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Dear ,

Indian Market Overview

As we transition from winter to warmer temperatures, the peak season demand for Indian sesame seeds has begun to slow. The end of the kite flying festival of Sankranti last month, which culturally emphasizes the exchange of sesame seed sweets, has contributed to this decrease in local demand. Currently, the market is focused on the existing stocks from the winter crop and imported sesame. With no new crop expected for the time being, we still have a 90 day window with which we have to run our factories.

Planting for Summer Crop

Discussions are underway regarding the planting for the summer crop, which holds substantial value for producers. The outlook for this crop is crucial as it may influence market dynamics going forward. While some in the trade feel that the current flat markets would lead to a drop in sowing areas, on a personal level we are hopeful that planting acreage will be similar to what we had last year.

Export Demand

Export demand for **hulled sesame seeds** remains steady, despite challenges in pricing for **natural sesame seeds**. The recent re-opening of U.S. markets following the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is gradually restoring some market share, leading to a slight uptick in prices. Competitive origins such as Nigeria and Chad have seen firm pricing, largely due to reduced stock levels, providing an additional boost to the Indian market.

International Market Insights

At the recently concluded Gulfood exhibition in Dubai, reports indicated that new crop sesame seeds from Brazil were trading at around **USD 950.00 per metric ton** for Chinese buyers, with prices from other Brazilian producers reaching upwards of **USD 1000.00 per metric ton (CFR)**. This trend suggests a general price band for international markets in the range of **USD 1000 - 1200 per metric ton** over the coming months. With the Chinese New Year holidays later this month, they too will go into a period of slow demand post this vacation.

Conclusion

Overall, while local demand for Indian sesame has slowed, export opportunities remain promising, especially for hulled sesame. The movements in international pricing from key producing countries indicate potential shifts that could impact market conditions in the near future.

Buyers are encouraged to stay informed on these developments as they could influence procurement strategies across global markets.

Current levels from our side for March – April shipment on a FOB basis are as below -

Natural Whitish Sesame 99/1/1	- USD. 1350.00 pmt
Natural Whitish Sortex Sesame, Min. 99.95 % Purity	- USD . 1370.00 pmt
Hulled Sesame Seed, Min. 99.95 % purity	– USD. 1540.00 pmt
Hulled Sesame Seed, Min. 99.97 % purity	- USD. 1555.00 pmt
Hulled Sesame Seed, Min. 99.98% purity, Premium	- USD. 1580.00 pmt
Hulled Sesame Seed, Min 99.98% purity for EU	- USD. 1630.00 pmt

Jet Black Sesame, Sortex, Min. 99.95 %
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- USD. 3325.00 pmt
- USD. 2700.00 pmt

We are packing cargo in different sizes ranging from 1250 kilo jumbo bags to 1 kg consumer packs in master bags or cartons. Vacuum packing is also available.

Please advise us your requirements.

Regards – Sanjiv Sawla

