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INDICATIVE PRICES FOR SELECTED BOTANICAL INGREDIENTS
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Rates of Exchange: 15 November 2015

| CURRENCY | CODE | UNITS 1 / USD | UNITS 1 / EUR |
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| Chinese Yuan Renminbi | CNY | 6.37065 | 6.86317 |
| EURO | EUR | 0.928170 | 1.0000 |
| Indian Rupee | INR | 66.0990 | 71.2218 |
| Nepalese Rupee | NPR | 105.856 | 114.060 |
| Russian Ruble | RUB | 66.8105 | 71.9885 |
| United States Dollar | USD | 1.0000 | 1.07745 |

Source: XE Currency Converter: <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

Note: Prices should be considered indicative only and reflect the price of a product of a specific grade or quality from the specified origin. Great care should be taken when comparing prices of medicinal herbs of different origins, grades, qualities and quantities.

| AJOWAN FRUIT | | | |
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| Botanical name: <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> Hindi: Ajwain / Sanskrit: Yavani Pharmacopoeial name: Trachyspermi Ammi Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) flatulence with a gurgling sound; b) distension of abdomen due to obstruction to passage of urine and stools; c) diseases of abdomen; d) abdominal lump; e) intestinal parasites; f) sharp piercing pain. | | |
| | Traditional Unani Medicine: a) flatulence in the stomach; b) gastric pain; c) anorexia; d) colic; e) pertussis; f) diarrhoea; g) hysteria; h) cholera. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh | 5000~14600 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 12500 INR / quintal | \$0.75644~\$2.2088 / kg (Modal price: \$1.8911/kg) | 07.11.2015 |
| AMLA FRUIT | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> Chinese: Yuganzi (餘甘子); Hindi: Amla; Nepalese: Amala; Sanskrit: Amalaki Pharmacopoeial name: Phyllanthi Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) bleeding disorders; b) hyperacidity; c) increased frequency and turbidity of urine; d) burning sensation. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) to remove <i>heat</i> in the blood and <i>blood stasis</i> ; b) maldigestion; c) dyspepsia, abdominal pain; e) cough; sore throat, and dryness of the mouth. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Nepalgunj, Nepal | 55.00 NPR / kg (wild-collected, Nepal) | \$0.519574 / kg | 09.11.2015 |
| Bohzou, Anhui | 12.00 CNY / kg (> 500 kg; wild-collected, Yunnan) | \$1.88314 / kg | 15.11.2015 |

| BARBARY WOLFBERRY FRUIT | | | |
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| Botanical name: <i>Lycium barbarum</i> Chinese: gou qi zi (枸杞子) Pharmacopoeial name: Lycii Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) general debility with deficiency of <i>vital essence</i> manifested by aching of the loins and knees, dizziness and tinnitus; b) diabetes caused by <i>internal heat</i> ; c) anaemia; d) impaired vision. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, Sichuan | 70.00 CNY / kg (280 Grade, Ningxia origin) | \$10.9850 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| Anguo, Hebei | 65.00 CNY / kg (280 Grade, Xinjiang origin) | \$10.2003 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| CALAMUS RHIZOME | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Acorus calamus</i> Chinese: zang chang pu (藏菖蒲) / Nepalese: Bojho / Sanskrit: Vaca Pharmacopoeial name: Acori Calami Rhizoma | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) colic pain; b) epilepsy; c) asthma; d) constipation; e) mania; f) flatulence; g) otorrhoea; and h) weak memory Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) tonify stomach <i>yang</i> ; b) treat maldigestion and food stagnation; c) diphtheria. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Nepalgunj, Nepal | 95 NPR / kg | \$0.897446 / kg | 09.11.2015 |
| CHIRATA HERB | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Swertia chirayita</i> Nepalese: Chiraito (चिराइतो, तितो) / Sanskrit: Kiratatikta Pharmacopoeial name: Swertiae Herba | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) fever; b) thirst; c) burning sensation; d) inflammation; e) skin diseases; f) ulcer; g) intestinal worms; h) itching; and i) excessive flow of urine. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Kathmandu, Nepal | 400 NPR / kg | \$3.77872 / kg | 09.11.2015 |
| CRANBERRY FRUIT | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i> French: canneberge / Spanish: arándano agrio Pharmacopoeial name: Macrocarponii Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Western Herbal Medicine: a) to help prevent recurrent urinary tract infections | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Ex-whse New Jersey, USA | US\$ 2.25 / lb (Min. qty: 1,000 lbs) | \$4.96 / kg (Min. qty: 454 kg) | 27.10.2015 |
| FENNEL FRUIT | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Arabic: شمر; Chinese: xiao hui xiang (小茴香) / Hindi: Saunf / Sanskrit: Misreya Pharmacopoeial name: Foeniculi Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) digestive impairment; b) colic pain; c) | | |

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| uses: | cough; d) vitiated blood; e) dysentery; and f) piles. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) treatment of scrotal hernia with pain and cold extremities; b) dysmenorrhoea with lower abdominal pain and cold sensation; and c) distending pain in the epigastrium with anorexia. | | |
| | Traditional European Medicine: a) symptomatic treatment of mild, spasmodic gastrointestinal complaints including bloating, and flatulence; b) symptomatic treatment of minor spasm associated with menstrual periods; and c) as an expectorant in cough associated with cold. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Mumbai, Maharashtra | 7000~16000 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 11500 INR / quintal | \$1.05902~\$2.42061 / kg (Modal price: \$1.73981 / kg) | 09.11.2015 |
| FOB Fayoum, Egypt | US\$ 1375 / MT (Purity 99%; Qty 25 MT / 40' FCL) | \$1.375 / kg | 14.11.2015 |
| Anguo, Hebei | 11.00 CNY / kg (Northwest origin) | \$1.72621 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| FENUGREEK SEED | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i> Arabic: حلبة حصى; Chinese: hu lu ba (胡蘆巴) / Sanskrit: Methi Pharmacopoeial name: Trigonellae Foenugraeci Semen | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) malabsorption syndrome; b) fever; c) increased frequency and turbidity of urine; and d) loss of taste sensation. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) cold syndrome of the <i>kidney</i> due to <i>yang deficiency</i> marked by pain and coldness in the lower abdomen; b) hernia; and c) weakness and oedema of the legs caused by <i>cold-damp</i> . | | |
| | Traditional European Medicine: a) (oral) temporary loss of appetite; b) (cutaneous) symptomatic treatment of minor inflammations of the skin. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Bangalore, Karnataka | 8500~9500 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 9000 INR / quintal | \$1.28595~\$1.43724 / kg (Modal price: \$1.36159 / kg) | 13.11.2015 |
| FOB Fayoum, Egypt | US\$ 950 / MT (Qty: 1 × 40' FCL) | \$0.95 / kg | 14.11.2015 |
| GINGER RHIZOME | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Zingiber officinale</i> Chinese: gan jiang (干姜) / Nepalese: Sutho / Sanskrit: Sunthi Pharmacopoeial name: Zingiberis Rhizoma | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) digestive impairment; b) flatulence; c) anaemia; d) asthma; e) abdominal diseases; and f) rheumatism. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) epigastric pain with cold feeling, vomiting and diarrhoea accompanied with cold extremities and faint pulse; and b) dyspnoea and cough with copious expectoration. | | |
| | Traditional European Medicine: a) symptomatic relief of motion sickness; and b) symptomatic treatment of mild, spasmodic gastrointestinal complaints including bloating and flatulence. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, | 21.00 CNY / kg | \$3.29549 / kg | 15.11.2015 |

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| Sichuan | (Yunnan origin) | | |
| Perumbavoor, Kerala | 18000~19000 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 18500 INR / quintal | \$2.72319~\$2.87448 / kg (Modal price: \$2.79883 / kg) | 13.11.2015 |
| Nepalgunj, Nepal | 255 NPR / kg | \$2.40893 / kg | 09.11.2015 |
| GOTU KOLA HERB | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Centella asiatica</i> Chinese: ji xue cao (积雪草) / Sanskrit: Mandukaparni Pharmacopoeial name: Centellae Asiaticae Herba | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) inflammation; b) tastelessness; c) fever; d) cough; e) itching; f) skin diseases; g) excessive bleeding disorder; h) excessive flow of urine; i) asthma; j) anaemia; k) blood disorders. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) jaundice caused by <i>damp-heat</i> ; b) heat stroke with diarrhoea; c) urolithiasis and haematuria; d) carbuncles and boils; e) traumatic injuries. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, Sichuan | 8.00 CNY / kg | \$1.25543 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| ISPAGHULA SEED | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Plantago ovata</i> Pharmacopoeial name: Plantaginis Ovatae Semen | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Well-established uses: a) for the treatment of habitual constipation; and b) for conditions in which easy defecation with soft stool is desirable, e.g. in cases of painful defecation after rectal or anal surgery, anal fissures and haemorrhoids. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| NMCE Spot Price | 9745 INR / quintal | \$1.4743 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| JATAMANSI ROOT AND RHIZOME | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Nardostachys jatamansi</i> Chinese: gan song (甘松) / Nepalese: Jatamansi / Sanskrit: Jatamansi Pharmacopoeial name: Nardostachyos Radix et Rhizoma | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) diseases of skin; b) erysipelas (bacterial skin infection); c) burning sensation; d) mental disorders; e) insomnia. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) (oral) epigastric and abdominal distension with anorexia and vomiting; b) (external) for toothache and swelling of the foot. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, Sichuan | 30.00 CNY / kg (wild- collected, Sichuan) | \$4.70787 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| Nepalgunj, Nepal | 700.00 NPR / kg (wild-collected, Nepal) | \$6.61276 / kg | 11.09.2015 |
| LIQUORICE ROOT | | | |
| Botanical name(s): <i>Glycyrrhiza uralensis</i> , <i>G. inflata</i> , or <i>G. glabra</i> Chinese: gan cao (甘草) / Sanskrit: Yasti Pharmacopoeial name: Glycyrrhizae Radix et Rhizoma | | | |

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| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) cough; b) hoarseness of voice; c) phthisis (any wasting or atrophic disease, weakness, diseases due to <i>vata dosha</i>); d) ulcer; and e) gout. | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) weakness of the spleen and the stomach marked by lassitude and weakness; b) cardiac palpitation and shortness of breath; c) cough with much phlegm; d) spasmodic pain in the epigastrium, abdomen and limbs; e) carbuncles and sores; and f) often added to formulas to reduce drastic or toxic effects of other drugs. | | |
| | Traditional European Medicine: a) for the relief of digestive symptoms including burning sensation and dyspepsia; and b) used as an expectorant in cough associated with cold. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, Sichuan | 16.00 CNY / kg (Xinjiang origin; wild-collected) | \$2.51124 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| Bozhou, Anhui | 7.00 CNY / kg (Inner Mongolia origin; wild-collected) | \$1.09867 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| MAHUA FLOWER | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Madhuca indica</i> (Syn.: <i>M. latifolia</i>) Hindi: Mahuwa / Sanskrit: Gudapushpa Pharmacopoeial name: Madhucae Flos | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) asthma; b) burning sensation; c) wound; d) phthisis (wasting disease); e) thirst; f) fatigue, lethargy | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Lohardaga, Jharkhand | 2800~3200 INR / quintal (Modal price: 3000 INR / quintal; wild-collected) | \$0.423607~\$0.484122 / kg (Modal price: \$0.453865/kg) | 13.11.2015 |
| MOLOKHIA LEAF | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Corchorus olitorius</i> Arabic: Mulukhiyah (ملوخية) Pharmacopoeial name: Corchori Olitorius Folium | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Egyptian Medicine: a) chronic cystitis (inflammation of the urinary bladder); b) dysuria (painful urination); c) gonorrhoea; d) fever | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| FOB Fayoum, Egypt | US\$ 1375 / MT (Crushed dry leaves; Qty: 1 × 40' FCL) | \$1.375 / kg | 14.11.2015 |
| PEPPERMINT LEAF | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Mentha × piperita</i> Pharmacopoeial name: Menthae Piperitae Folium | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional European Medicine: a) for the symptomatic relief of digestive disorders such as dyspepsia and flatulence. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| FOB Fayoum, Egypt | US\$ 1675 / MT (Qty: 1 × 40' FCL) | \$1.675 / kg | 14.11.2015 |
| RHUBARB ROOT, CHINESE | | | |
| Botanical name(s): <i>Rheum palmatum</i> , <i>R. tanguticum</i> , or <i>R. officinale</i> | | | |

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| Chinese: Da huang (大黄) / Tibetan: ICum-rtsa (ལུམ་རྩ་ཅ) | | | |
| Pharmacopoeial name: Rhei Radix et Rhizoma | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Chinese Medicine: accumulation, stagnation and constipation caused by <i>excess heat</i> , hematemesis (vomiting blood) caused by <i>blood heat</i> , red eyes and swollen throat, swelling abscess, deep-rooted boil and sore, abdominal pain caused by intestinal abscess, blood-stasis amenorrhea (absence of menstruation), postpartum stasis and obstruction, injuries from falls and fights, <i>dampness-heat</i> dysentery, jaundice and red urine, stranguria (slow, painful urination), edema. | | |
| | Well-established use in European Medicine: for short-term use in cases of occasional constipation. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, Sichuan | 21 CNY / kg (wild-collected, Sichuan) | \$3.29607 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| RHUBARB ROOT, HIMALAYAN | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Rheum australe</i> (syn.: <i>R. emodi</i>) | | | |
| Indian trade name: Revandchini / Nepali: Padamchaal (पदमचाल) | | | |
| Pharmacopoeial name: Rhei Rhizoma | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Nepali Medicine: used as a laxative (for constipation), anthelmintic (to expel parasitic worms), and to treat infection, sore throat, skin disease, gastritis, liver disease, gout, pregnancy-induced hypertension. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Nepalgunj, Nepal | 105 NPR / kg (wild-collected, Nepal) | \$0.991914 / kg | 09.11.2015 |
| ROSEMARY LEAF | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> | | | |
| Arabic: Ikleel al-Jabal (إكليل الجبل) / French: Feuille de Romarin | | | |
| Pharmacopoeial name: Rosmarini Folium | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional European Medicine: a) (oral use): for symptomatic relief of dyspepsia and mild spasmodic disorders of the gastrointestinal tract; b) (bath additive) as an adjuvant in the relief of minor muscular and articular pain and in minor peripheral circulatory disorders. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| FOB Fayoum, Egypt | US\$ 2050 / MT (Qty: 1 x 40' FCL) | \$2.050 / kg | 14.11.2015 |
| SCHISANDRA FRUIT - NORTHERN | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Schisandra chinensis</i> | | | |
| Chinese: Beiwuweizi (北五味子) | | | |
| Pharmacopoeial name: Schisandrae Chinensis Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) chronic cough and dyspnoea of deficiency type; b) dream emission and spermatorrhoea; c) enuresis and frequent urination; d) chronic diarrhoea; e) spontaneous sweating and night sweating; f) thirst caused by fluid consumption; g) interior heat-wasting thirst; h) palpitation and insomnia | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Anguo, Hebei | 45.00 CNY / kg (Liaoning origin) | \$7.06048 / kg | 15.11.2015 |

| SCHISANDRA FRUIT - SOUTHERN | | | |
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| Botanical name: <i>Schisandra sphenanthera</i> / Chinese name: Nanwuweizi (南五味子) Pharmacopoeial name: Schisandrae Sphenantherae Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) chronic cough and dyspnoea of deficiency type; b) dream emission and spermatorrhoea; c) enuresis and frequent urination; d) chronic diarrhoea; e) spontaneous sweating and night sweating; f) thirst caused by fluid consumption; g) interior heat-wasting thirst; h) palpitation and insomnia | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Chengdu, Sichuan | 25.00 CNY / kg (wild-collected, Sichuan) | \$3.92249 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| SENNA LEAF - TINNEVELLY | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Cassia angustifolia</i> Chinese name: fan xie yi (番瀉葉 or 番泻叶) / Sanskrit name: svarnapatri / Pharmacopoeial name: Sennae Angustifoliae Folium | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Well-established uses: a) for short-term use in cases of occasional constipation | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| FOB Mumbai Port, MH | US\$ 515 / MT (Indian origin; Prime 3; Qty: 26 MT / 40' FCL) | \$0.515 / kg | 10.11.2015 |
| Anguo, Hebei | 8.00 CNY / kg (imported) | \$1.25519 / kg | 15.11.2015 |
| SENNA POD - TINNEVELLY | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Cassia angustifolia</i> Pharmacopoeial name: Sennae Angustifoliae Fructus | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Well-established uses: a) for short-term use in cases of occasional constipation. | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| FOB Mumbai Port, MH | US\$ 920 / MT (Qty: 26 MT / 40' FCL) | \$0.920 / kg | 10.11.2015 |
| SHATAVARI ROOT | | | |
| Botanical name: <i>Asparagus racemosus</i> Nepalese name: Satawari (Kurilo) / Sanskrit name: Satavari Pharmacopoeial name: Asparagi Racemosus Radix | | | |
| Medicinal uses: | Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) hyperacidity; b) piles; c) diarrhoea; d) abdominal lump; e) phthisis (any wasting or atrophic disease); f) diarrhoea with blood; g) bleeding disorder; h) disorders of blood i) gout; j) erysipelas (bacterial skin infection); k) inflammation; l) duodenal ulcer; m) urinary disorders; n) hoarseness of voice; o) night blindness; p) puerperal disease; q) vitiation of breast milk; r) insufficient lactation | | |
| | Traditional Unani Medicine: a) diarrhoea; b) spermatorrhoea; c) excessive nocturnal emission; d) leucorrhoea; e) premature ejaculation; f) dysentery | | |
| MARKET | PRICE | CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg | DATE OF PRICE |
| Kathmandu, Nepal | 250 NPR / kg (wild-collected, Nepal) | \$2.36170 / kg | 09.11.2015 |

Price Sources

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- Agmarknet, Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India: <http://agmarknet.nic.in/arrivals1.htm>
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- Tribal Co-Operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED): <http://www.trifed.in/trifed/>

Nepal:

- Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources: <http://www.ansab.org/>

USA:

- Private companies