

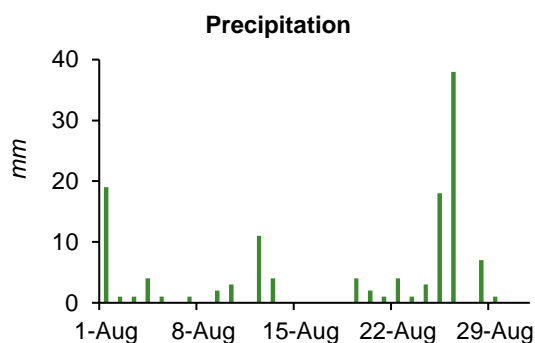


Nedspice- Farmers Partnership Programme

India - Turmeric Update/August 2017

Nedspice believes that backward integration and sustainability are the main challenges for the food industry in the years ahead. To ensure that spice farming remains financially attractive and offers a sustainable livelihood for farmers, Nedspice has initiated the development of backward integration programmes for farmers in Vietnam and India. This ambition is laid down in the Nedspice-Farmers Partnership Programme which defines the approach, key principles as well as the expected results. Below is the Turmeric update on the latest activities for the NFPP projects in India.

Weather in Kadapa: August 2017



- Temperature ranged from 24°C (75°F) to 36°C (97°F) during August 2017, with an average high of 32°C (90°F) and average low of 24°C (75°F)
- Periodic rainfall prevailed during the month, with a total of 117mm recorded until 27th August
- The combination of moderate weather and frequent rainfall during the month resulted in good establishment of the crop in the project area
- The crop growth looks encouraging post the application of organic manures to the crop coupled with the intermittent showers

NFPP initiatives: 2017-18

- NFPP has undertaken the initiative to multiply true to type turmeric rhizomes in all the 5 villages participating in the project, post segregation of light yellow colored rhizomes during the planting season
- Used Polypropylene (PP) bags have been distributed to all project farmers for storing of the used pesticide/micronutrient containers. Through doing this, the aim is to increase awareness on waste management, one of the core principles of sustainable agriculture
 - The PP bags are kept in one of the corners of the farmer's turmeric plot
 - Informal farmer trainings on the above practices were held at farmer fields



Turmeric seed multiplication plot

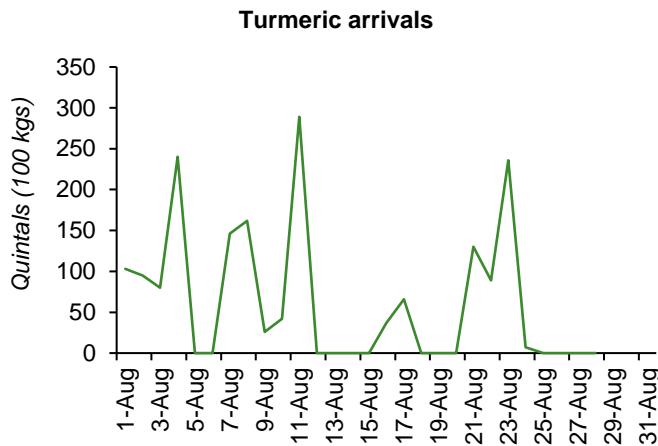


PP bags for storing used containers



Crop in early vegetative stage

Kadapa market overview: August 2017



- Turmeric arrivals were poor and erratic during August, with the highest arrival of 29MT reported on 11th August
- Owing to these low arrivals, market prices for turmeric stayed in the price range of INR 7,200-7,600 per Quintal
- Turmeric market in Kadapa witnessed no transactions for 9 days in August (until 28th) on account of holidays and no arrivals

Source: APMC (Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee), Kadapa

NFPP Turmeric App

- Entries on sowing dates, plot data and other attributes pertinent to the early vegetative stage are being completed on the NFPP Turmeric App
- Database of all 151 farmers registered in the 2017-18 NFPP turmeric program have been uploaded in the App
- There has been a ~6-fold increase in the number of farmers registered with the NFPP program this year compared to the 2016-17 program

