

Cumin Market Update

Reduced Planting Expected to Push Prices Higher Later in the Season as Harvest Starts in India

Cumin prices are currently holding steady, but the market is expected to tighten as the year progresses. Prices likely to increase as supply levels and export demand evolve.

What's Happening in the Market

Planting is slightly lower this season

Cumin planting in India is estimated to be around 5–10% lower than last year, although the drop is smaller than earlier forecasts suggested.

Good carry-over stocks available

Stocks from last year's crop are still relatively high, which should help support supply at the start of the season.

Prices stable vs last year

Overall cumin prices are currently similar to last year and remain well below the highs seen during the previous market rally.

Harvest is starting

The harvest has begun in some areas, with peak supply expected through until May, when the largest volumes typically reach the market.

Slow market arrivals as farmers hold stock

Market arrivals are currently lower than last year, as some farmers are holding stock while waiting to see how prices develop.

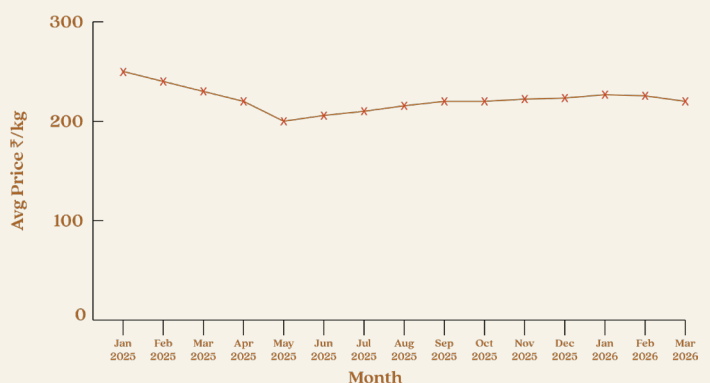
Yields look similar to last year

Early indications suggest crop yields are comparable to last season, with no major reports of crop damage so far.

IPM quality commanding higher prices

Cumin meeting IPM (low pesticide residue) standards is trading about 15–20% higher than conventional grades due to strong export demand. Availability should improve as more of the crop is harvested.

Cumin (Jeera) Raw Material Price Trend



“Lock in competitive pricing and guarantee your stock for the year.”



Next Steps

The main harvest window from March to May is typically when the most cumin enters the market and when prices are often most competitive.

April is expected to see a temporary price drop, so we are advising customers to get their volume requirements ready to share with our team, so we can contract for the year. Offering the best price and guaranteeing your stock.

Harvest Season

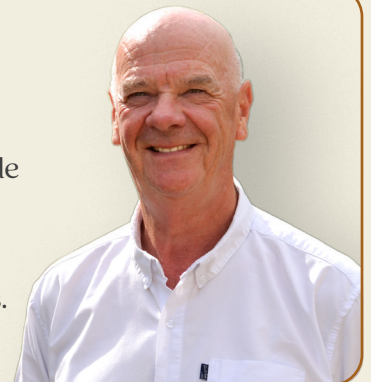


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