

## Turmeric Outlook – October 2018

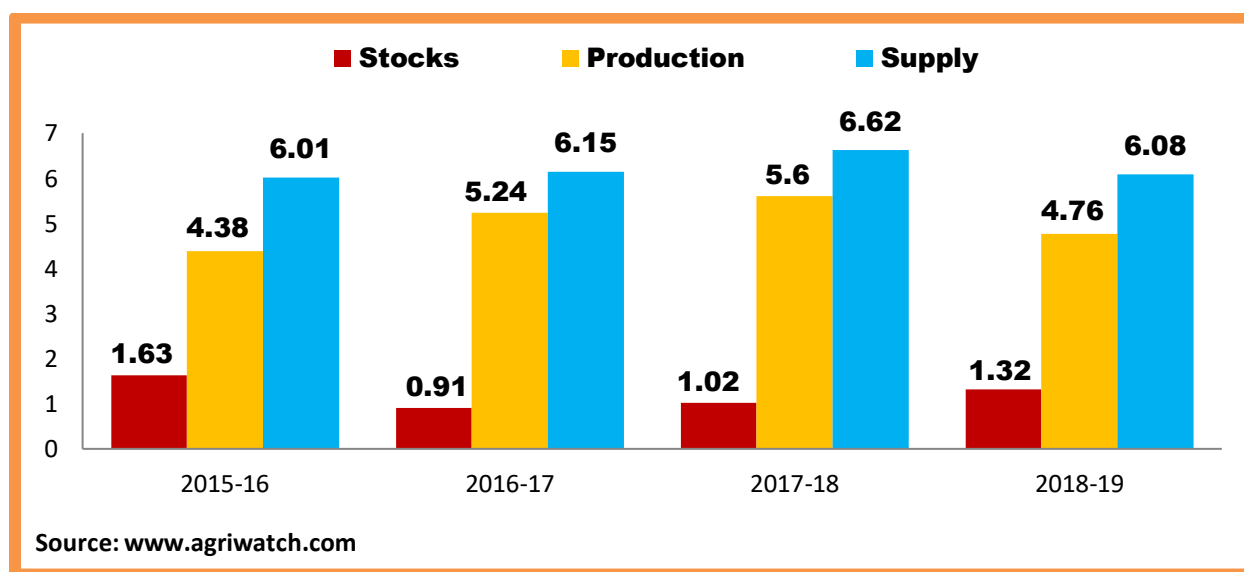
### World Scenario

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. Major turmeric exporting countries are India, Thailand, Taiwan, and several other Southeast Asian, Central and Latin American countries. The major turmeric importing countries include Japan, Sri Lanka, Iran, UAE, US, UK and Ethiopia.

### Indian Scenario

Major turmeric producing states in India are the southern states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, the eastern states of Orissa and West Bengal, and the western state of Maharashtra. In Telangana as on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the area covered under turmeric was 47888 hectares as against 44956 hectares in the corresponding period of last year. The same in Andhra Pradesh was reported as 17914 hectares as compared to 14830 hectares in the corresponding period of last year. As per production estimate, turmeric that would be marketed during 2019 is estimated at 543686 MT (dry crop) compared to previous year's 476771 MT due to increase in area under turmeric in major growing states.

### Supply of Turmeric



**Fig 1: Supply of Turmeric during 2018-19 Marketing Year (in lakh tonnes)**

As per turmeric supply figures presented in Fig 1 for 2018-19, the beginning stocks reported around 1.32 lakh tonnes and ending stocks are expected to be around 0.71 lakh tonnes, because of increased domestic consumption and exports under lower production condition in marketing year (2018). Production estimate of turmeric in 2018 was also down to 4.76 lakh tonnes which is less than last two years.

**Domestic Prices of Turmeric**

Turmeric prices have shown downward movement from July to September in all major markets. Higher prices reported at Sangli market ranging between Rs. 8500 – Rs. 9500 per quintal (finger) and lower prices recorded at Duggirala market ranging between Rs. 5800 – Rs. 6200 per quintal during the last week of September.



**Fig 2: Spot Prices of Turmeric (Bulb) in Major Domestic Markets during July – September 2018**

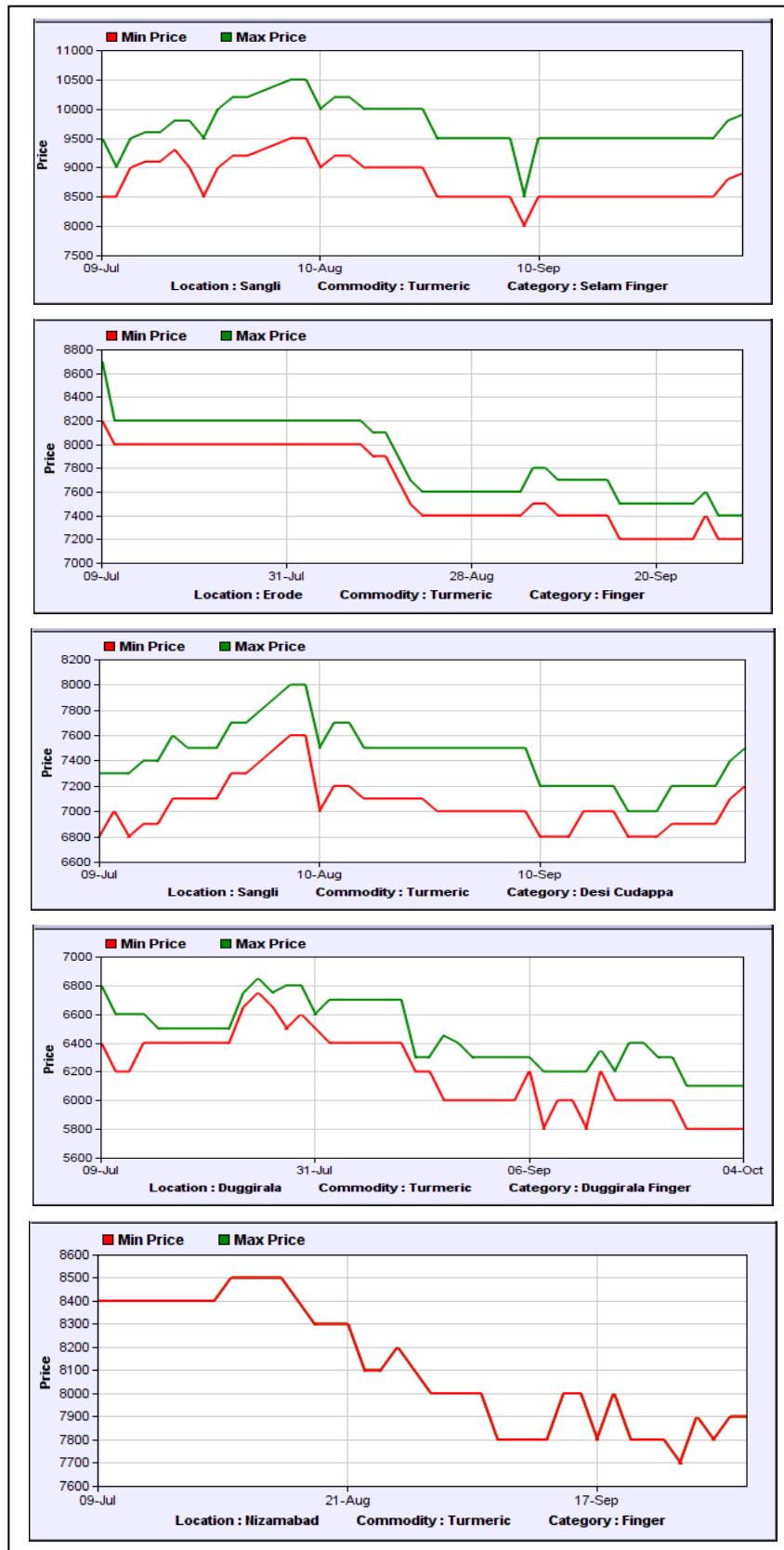


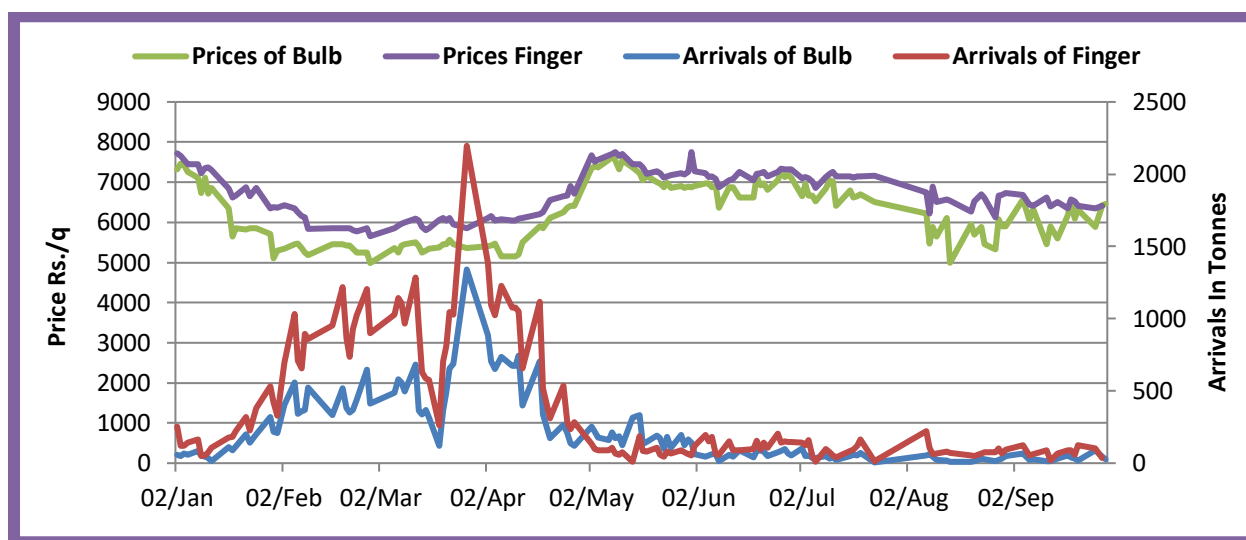
Fig 3: Spot Prices of Turmeric (Finger) in Major Domestic Markets during July – September 2018

**Turmeric in Telangana**

In Telangana as on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the area covered under turmeric was 47888 hectares as against 44956 hectares in the corresponding period of last year. Among major turmeric growing districts, Nizamabad has reported 13965 hectares acreage under turmeric as against 12800 hectares in last year. Jagtial has so far reported 13250 hectares as against 12378 hectares during last year and Warangal (Rural) has reported 5521 hectares of acreage compared to last year’s 4250 hectares.

**Prices of Turmeric in Telangana**

Currently, turmeric (finger, NCDEX quality) in Nizamabad is trading at Rs.6800 per quintal. We expect that prices may not fall much further from current levels due to lesser arrivals in all major markets.



**Fig 4: Turmeric Modal Prices and Arrivals at Nizamabad Market during January – September 2018**

The increase in area and production estimate in the current year as compared to last year may upset the spot market prices. Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Turmeric may likely to trade in price range between Rs.6700 – 7100 per quintal during October 2018.