

Potato export from Rangpur to increase this year



Potatoes stockpiled at Mahiganj in Rangpur will be exported to Malaysia.

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Potato export from Rangpur region will be increased this year, thanks to bumper potato production and lower prices.

This year the price of per 80 kg potato is around Tk650, which was Tk800 to Tk850 last year, the exporters said.

perishable vegetable. It perishes within few days after loading in containers.

The exporters, who are now busy procuring and packaging quality potato from the region, expect they would export around 2,000 tonnes of potato especially to Malaysia and Singapore.

"All potato can not be exported. Only diamond and granular variety of potato can be exported," said Mojibor Rahman, managing director of BBC Foods.

Like BBC Foods, BRAC is also making drives in the fields to procure potato. However, Global Agro Resources and Agro Concern are observing international potato markets at the moment.

Last year, mainly four exporters -- Global Agro Resources, BRAC, Agro Concern, and BBC Foods -- exported 1,500 tonnes of potato from the Rangpur region.

He said, "Size of the potato is also a factor for export. Each exportable potato must have at least 100 gm weight and must be spotless and fresh."

Sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension of Additional Directorate Office said, about 3,30,000 tonnes of potato was produced in 1,78,000 hectares of land in eight northern districts this year.

Exporters said bumper potato production across the country including greater Rangpur and lower prices this season than the last year's encouraged them to collect and procure more quantity of

First-ever REHAB polls Saturday

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The first-ever election to the executive committee of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) for a one-year term (2008-09) is going to be held on March 29.

Previously all the executive committees were made on selection basis. A total of 42 candidates are vying for 21 members of the executive body, who will be elected by the association's 361 members.

REHAB, the apex trade body for the country's developers, was established with only 11 members in 1991, which aims to promote private sector housing.

S'pore factory output up 10pc

AFP, Singapore

Singapore's factory output rose an annual 10 percent in February, beating expectations, on strong production in the electronics and transport engineering, the government said Wednesday.

Production of electronics, a key Singapore export, expanded 12.3 percent last month, faster than the 8.0 percent increase in January, the Economic Development Board (EDB) said.

FBCCI moves to keep essentials prices reasonable

UNB, Dhaka

The new executive committee of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has undertaken an initiative to motivate the traders and importers of essential items to keep their prices at a rational level.

yesterday.

FBCCI President Annisul Huq, Vice President Abul Quasem Ahmed, FBCCI directors, and leaders of different associations were present at the meeting.

The committees are to monitor the price situation, identify problems in the market system, and motivate the businessmen to keep the prices reasonable.

The traders and retailers proposed forming product-specific committees with representatives from importers, wholesalers, retailers and the government, which would include representatives from Commerce and Finance ministries and BDR.

FBCCI President Annisul Huq told UNB that they would have a meeting with the importers from Dhaka and Chittagong within a week or two before forming the committees.

Grameen CyberNet to offer advanced broadband

Signs deal with Ericsson

Grameen CyberNet Ltd, a local internet service provider, will offer advanced broadband services such as games and video-on-demand to its customers with technical support from Ericsson, the world's leading technology and services provider to telecom operators.

Under the agreement, Ericsson will deliver central office optical equipment and devices for home, based on its EDA 1500 solution and infrastructure such as fibre systems and cables.

GPON is fibre-based and provides high bandwidth and accelerates optical and IP convergence in the access network, packaging voice, data, and video services.

An agreement to this effect was signed recently between the two companies for a fibre-to-the-home network based on Ericsson's GPON (Gigabit Passive Optical

Network) solution, says a press release.

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Videocon to export refrigerators to Saarc

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Electrolux, the home appliances division of India's diversified business group Videocon, plans to export refrigerators to Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries, the Middle East and Africa.

invested Rs 250 crore in its upcoming facility where it will manufacture refrigerators in the first phase before adding air conditioners, microwaves and washing machines. It will scale down contract manufacturing other products like microwave and ACs once the new unit becomes fully operational, Dhoot said.

Videocon Industries CEO Anirudh Dhoot told reporters here on Tuesday that its new manufacturing facility in the northern state of Uttarakhnad would start production next month and after six months it plans to export refrigerators to Saarc countries, Africa and the Middle East.

Videocon at present manufactures small refrigerators and imports washing machines, ACs and microwaves from Thailand and China.

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The company is set to shift its focus on villages for ramping up its sales and is strengthening its distribution network in the next two years.

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