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Black Pepper

Black pepper prices from Vietnam eased slightly in January as buying interest remained cautious amid geopolitical uncertainty. Softer demand and liquidity constraints at origin weighed on short term sentiment. Despite this adjustment, overall price levels remain elevated by historical standards. Brazilian black pepper continues to be offered at more competitive levels, although export availability is tightening as shipping schedules fill up.

Looking ahead, supply from Vietnam is expected to remain constrained. Production prospects point to lower output due to weather related challenges and structurally reduced planted areas. With limited inventories and upcoming holiday disruptions in Asia, the market is likely to remain volatile. Prices across origins are expected to stay firm, with limited downside potential.

White Pepper

White pepper prices from Vietnam and Indonesia remained broadly stable, supported by limited availability and restrained selling interest. Supply from these origins is sufficient to cover current demand, but leaves little room for additional volume. Brazilian white pepper remains available but does not materially alter the overall balance.

In the coming months, availability from Vietnam is expected to remain tight. Low stock levels and cautious forward coverage leave the market sensitive to shifts in demand. While buying interest remains selective, any increase in coverage could quickly impact prices. The overall outlook for white pepper remains stable to slightly firm.

Ginger

Ginger prices from China and India have shown limited movement, supported by balanced supply and steady demand. Availability for near term shipments remains adequate, allowing the market to remain relatively stable.

Looking ahead, no major price changes are expected in the short term. However, the market remains sensitive to potential logistical disruptions or adverse weather conditions in origin countries. Overall, the outlook for ginger remains stable with limited downside risk.



Turmeric

Turmeric prices from India remain firm despite expectations of higher production in the new season. Availability of good quality material is still limited, which continues to support the market. In some regions, current price levels are encouraging earlier harvesting activity.

In the short term, prices may remain volatile as the market adjusts to incoming supply. Over the longer term, increased output from India could lead to some easing, although low inventory levels are expected to prevent sharp price declines.

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Chili

Chili prices from India are currently stable, but market sentiment has turned more bullish. Reduced planting intentions and ongoing crop challenges are raising concerns about future availability, particularly for higher quality grades.

As the season progresses, supply from India is expected to tighten further. With limited stocks and uncertainty around upcoming harvests, prices are likely to come under upward pressure. Covering medium term requirements remains advisable given the tightening outlook.



Garlic

Garlic markets from the United States and China remain firm, particularly for granulated and chopped products where availability is more limited. Garlic powder from these origins remains more readily available, offering some flexibility for buyers.

With the new crop progressing as expected, the overall outlook for US and Chinese garlic remains stable. Prices are likely to stay supported, especially for higher specification material, as demand for traceable and food safe products continues.



Onion

The global onion market remains well supplied, supported by steady harvests in Europe and ongoing availability from overseas origins. European stocks are gradually declining, but this is currently balanced by sufficient incoming volumes from countries such as Egypt and China. Demand is stable rather than strong, especially from the processing segment, which continues to buy cautiously.

Prices show a mostly stable trend, with limited upward movement due to the comfortable supply situation. Buyers are not facing immediate pressure, as alternatives between different origins remain available. Freight costs are largely unchanged, contributing to a predictable cost structure.

Looking ahead, the market is expected to remain balanced in the short term. Any significant price movement will mainly depend on shifts in export volumes and the pace at which European stocks are cleared.



Cumin

Cumin prices from India have stabilized following earlier increases, with market attention now focused on crop development. Planting levels appear lower compared to previous seasons, while early crop conditions remain generally acceptable.

In the medium to longer term, prices are expected to remain supported. Availability of compliant cumin from India may become more restricted as the season advances, which could provide further price support. The overall outlook remains cautiously firm.

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