



# CTCS

Market Report  
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## ESA Ghent

The European Spice Association conference takes place this week in Ghent, Belgium, bringing together leading companies and professionals from across the global herbs and spices industry. The annual ESA event remains one of the most important meetings within the sector, focusing on topics such as market developments, sustainability, food safety, regulatory changes and long term supply chain cooperation. This year, discussions are strongly centred around logistics challenges, geopolitical developments and securing reliable supply chains for the future.

CTCS is present throughout the event and is proud to participate as one of the official sponsors of the ESA conference. The event provides an important opportunity to strengthen relationships with partners, suppliers and customers from across the industry, while also exchanging insights on current market conditions and future developments within the global spice trade.

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## Ginger

The ginger market remains firm as fresh arrivals continue to decline while domestic demand stays strong. New crop sowing is progressing steadily, although lower rainfall is creating some uncertainty for the coming months. Fresh ginger prices have increased due to tighter supply conditions.



## Cumin

Cumin harvesting in India is nearing completion, with strong market arrivals continuing throughout May. Although cultivated area and overall production are estimated to be slightly lower than last year, the market remains relatively well supplied due to comfortable carry over stocks from previous seasons. Availability of IPM compliant material has improved compared to earlier months, creating better buying opportunities for export focused demand.

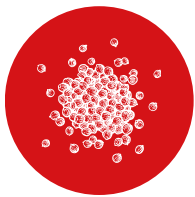
Market prices have declined compared to last month and are currently trading below last year's levels. The softer market tone is mainly driven by high stock availability and continued peak harvest arrivals. Once the harvest season slows down, the tighter underlying supply situation could gradually help stabilise the market again later in the year.



## Garlic



The garlic market is showing stable supply conditions, with the new crop harvest progressing well across the main producing regions. Demand from both domestic and export markets remains steady, while prices continue to show a slightly softer trend due to improving supply expectations and comfortable stock levels.



## Black Pepper

The black pepper market remains firm following the completion of the Vietnam harvest, while carry over stocks stay limited across several major origins. Market attention is gradually shifting towards the upcoming Brazil harvest, with steady demand continuing to support prices at firm levels.



**Questions about the market?  
We are happy to help!**

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