

Supply chain management of onion in India: status, issues and scope

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Abstract

India is one of the leading producers of vegetables and spices in the world. Among the few crops that are used as both vegetables and spices, onion is important. It is utilized throughout the world in various food preparations. Despite the strong demand, India performs very poorly in the global market for both fresh and processed products. Much of the reason for the poor performance is attributed to poor supply chains. In 2009, India exported 18.73 million tonnes of onions. The major value-added products are dehydrated flakes, granules and powder, and pastes. This paper focuses on the nature of the supply chains prevailing in India, perceptions of value addition and target customers.