

YASANGI (RABI) 2025-26 PRE-HARVEST PRICE FORECAST OF TOMATO

Tomato Price per quintal will be around Rs. 1500 – 1800 at the Time of Harvesting (December 2025 to January 2026)

Tomato is one of the most important vegetables in India accounting for about 11.04 percent of the total vegetables production in the country. It is one of the most important "protective foods" because of its special nutritive value. But, due to its high perishability it cannot be preserved in fresh form throughout the year. Leading producers of Tomato in the World are China (70.21 million tonnes), accounting for 36% of the total production, followed by India (20.42 million tonnes), Turkey (13.30 million tonnes), USA (12.37 million tonnes) Egypt (6.21 million tonnes), Italy (6.01 million tonnes) and Mexico (4.39 million tonnes).

In 2025-26, India had exported 0.25 lakh Tonnes of Tomato to various countries. Major Tomato importing countries from India are Bangladesh (17,188 tonnes), Nepal (5,002 tonnes), Bhutan (1,778 tonnes), Maldives (1,151 tonnes) and U.A.E (183 tonnes).

In India, area under Tomato reported during 2024-25 was 8.22 lakh ha (20.31 lakh acres). Major Tomato cultivating states are Odisha 0.98 lakh ha (2.43 lakh acres), Madhya Pradesh 0.96 lakh ha (2.38 lakh acres), Karnataka 0.66 lakh ha (1.62 lakh acres), Andhra Pradesh 0.65 lakh ha (1.61 lakh acres), West Bengal 0.61 lakh ha (1.50 lakh acres), Gujarat 0.45 lakh ha (1.11 lakh acres) and Tamil Nadu 0.38 lakh ha (0.94 lakh acres).

According to Central Government 2nd advance estimates, all India Tomato production in 2024-25 is at 207.52 lakh tonnes. Major Tomato producing states are Andhra Pradesh (32.42 lakh tonnes), Madhya Pradesh (27.03 lakh tonnes), Karnataka (22.34 lakh tonnes), Odisha (14.97 lakh tonnes), West Bengal (13.65 lakh tonnes), Gujarat (12.23 lakh tonnes) and Tamil Nadu (12.02 lakh tonnes).

In Telangana state, area covered under Tomato during 2024-25 was about 4,594 ha (11,354 acres). The major districts cultivating this crop in Telangana are Rangareddy 1685 ha (4,166 acres), Siddipet 440 ha (1,089 acres), Vikarabad 426 ha (1,053 acres), Sangareddy 256 ha (634 acres) Nizamabad 185 ha (459 acres), Jogulamba Gadwal 134 ha (332 acres) and Medak 119 ha (296 acres).

The Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre established under a research project for development of price forecasting mechanism in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad with the financial support of Agricultural Marketing Department, Telangana State has assessed pre-harvest price forecast of tomato for yasangi (rabi) 2025-26. Under normal crop coverage and its condition, it is predicted that the tomato price per quintal will be around **Rs. 1500 - 1800** at the time of harvesting **(December 2025 to January 2026)**. This price forecast is based on the fortnight modal price of tomato obtained for 7 years from Bowenpally regulated market using econometric models like ARIMA, ARIMAX, SARIMA, ARCH, GARCH and ANN and also the market survey.

Note: There may be any possible deviation of the actual prices from the predicted prices in light of tentative developments in the commodity markets such as change in international prices, export or import restrictions, etc. And these price forecasts are based on past market price data & different econometric models and that actual market price may not turn out to be the same as forecasted.