

### Germany | Market situation

Sorting and processing work is ongoing. In many areas, sorting losses are high, and the work therefore is higher. Price concessions are only made for lower quality batches. Prices for sorted onions are rising slightly.

There is still a wide price range, depending on the region. For sorted, medium sized yellow onions sold on the domestic market, prices between 34.00 and 39.00 EUR/100 kg in big bags ex station are quoted. The supply of red onions also remains limited. Demand, especially for large, graded goods, is brisk. Prices have risen to 50.00 - 53.00 EUR/100 kg this week. Larger onions are traded at higher prices.

### Netherlands | Market situation

Due to the relatively high export prices for Dutch onions, demand is currently sluggish. This has not changed this week either. Although demand is quiet and prices are under pressure, prices remain high. Last year, prices rose around Christmas. Whether this will also be the case this year is unclear. Last year, exporters did not suffer from the competition as they did this year. At the same time, demand was high so therefore price increases could be implemented, according to a report by Boerderij.nl.

In the export business, prices for medium sized yellow onions remain unchanged at around 40.00 EUR/100 kg in bulk ex station. For onions of 60/80 mm the prices are higher at 43.00 - 44.00 EUR/100 kg. Prices for thick onions (70 mm+) are stable around 45.00 - 48.00 EUR/100 kg in bulk ex station. Red onions are still scarce. Thus, prices are at a very firm, high level. For medium sized red onions prices around 50.00 - 55.00 EUR/100 kg are mentioned. Large onions are very scarce and achieve significantly higher prices (77.00 - 78.00 EUR/100 kg for 60/80 mm).

On the regional exchanges, prices for yellow onions with a share of 30-60 % of large onions were stable in the 44th week (28.00 - 31.00 EUR/100 kg). Prices for onions with a share of more than 60 % of large onions fell slightly compared to the previous week in the upper range and were between 28.00 and 32.00 EUR/100 kg. The prices for red onions with a share of 30-60 % of large onions were only quoted in Middenmeer (45.00 - 55.00 EUR/100 kg). For red onions (>60 %) prices remained high. With 50.00 - 60.00 EUR/100 kg there is a very wide range.

In yesterday's quotation in Goes, the prices for yellow onions with a share of 30-60% of large onions are stable compared to the previous week (28.00 - 30.00 EUR/100 kg). Prices for onions with a share of more than 60 % large onions ranged between 28.00 and 32.00 EUR/100 kg.

### Dutch exports

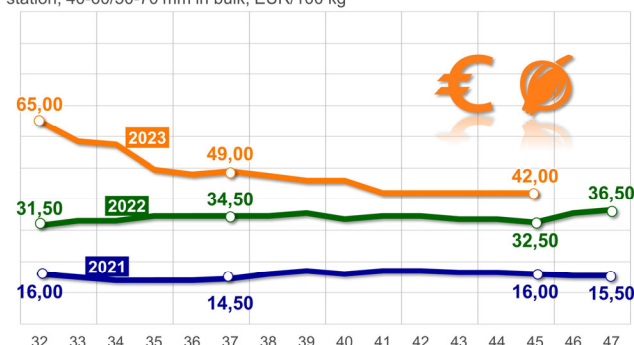
Dutch onion exports go through ups and downs every week. According to preliminary data from KCB and GroentenFruit Huis, a total of 31,519 t of Dutch onions were exported in week 40 (+9 % compared to week 39). In week 41, total exports fell by 8 % to around 29,000 t within one week.

The most important export destination in week 41 was still Senegal (7,838 t), followed by the UK (3,217 t), the Ivory Coast (3,104 t) and Guinea (2,042 t). In the export season to date (Week 27 - 41), the Ivory Coast has imported just under 38,026 t of Dutch onions. This represents a huge drop of 42 % compared to the same period last year. Due to the high prices, the Ivory Coast has imported significantly more onions from neighbouring countries.

### NL: Onion prices stable at a high level

Average weekly price of sorted yellow onions in the Netherlands ex sorting station, 40-60/50-70 mm in bulk, EUR/100 kg

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## EU | Market situation

The **Austrian** onion market is largely unchanged from previous weeks. A good, sufficient supply is being met by typically quiet domestic sales. However, the start of the pre-Christmas business should bring some demand back to the domestic market in the coming weeks. New demand is also awaited in the export business. Exports can be made on an ongoing basis to a manageable extent. However, there is still little room for a change of prices. There was no change in producer prices compared to the previous week. At the beginning of the week, prices for medium sized onions, cleaned and sorted in boxes, were mostly between 38.00 and 43.00 EUR/100 kg, depending on quality. Prices for small onions were noticeably lower and for large onions higher.

In **France**, demand has normalised again. Producer prices for yellow onions ex station remain unchanged at 31.00 to 35.00 EUR/100 kg. For red onions, stable producer prices between 60.00 and 65.00 EUR/100 kg, depending on calibre size, are quoted. For sales to retailers, prices for yellow onions range between 75.00 and 95.00 EUR/100 kg, depending on the size. For red onions delivered to the retailers, prices range from 85.00-120.00 EUR/100 kg.

In the past week, prices for onions in **Poland** have risen to the lower end of the range. According to fresh-market.pl, the prices at wholesale markets at the beginning of the current week are between 140.00 and 180.00 PLN/100 kg (EUR 31.00 - 40.50/100 kg) for bagged onions.

This week's prices for **Spanish** onions of the Grano variety are unchanged at 56.00 EUR/100 kg (ex station, size no. 2/3 in 25 kg sack).

## UK | Market situation

Retail orders remain high as most packers are finishing brown onion sets and moving onto the drilled crop. Stores are now being cooled down and sampling has begun. The bacterial level in crops, particularly red onions, seems to be higher than average. True fusarium levels are still unknown. The majority of overwinter sets crops have been planted but are now sitting very wet after recent heavy rain.

## World | Market situation

### India: Government restrictions take effect

Due to the enormous delay in the kharif harvest caused by the weather, the Indian government has recently introduced a number of restrictions, according to some reports from Freshplaza.com. In addition to the export duties imposed in October, a minimum export price of 800 USD was recently introduced. This is set to last until the end of the year. In addition, onion imports have been increased to buffer the supply gap and further imports are planned. These restrictions are intended to counter the rapid price increase on the local markets and secure the supply of onions domestically. Most recently, the Indian government decided to bring 100,000 t of onions onto the retail market in order to stabilise prices. The first results have been recorded, as onion prices have recently fallen.