

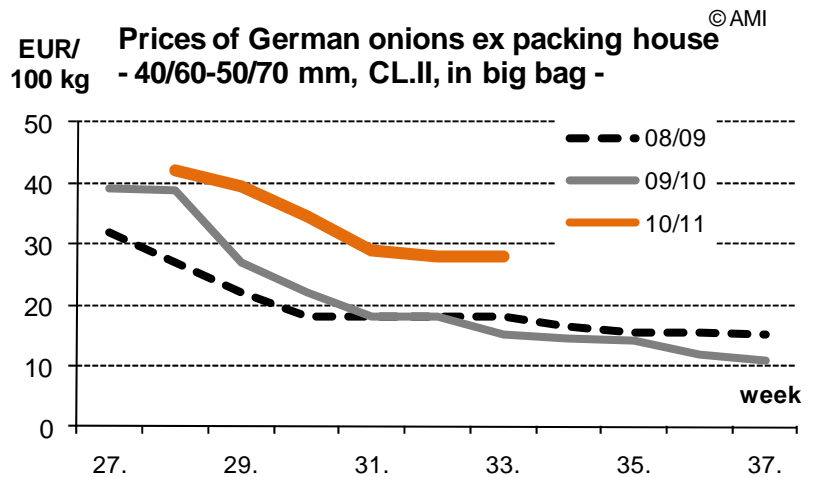
## General market situation

**Germany:** Due to unfavourable weather conditions limited offer, prices firm.

**The Netherlands:** Market stable because of limited supply.

## Germany

Market situation is described as stably, a limited offer meets a vivid demand. Because of persistent rainfalls harvested amounts in Germany are small. Dry days are used for harvesting, onions are dried mechanically. The weather forecast reports about better and dryer conditions at the middle of this week. Prices are firm and still around 28 EUR/100kg for yellow onions ex station in bigbags. Marketing of German red onions has started, the offer is limited as well. Prices are around 50/55 EUR/100kg ex station, other countries (Netherlands, Italy) name already lower prices.



## Organic Onions

Offer of German onions is still limited, even if some people report about a growing supply, because producers make use of every dry day to get on with the harvest. So prices are firm, quality is good. Prices are still mainly around 76-78 EUR free packing station.

## The Netherlands

The stable to firmer price tendency in the Netherlands is mainly caused by low supplies and not by a high export demand. Because of persistent rainfalls the possibilities of harvesting are limited. So there are not enough onions for the trading enterprises. Producers who are able to harvest or sell onions now, can be sure to get a surcharge. But these circumstances are not at all beneficial for a running export.

Prices therefore increased slightly and are now around 28 EUR ex Netherlands. Prices of bigger onions are around 30-32 EUR/100kg.

Prices of red onions are around 45 EUR/100kg (4/6er or 5/7er).

Prices of the regional price quotation committees are considerably higher than in former years. Last week the regional quotation of Goes noted prices of set onions (onions off land 14.5-17 EUR/100kg). Emmeloord noted prices of spring sown onions. Prices of batches with a proportion of 30 % large bulbs are at 12.50-14 EUR/100kg and of batches with a proportion of 60 % large onions at 14-15 EUR/100kg. At Emmeloord there was a remark that onions who can be delivered immediately may realize higher prices.

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# Market service - onions

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Today the noting at Goes notes prices for set onions, which are 0.75 EUR/100kg higher than last week (15-18 EUR/100kg). Prices of spring sown onions for batches with a proportion of 30 % large bulbs are at 14-15 EUR/100kg and of batches with a proportion of 60 % large onions at 15-16 EUR/100kg. The market mood is described as firm.

## Austria

A moderate increasing offer meets a reasonable calm demand. Exports to countries of southeast and east Europe are slowly launching. Because of rainfalls harvesting has to be interrupted very often. Prices tend to decrease slightly to 27/29 EUR/100kg (sorted onions in boxes) depending on quality.

## Poland

There is reported about a lack of red onions. Wholesale prices of red onions therefore are at a high level of 75-100 EUR/100kg, but there are only sparse amounts available. Prices of yellow onions tend to weaken and are now around 24 EUR/100kg (15kg-bags).

## Italy

The area of onions in Italy has gone up by 10 % this year. Because of unfavorable weather conditions the sowing had been delayed, so that maturity will be closely scaled. There is a high disease pressure induced by the rainfalls (mildew). Producer Prices are around 15-20 EUR/100kg.

Some market players tend to retain their onions to get even higher prices. But storage conditions are not everywhere at its best. The supply situation in west- and central African countries is of importance for Dutch export activities.

## India: Minimum export price increased by 20 \$/tonne

In India the Nafed of the government regulates the export amount of onions by determining a minimum export price (MEP). This measure is necessary to ensure the national supply. Last year the MEP has been at a high level and decreased all through the first half of 2010. So exports got on well.

In August the government has decided to increase the MEP for onions by 20 \$/tonne to 220 \$/tonne to discourage overseas shipments, as prices in the domestic markets have gone up. During the August and September period fresh supply only comes from South India and most of the local demand is met through cold storage.

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## Overseas

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### Cameroun: prices of onions increased

The press of Cameroun reports about increasing prices of onions in its country. Prices of onions in August are about 50 % higher than a month ago. Unfavorable weather circumstances are responsible for a rather low yield. Besides a strong domestic demand there is also a vivid export demand from neighboring countries.