



Nedspice-Farmers Partnership Programme

NFPP Cumin Update January 2022

About NFPP

Nedspice Farmers Partnership Program (NFPP) is Nedspice's sustainable sourcing program. Through NFPP we help farmers improve their agricultural productivity, meet global quality standards, manage rising production costs and address agricultural sustainability issues. Currently we work together with over 4700 farmers in NFPP, of which 1200 are cumin farmers. The cumin farmers cultivate a combined 15,794 ha. of land. For more information, please visit www.nedspice.com/sustainability/nfpp/



Corporate Social Responsibility

Next to cultivation practices, NFPP supports farmer communities through our CSR program. An example of a recent CSR initiative is the distribution of Covid-19 safety kits to health centers, district hospitals and police stations in the cumin project areas. Another example is the distribution of tables and chairs to secondary schools in Barmer and Jaisalmer, both districts of Rajasthan. More than 400 students can now benefit from the furniture provided.



Certifications




The hard work put in by the NFPP team to educate the cumin farmers on Good Agricultural Practices and sustainable principles has resulted in two new certifications:



NFPP Cumin farmers have been certified under **IndG.A.P. (INDIA Good Agricultural Practices)**. The IndG.A.P. Certification is equivalent to the GLOBALG.A.P. Certification which focuses on integrated Farm Assurance for Good Agricultural Practices and includes food safety and environmental components.

The NFPP cumin and turmeric projects are certified under the **Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA)**. The Farm Sustainability Assessment enables Nedspice to assess, improve and validate on-farm sustainability in our supply chains.

NFPP Cumin crop stage

Stage	Period	°C 	Mm 	Days	
Sowing	Oct - Dec	13-17°C	0.00	25	Sowing in progress
Vegetative	Mid Dec – Jan	8 - 20°C	0.00	45	Fertilizer application

Cumin Crop stage

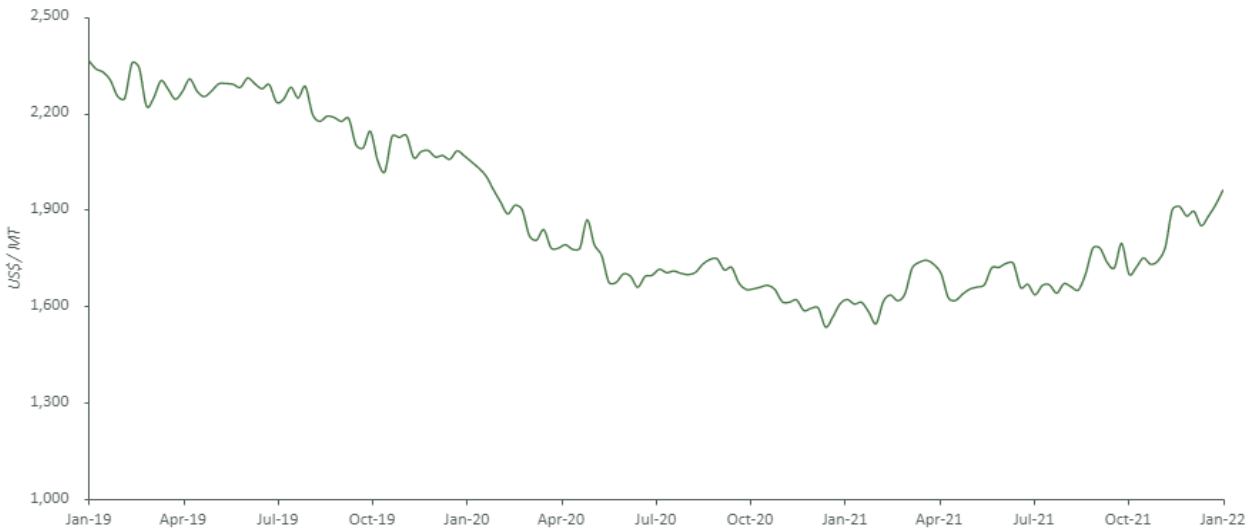
The cumin crop is currently at its vegetative stage. Farmers are applying fertilizer to provide crops with the required nutrients. Only in case of pests and/or disease farmers are allowed to apply pesticides. The type of pesticides and method of application are described in NFPP Package of Practices



The weather hasn't been favourable the last month, higher temperatures and increased humidity in the region are ideal circumstances for pest attacks. So far, however, attacks have been at a minimum, but there have been increasing concerns from the farmers' side. The NFPP team is on its toes to respond to and manage any pest or disease outbreak during the season.

Current price outlook

We have seen an increase in conventional cumin price and future markets in the last month. There is an estimated 30% reduction in the cumin crop for next season, due to reduced sowing area. The market for conventional cumin have been bullish and prices are expected to be up by \$350 to \$500 per MT compared to last season.



Note: Price data as per 05-Jan-22.
Source: Nedspice research.

— Cumin FAQ Unjha market



Fertilizer application



Wildlife enjoying the bird feeder



Wall painting on water management



Covid Safety Kit distribution at village Public Health Centre



NFPP farmers and staff celebrate their performances



Cumin at vegetative stage

