



Pepper in India

- Important agricultural commodities of trade since pre-historic period
- Supports more than 0.25 million farm communities
- Mainly produced in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil
 Nadu and North Eastern region
- Commonly observed cultivation system is the "extensive homestead cultivation"



Production of Pepper in India

Year	Production (Tons)
2010	50,000
2011 (Estimate)	48,000
2012 (Projection)	43,000



Factors affecting current Production and Productivity of Pepper

- Small and marginal holding
- Existence of senile and unproductive vines
- Losses due to pest and disease
- High cost of inputs
- Labour shortage
- Weather conditions
- Non-adoption of appropriate agronomic and disease management practices



Initiatives taken to face the challenges

- Re-plantation and rejuvenation of pepper plantations in Idukki & Waynad districts of Kerala and North Eastern states
- Training on Good Agricultural Practices(GAP)
 to farmers, traders, NGO's, extension
 advisory staff and unemployed rural youth
- Support to farmers in acquiring Organic Certification under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)

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Initiatives taken to face the challenges

- •Training for mass production of Bio-agents [Trichoderma / Pseudomonas / Entomo Pathogenic Nematodes] to farmers and establishment of Bio-agent production units
- •Mobile Agri Clinic services (weekly) and Free Soil testing
- •Thrust on farm mechanization. Assistance for the purchase of mechanical pepper threshers.

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- Support to farmers for hygienic drying of pepper (supply of Bamboo mats/polythene sheets and construction of concrete drying yards).
- Establishment of Spices Park (Idukki, Kerala) for full line processing namely cleaning, grading, sorting, grinding, packing and sterilization.
- Personal Accident Insurance scheme for small and marginal growers and labourers with subsidized premium.





Quality Evaluation Labs

- Quality Evaluation Lab of Cochin is an ISO 17025 & 14000 certified lab which is well equipped to provide all the physical, chemical and microbiological analysis to the Spice industry.
- Regular participant in Codex Committee meetings
- Conducts training for the technical persons from the industry on physical, chemical and microbiological analysis
- Quality Evaluation Labs are also functioning at Mumbai, Guntur and Chennai.
- Quality Evaluation labs are underway in Delhi,
 Tuticorin, and Kandla.





Research on Pepper

Indian Institute of Spices
Research(IISR), Panniyur Research
Station of Kerala Agricultural
University and many other
Agricultural Universities are involved
in research on varietal development,
production, productivity, pest &
disease management and post harvest
management Pepper.







			(Price in Rs./K
	Months	2010	2011
	January	174.41	237.37
	February	157.59	231.77
	March	165.41	241.30
4	April	158.40	242.11
	May	171.00	261.72
	June	174.68	271.50
	July	173.70	295.01
and the same of th	August	187.93	283.66
Market Comment	September	194.91	313.98
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	November	217.86	
	December	225.62	
	Average	183.99	264.27

Import of B	lack Peppe	r into India
		Quantity in MI
Country	2010	2011 (Jan – Sept)
Vietnam	5694	5346
Sri Lanka	7337	4010
Indonesia	3349	2584
Total (Incl. Others)	16463	11973







