

Turmeric Outlook – July 2018

India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world. Indian turmeric is considered to be the best in the world market because of its high curcumin content. India accounts for about 80 per cent of world turmeric production and 60 per cent of world exports. Other major producers are Pakistan, China, Haiti, Jamaica, Peru, Taiwan and Thailand. Asian countries consume much of their turmeric production.

Turmeric in India

In Telangana, as on 27th June 2018, about 10,858 hectares was covered under turmeric as against 9,641 hectares during corresponding period of last year. The same in Andhra Pradesh was reported 2,555 hectares which was 808 hectares during corresponding period of last year.

It is expected that under normal monsoon conditions, all India turmeric area may go up by 12 - 14% as compared to last year due to higher prices. Turmeric monthly average prices (1st to 29th June 2018) stood at a higher range of Rs.6800-7200 per quintal as compared to Rs.5200-5800 per quintal during corresponding period of last year.

Table 1: Weekly Turmeric Arrivals Scenario in Major Markets

Market	25 th to 31 st May 2018	1 st to 6 th June 2018	7 th to 14 th June 2018	15 th to 20 th June 2018	21 st to 28 th June 2018
Nizamabad (Telangana)\$	11500	14500	10500	7500	15000
Duggirala (Andhra Pradesh)*	74000	14500	46000	45000	60000
Salem (Tamil Nadu)*	NR	NR	48.2	NR	NR
Erode (Tamil Nadu) #	16200	11000	14500	12500	19400
Sangli (Maharashtra) @	17000	13500	8500	9500	8200
Warangal (Telangana)#	9000	4500	10500	5000	9500

Source: www.agriwatch.com, Arrival * quintals, # 65 kg, \$ 70 kg, @ 60 kg

In Nizamabad market, arrivals were reported around 2,333 bags per day on an average, (70 kg each) during last fortnight of June 2018. The new crop arrivals were completed in Nizamabad market and warehouse stocks started arriving to the market since last few days.

Till now, around 80% new crop has been traded in Warangal market and arrivals will continue till second week of July. Overall current year's arrivals are expected to get exhaust by 15th July in all major turmeric markets of India.

Domestic Prices of Turmeric

Turmeric prices were increased in the month of May as compared to the prices in April 2018. However, again a contraction in prices to the extent of Rs. 300-400/q was recorded in June as compared to May 2018 in all major markets of India.

Table 2: Weekly Spot Prices of Turmeric at different Markets in India (Rs/quintal)

Market	Grade	6 th June 2018	14 th June 2018	20 th June 2018	28 th June 2018
Nizamabad (Telangana)	Nizam quality	7400	7500	7400	7600
	Double polish finger	8400	8500	8400	8600
	Gattah (unpolished)	7200	7200	7200	7400
	Gattah (double polished)	8200	8200	8200	8400
Warangal (Telangana)	Finger	8798	8402	8309	7850
	Round	NA	NR	NR	7850
Erode (Tamil Nadu)	Finger	6867	7139.5	8175	8700
	Gattah	4000	9000	10000	7600
	Sellem	8200	8300	8400	8000
Salem (Tamil Nadu)	Bulb	3000	3000	3000	7960
	Finger	NR	7110	6950	8955
Sangli (Maharashtra)	Rajpuri/Selam Finger	NR	8557.5	8230	9500
	Rajpuri Medium	NR	NR	NR	8500
	Desi Kadappa	7999	7969	7909	8000
Duggirala (Andhra Pradesh)	Bulb	6300	6650	6700	6700
	Finger	6867	7248.5	7303	6800

Source: www.agriwatch.com

Turmeric Prices and Arrivals in Telangana

Currently, turmeric (finger, NCDEX quality) in Nizamabad is trading at Rs.7,600 per quintal. We expect that prices may not fall much further from current levels due to lesser arrivals in all major markets. At these price levels, prospective buyers like stockiests, exporters, masala millers are expected to start accumulating.

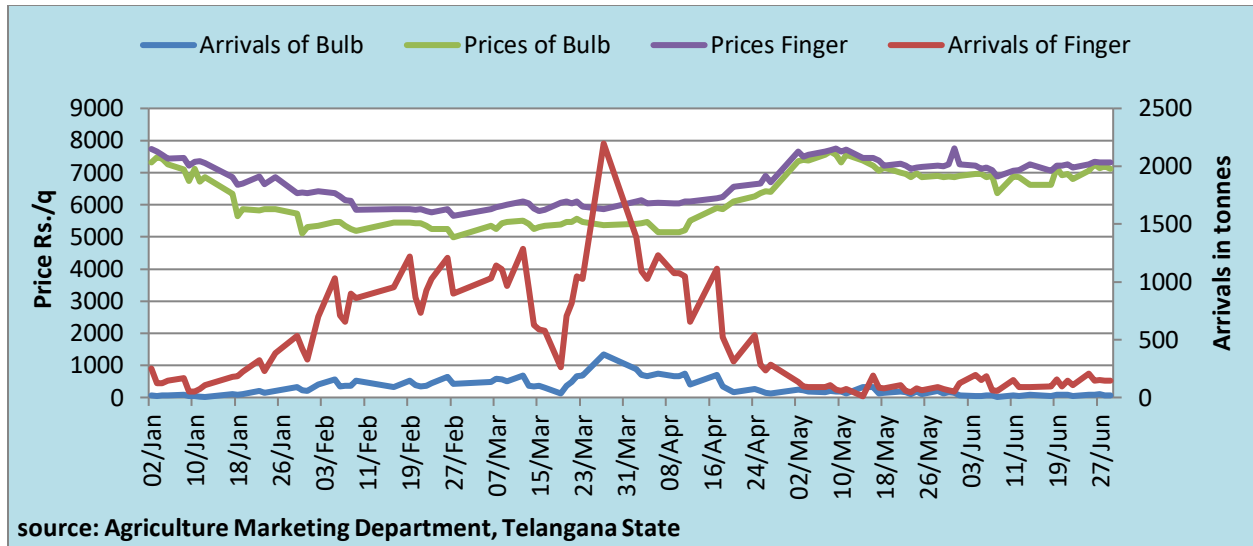


Fig 1: Turmeric Model Prices and Arrivals at Nizamabad Market during January -June 2018

Due to lowered production, the stocks are also declined in the current year as compared to last year leading for rise in spot market prices. Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Turmeric may likely to trade in price range between **Rs.6800 - 7300** per quintal during July 2018.