

# Spices Market Report

**FEB – 2022**



## *At Swani ???*

Our Quality Assurance Laboratory has been accredited for **ISO 17025** since 2014. We underwent the re-accreditation audit conducted by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for ISO 17025:2017 with scope extension.

And **very proudly we announce that we are now accredited for most of the tests including the key parameters like pesticide residues, allergens and mycotoxins.** The Lab is accredited for

- 169 pesticide residues,
- Ochratoxin & Aflatoxin,
- Pungency, ASTA colour value, Curcumin, Piperine, Allergens- Gluten, Sesame, Peanut and Mustard.
- Under Microbiology section all parameters including pathogens are in scope of accreditation.
- Key chemical and physical indicators like water activity, total Ash, particle size and extraneous matter are also covered under scope.
- Besides including almost all test parameters in scope, we have also included multiple methods for many of our test parameters which include **ISO and BAM** methods.
- Expansion in terms of categories has also been a highlight of this year's accreditation.

For going through the certificate and detailed scope of accreditation, please **click on the link provided.**

<https://swanispice.com/certificates/>



As per the **New EU Regulation**, all container shipping to EU needs to be sampled by Spice Board for **ETO**. The results of the same will be shared on the Health Certificate.



| Sr. No | State/UT       | Material coming from these states                            | Cases when lockdown happened in India | SWANI's safety No. | COVID Cases as on 11.02.22 | Swani comments with regards to crop                             | Top News   | % of people given at least one dose | % of people fully vaccinated |
|--------|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1      | Andhra Pradesh | Chilli, Turmeric, Tamarind, Pepper, Curry Leaf               | 13276                                 | 6638               | 46119                      | No concern in supplies so far                                   | Andhra Pradesh reports 1,891 new cases and 5 deaths in last 2 hours  | 81%                                 | 71%                          |
| 2      | Gujarat        | Chilli, Turmeric, Tamarind, Pepper, Curry Leaf               | 18684                                 | 9342               | 27355                      | No concern in supplies so far                                   | Night curfew reduced in 8 cities, lifted in others as cases dip in the cities  | 74%                                 | 66%                          |
| 3      | Karnataka      | Pepper, Chilli, Cardamom, Ginger, Turmeric, Kokam, Coriander | 49273                                 | 24637              | 60990                      | Stemless chilly supply may be affected                          | Karnataka reports 4,452 new cases, 19,067 recoveries and 51 deaths in last 24 hrs  | 77%                                 | 65%                          |
| 4      | Kerala         | Black Pepper, Cardamom, Turmeric                             | 31806                                 | 15903              | 258954                     | Despatches can be affected as incoming trucks are from Red Zone | 18k fresh cases, 43k recoveries in Kerala; Test Positivity Rate (TPR) in Kerala also dipped to 22% after 82,575 samples were tested in the last                        | 79%                                 | 64%                          |
| 5      | Madhya Pradesh | Garlic, Coriander, Fenugreek, Nigella                        | 26059                                 | 13030              | 33384                      | No concern in supplies so far                                   | 2,742 new Covid cases found in Madhya Pradesh, positivity falls to 3.67%   | 68%                                 | 61%                          |
| 6      | Maharashtra    | Turmeric, Chilli   | 502982                                | 251491             | 86847                      | No concern in supplies so far                                   | Maharashtra records 6,436 Covid cases, 356 in Mumbai. The Covid-19 fatality rate in Maharashtra is 1.83%, while the recovery rate is 97.22%                            | 69%                                 | 49%                          |
| 7      | Punjab         | Celery Seeds   | 25855                                 | 12928              | 6616                       | No concern in supplies so far                                   | Madhya Pradesh has recorded 2,742 new cases of coronavirus and six fatalities in the last 24 hours that raised the tally of infections to 10,18,749 and toll to 10,679 | 67%                                 | 46%                          |
| 8      | Rajasthan      | Coriander, Fenugreek, Fennel, Cumin                          | 18146                                 | 9073               | 33812                      | No concern in supplies so far                                   | Covid cases fall by 42%, deaths by 20% in 16 days  | 67%                                 | 51%                          |

## CHILLIES



Honestly, I hate to be the bringer of Bad news always – but I have to share the situation as of today. Arrivals of Newcrop are really disappointing for now. Last year, we saw around 1,00,000 bags a day coming on Week days to the Market, but this year we don't see more than 40/50,000 bags a day. Out of this about 70% is damaged (White/discoloured Chillies) IPM chillies this year will be a serious challenge because when there were unseasonal rains, there came a lot of humidity too , and brought the White Fly , which sucks out the Necter from the Chilli Flowers, thereby damage the flowers and impact the yields. To protect their plants, the farmers in the IPM areas, had sprayed chemicals to destroy these flies, but as a result also impacted a lot of the IPM chilli Farms now. Planting area was about 30% higher but the rain damage now is indicating that the crop will be about 30-40% lower than last year. I'm not sharing any estimates of the 2022 crop because there is still a lot of uncertainty on the yields that we will get this season.

### *White fly attack*

All we can now really do is keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best. Unfortunately the situation is not looking good at all this year, and we have to be mentally prepared to pay much higher prices (Atleast around 40% higher this year now, if not more as the Season progress's)





## CORIANDER

I want to share some data with you.

| REGION                | CROP IN 2021       | CROP IN 2022       |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Gujarat               | 2,60,000 MT        | 1,92,000 MT        |
| Madhya Pradesh        | 1,40,000 MT        | 1,00,000 MT        |
| Rajasthan             | 60,000 MT          | 40,000 MT          |
| Others                | 2,000 MT           | 32,000 MT          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>4,62,000 MT</b> | <b>3,64,000 MT</b> |
| Carry over            | 1,40,000 MT        |                    |
| Grand Total           | 6,20,000 MT        |                    |
| Less Domestic Consump | 4,40,000 MT        |                    |
| Exports               | 40,000 MT          |                    |



So if you analyze these numbers you can see a reduced availability in to 2022 crop. Reasons Primarily is that High prices for Brown Mustard, and other crops, which dropped Coriander down to No.4, on their priority list against -Mustard, Wheat, Gram, etc. Today's prices are also reflecting this because market has already improved by about 30% from the prices of about 2/3 months ago. I would not be surprised if this does improve another 10/15% before the crop hits the market in March. Caution is seriously advised now.

***Coriander  
Fruiting  
& Flowering***





## TURMERIC



Crop harvesting has already started and it now drying at the farmers premises. Arrivals this week commenced in Nizamabad (which is always the first region to receive Turmeric). Post harvesting the farmers are now noticing a drop in yield and some Rot also, because of the late and untimely rains, that affected the growth of the Tubers(Rhizomes). We are anticipating there will be a reduced availability this year of about 20% approx. Details are given below also. Now what this will do to the Trader Sentiment is another big question, but my guess is that they will certainly try to excite the market and price offcourse.



We are now coming into the Peak consumption period which, traditionally is March to May. Exports in 2021 were lower than 2020, probably because the fad of the Immunity has also faded away –somewhat . My feeling is that there is no real shortage this season, but trader sentiment is bound to change, and already prices have jumped up about 25% from what it was 3 months ago, but there is a possibility that prices will go up another 10-15% this season. I would definitely recommend coverage for first half of 2022.

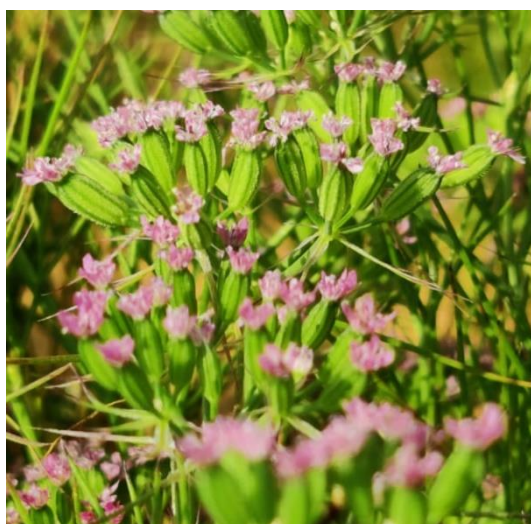
***Turmeric  
Harvest***



## CUMIN



This is also another difficult story this year. Prices have held stable for the last 2 years with plenty of material to go around, so prices stayed locked into a limited price band. This year is a different story. Farmers have been more tempted to divert to other products, especially Mustard and Psyllium. Cumin has dropped to priority No 3. Overall we have seen a drop in acreage of about 40% in Rajasthan and about 35% in Gujarat too. Some disease has been reported also in Gujarat on the Cumin plants due to untimely Rains in Gujarat on the budding seeds etc, that has caused some Wilt also.



| AREA      | CROP IN 2021 | CROP IN 2022<br>(ANTICIPATED<br>SUBJECT TO<br>SAFE<br>HARVEST) |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| Gujarat   | 2,31,000 MT  | 1,19,000 MT  |
| Rajasthan | 3,22,000 MT  | 2,24,000 MT  |

Sentiment is extremely bullish this year. Price have already jumped 30% since the last 2 months, and I think we will easily see another.15-20% hike in prices by May. Serious caution and coverage is recommended. Its still too early to comment on the IPM Cumin, so we have to wait for the harvest now and see how it fans out. Stay covered and stay protected.

***Cumin Field***





## GINGER



Harvesting has started in North & Karnataka. There are some issues about the yield this season. Crop last year was about 30,000 tons but this year it will be around 25,000 tons only, despite the area having increased by 20%. Similar to what has happened to the Chilli Crop in Karnataka. Also a lot of farmers are lamenting that the prices are low and might even consider to just leave the Ginger in the ground and not convert to Dry Ginger also. Reduced yields is primarily due to excessive and late rains in the Coastal regions, which has affected the Rhizomes. Export demand has picked up also quite well now. Domestic market consumption is at its peak in the winter months. Ramadhan is also early this year, so I expect the Middle East demand also to commence shortly. I expect prices to stay stable for the next few months. Prices today are attractive and I would definitely recommend that you cover yourself for the First Half of 2022. There is nothing to be gained by waiting because I can't see prices dropping further now otherwise farmers will hold their produce.

## FENNEL



Crop is now getting ready to harvest. Acreage this year again has dropped by about 25/30% due to low pricing, but the weather has been very favourable so far and I am hoping that we will get a nice green colour for March and April. I strongly suggest that you cover your needs early, so that we can ship the nice Green quality now and you can take advantage of the current prices. Market has jumped about 15% already but I see more room for price improvement going forward.

### **FENUGREEK**



Planting has been higher this season , so prices have held steady for now. Crop is expected to start harvesting only in April now, so there is no dire rush to buy now. We should review our buying now in April when the Crop starts to roll into the markets.

### **CELERY**



Planting is happening now and looking at the fact that prices have been good for the farmers throughout the year, no cut in acreage is likely, infact reports are indicating a 10-15% increase in acreage this season . Reason being its also intercropped with Peas and farmers got very good prices for their Peas this year. What needs now to be seen is how the weather progresses, winter rains and hope for an extended spring to boost the yields in March/April. Prices are stable now and likely to stay this way only in the near future .

Finally, should you need more information on any of the other crops etc., please contact us on [marketing@swanispice.com](mailto:marketing@swanispice.com).

With Our Best Regards

Sincerely,  
**Kirandip Swani**