

Excessive rain hits Byadagi chilli market

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Haveri: The Byadagi chilli market, which is recognised internationally, had recorded a high turnover of Rs 2,000 crore in the last season. But, rain in November has hit the chilli produce hard and the market is receiving low-quality chilli.

The market gets chilli from Haveri, Gadag, Ballari, Dharwad, Raichur, Bagalkot, and in the neighbouring states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana every year. But heavy rain in these areas in November has affected arrivals to the market.

Normally, the market witnesses heavy rush in November – December. But this time, the chilli reaching the market is of low quality and the volume is also less. The rain has caused fungus to grow on the chilli. The Byadagi chilli, famous for their bright red colour, have turned pale due to fungus, adding to the farmers' worries of getting a decent price for their produce.

Byadagi chilli market is famous for Dabbi and Kaddi varieties of chillies, which are in huge demand as oleoresin oil is extracted from them and exported. While the Kaddi variety is gnarled thin and long with not many seeds, Dabbi is small and plump with more seeds. The plump variety is used by the lipstick industry.

But this season the market has been receiving low quality chilli and with poor colour, making the extraction of oleoresin oil a big challenge to industries.

“Due to excessive rain across the chilli-growing area, farmers, traders, labourers, commission agents and thousands of people depending on the Byadagi chilli market are in a critical situation. The heavy rain destroyed chilli crop drastically and now fungus has hit the available produce. The chilli has turned white. Such low-quality produce never gets a good price. The state and Union governments should extend help to chilli growers,” urged Sureshgouda Patil, president of Traders Union, Byadagi Chilli Market, and former MLA.

Anil Kumar, a trader in Byadagi market, said, “We were expecting more quantity of chill than the previous season, but heavy rainfall has affected quality and quantity also. We are hoping, we get good quality chilli in the next couple of weeks.”

“The rain has hit Byadagi chilli hard, but the season is only starting. We hope quality chilli becomes available from several parts in the coming weeks,” said shared Adappa, secretary of Byadagi APMC.

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