

NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**NASIK-422 003****CURRENT STATUS OF ONION IN THE COUNTRY****AREA, PRODUCTION, PRODUCTIVITY AND STORAGE OF ONION**

S.No.	Year	Area	Production	Productivity	Storage**
		(Lakh ha)	(Lakh MT)	(tones/ha)	(Lakh MT)
1	2013-14	12.04	194.02	16.12	41.31
2	2014-15*	11.50	187.36	16.29	40.00

* - 3rd Estimate**Source:** 1. Horticulture Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi

2 Storage** - Tentative NHRDF, Nashik estimate

Distribution pattern of annual production of onion**Seasons**

Kharif- 15-20%*

Late Kharif -20-25%

Rabi-55-60%

Harvesting Period

- October to December

- January to March

- March to May

* - It include around 5-6% early kharif crop, which is harvested from July to September in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Tamilnadu.

Storage

- During the current year 2015-16 both area and production of onion expected to be similar or even a little bit more as compared to last year.
- During the year 2014-15 around 40 lakhs MT onions were stored mainly in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, UP, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Haryana States. Presently out of 40 lakh MT around 3-4 lakh MT onion are still available for consumption and seed production in the country.

Kharif, Late Kharif and Rabi Onion production

- Fresh kharif crop harvesting has already started in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and in full swing. The kharif harvesting in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan has just started. Major kharif crop harvesting from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh expected from end of October onwards. Kharif crop condition in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh are good and in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra is medium, but significantly less area covered under kharif in Maharashtra state.
- Transplanting of late kharif onion in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh is continued and prospects of late kharif crop expected better due to good rains during September & October 2015.

- The seed sowing for rabi crop is started in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. The seed sowing for rabi in northern states like Haryana, Punjab, U.P., Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha will start in November onwards. The area under rabi season expected to be significantly increase due to prevailing higher rates in markets.

PRICES

- Trend of wholesale prices of onion in Delhi, Bangalore, Lasalgaon and Pimpalgaon markets during 1st fortnight of October 2015 are given in Fig-1 to 4.

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Date-wise modal price of onion during Aug-Sep 2015
in Bangalore market

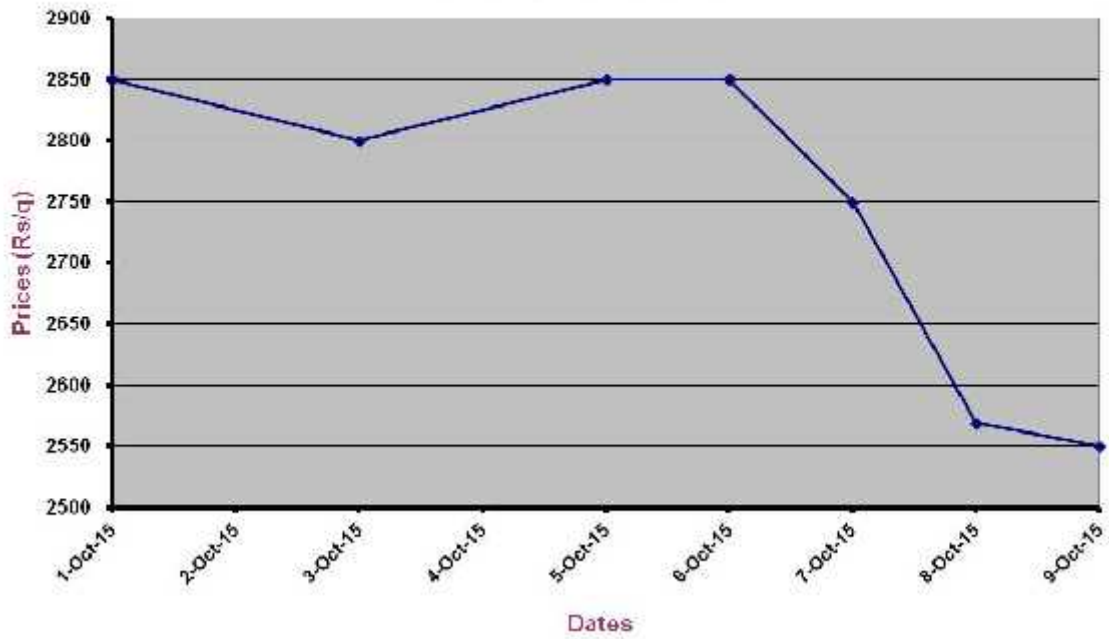


Fig-1

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Date-wise modal price of onion during Aug-Sep 2015
in Delhi market

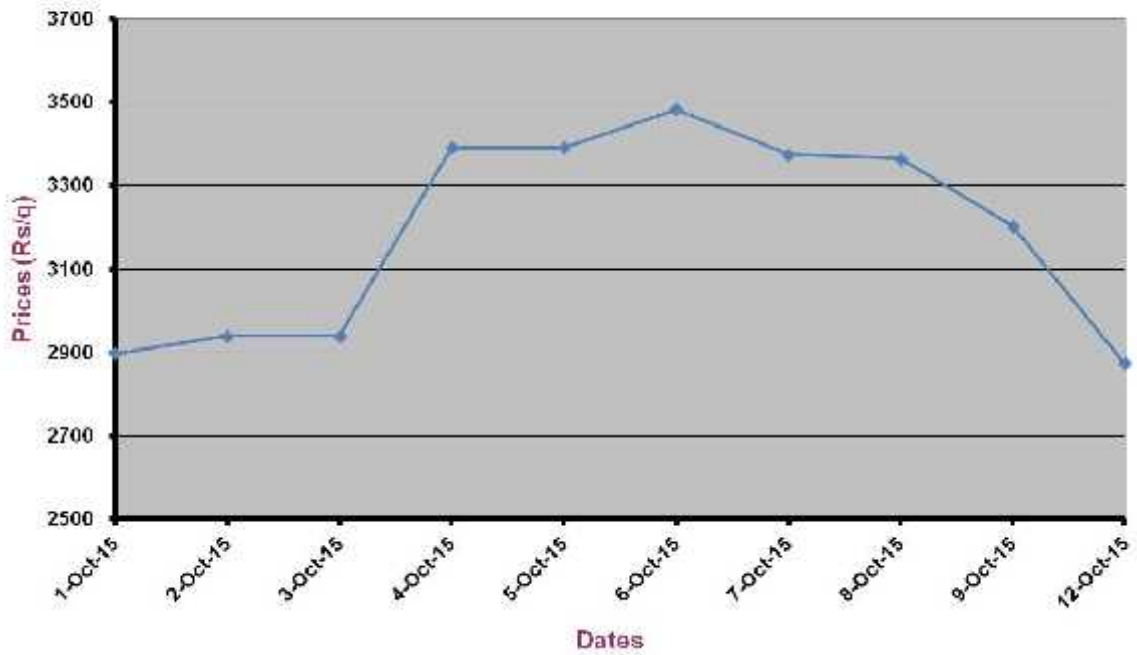


Fig-2

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Date-wise modal price of onion during Aug-Sep 2015
in Lasalgaon market

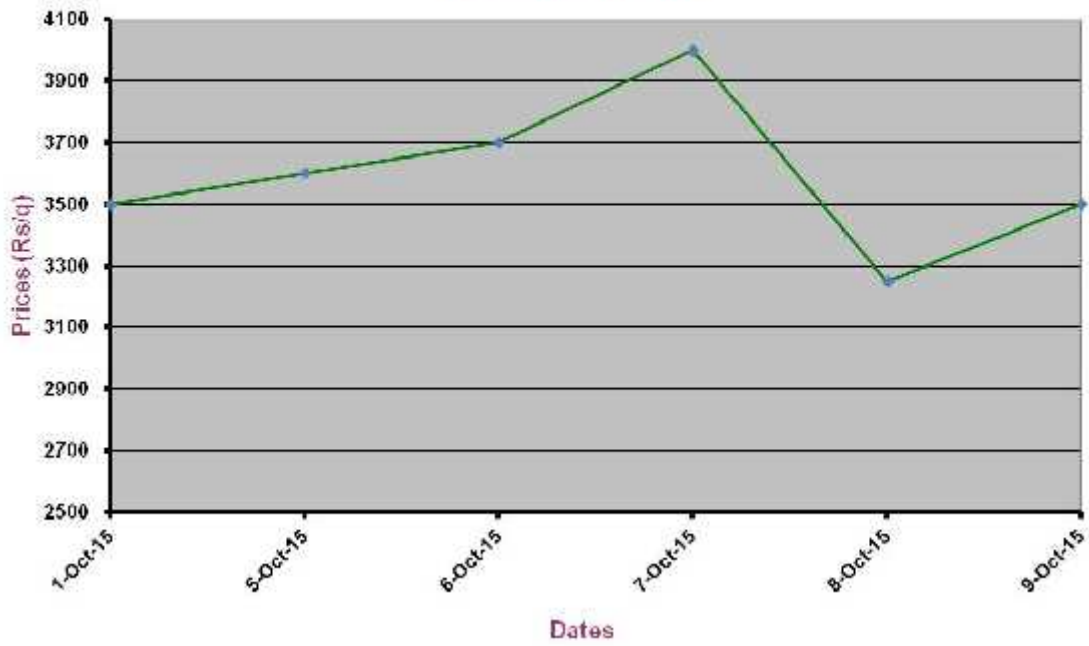


Fig-3

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Date-wise modal price of onion during Aug-Sep 2015
in Pimpalgaon market

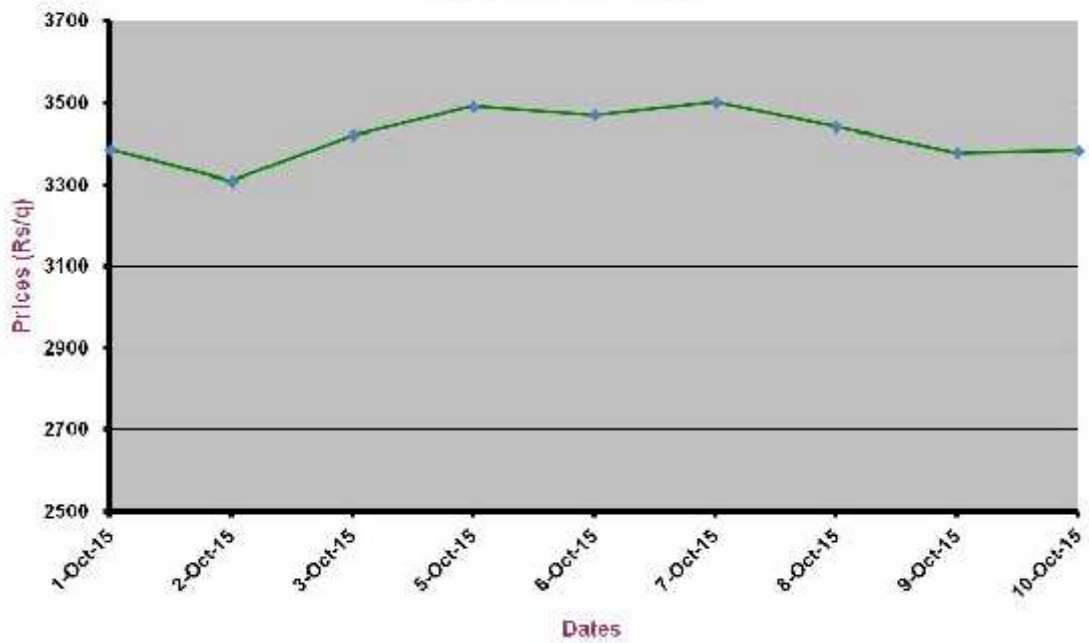


Fig-4