

Preface

The retail prices of agricultural as well as essential commodities in India are so varied that a better appreciation of agricultural situation in the country is not possible in the absence of regular and detailed information on retail prices at a decentralized and disaggregated level.

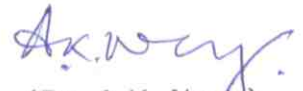
The Directorate of Economics & Statistics has been compiling the data on retail prices of various commodities on weekly and monthly frequency since long. It has also been bringing out retail price data in the annual publication "Agriculture Prices in India". These retail price data are received from all the major States and from various market centres. Data from 2000-01 onwards are already computerized and that from 2003-04 onwards which are not yet published are available now for the users.

The detailed work involved in computerization has been rendered by the Retail Prices Section (RPS) in this Directorate under the overall supervision of Mrs. Padmaja Mehta, Adviser. Particular names deserve to be mentioned include inter-alia, Miss M.K. Jani, Data Entry Operator Grade 'D', who did data entry work under the guidance of Smt. Ratna Chaudhuri, Dy. Director and Shri K.C. Bharti, E.O. The others in RPS Section involved in this work are Shri H.P. Banodha, TA; Shri Laxmi Narayan, TA; Shri P.K. Aggarwal, TA; Shri B.S. Dogra, DEO 'B'; Smt. Sushma Johri, TA and Shri Brikesh Kumar, DEO 'A'

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The Directorate is grateful to all the source agencies that have responded to the request for data. It is expected that this database will be useful for all those concerned with agriculture in the country.

Suggestions are welcome



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