

Validation of Cardamom price forecast for the month of September 2010

The price forecast made by the Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre of the Kerala Agricultural University for Cardamom (AGEB) for the month of September 2010 was Rs.1700 –Rs1900 per kg. The validation of the prices using the actual market price that prevailed at the Vandanmedu (Puttady) market during the month of September 2010 is reproduced below:

| Day | Date | Price (Rs./Kg) | |
|-----|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | 1/9/2010 | Wednesday | 1592 |
| | 2/9/2010 | Thursday | 1602 |
| | 3/9/2010 | Friday | 1501 |
| | 4/9/2010 | Saturday | NA |
| | 5/9/2010 | Sunday | 1517 |
| | 6/9/2010 | Monday | 1335 |
| | 7/9/2010 | Tuesday | 1286 |
| | 8/9/2010 | Wednesday | 1293 |
| | 9/9/2010 | Thursday | 1168 |
| | 10/9/2010 | Friday | 1196 |
| | 11/9/2010 | Saturday | 1185 |
| | 12/9/2010 | Sunday | 1272 |
| | 13/9/2010 | Monday | 1058 |
| | 14/9/2010 | Tuesday | 1062 |
| | 15/9/2010 | Wednesday | 1180 |
| | 16/9/2010 | Thursday | 1038 |
| | 17/9/2010 | Friday | 1109 |
| | 18/9/2010 | Saturday | 1044 |
| | 19/9/2010 | Sunday | 1282 |
| | 20/9/2010 | Monday | 1128 |
| | 21/9/2010 | Tuesday | 1170 |
| | 22/9/2010 | Wednesday | 1206 |
| | 23/9/2010 | Thursday | 1161 |
| | 24/9/2010 | Friday | 1088 |
| | 25/9/2010 | Saturday | NA |
| | 26/9/2010 | Sunday | 1164 |
| | 27/9/2010 | Monday | 1126 |
| | 28/9/2010 | Tuesday | 1129 |
| | 29/9/2010 | Wednesday | 1121 |
| | 30/9/2010 | Thursday | 1121 |
| | | Average Price | 1219 |
| | | Predicted Price | 1700- 1900 |
| | | NA- No Auction | |

Exporters kept away from the cardamom market in view of the heavy rains and flood like situation in Northern India, which resulted in reduced market transactions, truck movements and therefore in less trade enquiries. This gave ample room for the speculators to spoil the game, fuelling the rumour that the large scale arrival of Guatemalan cardamom would result in price softening. The farmers became panicky, and started off loading in huge quantities as a panic response. This was what the speculators wanted, who stocked up at lower prices on account of more arrivals. With the heavy rains over, the festival seasons in the offing, and speculators losing the steam, market corrections are expected soon with the prices firming up due to increased festive demand.

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