175362	196396		763	3242	1357	
NOV	190546	185493	190177		1065	2632	1380	
DEC	169007	344280	366267		1200	1222	1412	
TOTAL	3522739	3442988	3738938		620	1817	1161	

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LASALGAON (MS)								
JAN	367695	498705	467015	426223	375	1440	977	1292
FEB	400213	393745	278214		340	1436	745	
MARCH	236050	260887	241705		330	991	837	
APRIL	250715	274660	261547		406	838	887	
MAY	353360	274920	338372		372	910	988	
JUNE	324365	216030	270205		474	1385	1367	
JUL	330555	188508	233690		534	2102	1886	
AUG	300643	114151	228355		592	3634	1609	
SEPT	207828	75145	285620		489	4592	1340	
OCT	321063	42100	156115		802	4196	1421	
NOV	256677	175083	70545		1048	2983	1432	
DEC	498275	343533	246504		1207	1334	1514	
TOTAL	3847439	2857467	3077887		581	2153	1250	
PIMPALGAON (MS)								
JAN	316592	273131	284095	376807	367	1439	976	1208
FEB	313415	218440	160975		325	1447	701	
MARCH	152193	187828	113472		310	962	769	
APRIL	225773	333372	153827		415	809	821	
MAY	486334	550571	322004		363	897	1032	
JUNE	374042	260163	223968		456	1393	1298	
JUL	372816	195282	191209		556	2086	1868	
AUG	330554	141987	204261		607	3679	1509	
SEPT	233410	72823	271715		505	4650	1315	
OCT	215464	33626	133119		826	4081	1376	
NOV	158414	232751	80227		968	2936	1471	
DEC	362866	371551	312503		1192	1305	1453	
TOTAL	3541873	2871525	2451375		574	2140	1216	
MANMAD (MS)								
JAN	198173	205714	222432	245470	348	1441	930	1232
FEB	224500	140481	202401		301	1405	691	
MARCH	161900	109073	183614		308	957	800	
APRIL	144330	139554	115138		395	833	824	
MAY	179000	109090	142213		350	914	832	
JUNE	87150	69500	94060		455	1392	1214	
JUL	104550	59175	96875		541	2148	1821	
AUG	85500	35199	74356		622	3734	1516	
SEPT	81500	16172	74270		499	4593	1311	
OCT	98200	12860	50421		856	3381	1381	
NOV	90600	82985	53020		987	2639	1417	
DEC	170700	214454	195528		1170	1273	1458	
TOTAL	1626103	1194257	1504328		569	2059	1183	