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**A BRIEF REPORT ON ONION PRODUCTION AND AVAILABILITY
IN THE COUNTRY**

KHARIF ONION CROP:

1. STORAGE:

The stock of onion in the country which was stored sometimes in the months of May and June, 2015 is almost going to be over by the end of this month. It has been noted that 95% stored stock has already been arrived in the market and only 5% stored stock in Maharashtra and M.P. is still in the storage which is expected to be exhausted in this month.

2. KHARIF ONION PRODUCTION:

The area under kharif onion production in the country is almost the same as of the last year. The standing crop condition of kharif onion in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and M.P. is good.

3. HARVESTING OF KHARIF ONION CROP:

The harvesting of kharif onion crop in A.P. and Karnataka is continued and the arrivals are going to be less day by day as 75% kharif onion has already been harvested in both the states and only 25% is left in the fields. Since the crop condition was not so good, the productivity is on lower side.

The kharif onion harvesting in Maharashtra, Gujarat, M.P. and Rajasthan has been started which will be in full swing from the second fortnight of November, 2015.

B. LATE KHARIF ONION PRODUCTION:

The area under late kharif onion in major producing states like Maharashtra, Gujarat and MP. is expected to be increased in comparison to the last year. The transplanting of seedlings has already been completed. The crop condition is good and harvesting of the crop is likely to be started from January, 2016 onwards.

C. RABI ONION CROP:

The rabi onion is grown in almost all over the country and the area is going to be considerably increased due to higher prevailing rates in the markets. The seed sowing of rabi onion has been started from mid October, 2015 which will continue till November, 2015 in all the states.

D. ONION PRICES:

The onion prices in the country have started declining due to the arrival of kharif onion in the markets of different states. The present average onion prices are ranging from Rs.1500/- to Rs.2200/- per qtl. in the producing markets like Lasalgaon and Pimpalgaon (Maharashtra), Mahuva and Bhavnagar (Gujarat) and Hubli and Bangalore (Karnataka) etc. The onion prices in the consuming markets have started decreasing but expected to be significantly decreased after mid November, 2015.