

MARKET INSIDER FOR MEDICINAL PLANTS & NATURAL INGREDIENTS
INDICATIVE PRICES FOR SELECTED BOTANICAL INGREDIENTS

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Rates of Exchange: 17 December 2016

CURRENCY	CODE	UNITS 1 / USD	UNITS 1 / EUR
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	CNY	6.95920	7.27337
EURO	EUR	0.956805	1.0000
Indian Rupee	INR	67.8450	70.9079
Nepalese Rupee	NPR	108.408	113.302
Russian Ruble	RUB	62.1512	64.9570
United States Dollar	USD	1.0000	1.04515

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			
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	7000~13700 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 11500 INR / quintal	\$1.03176~\$2.01931 / kg (Modal price: \$1.69504 / kg)	16.12.2016
BARBARY WOLFBERRY FRUIT			
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
Anguo, Hebei	60.00 CNY / kg (Grade 280, Ningxia origin)	\$8.62168 / kg	17.12.2016
CRANBERRY FRUIT			
Botanical name: <i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i> French: canneberge / Spanish: arándano agrio Pharmacopoeial name: Macrocarponii Fructus			
Medicinal uses:	Traditional Western Herbal Medicine: to help prevent recurrent urinary tract infections.		
MARKET	PRICE	CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg	DATE OF PRICE

Ex-whse New Jersey, USA	US\$ 1.95 / lb (Min. qty: 1,000 lbs)	\$4.29897 / kg (Min. qty: 454 kg)	13.12.2016
FENNEL FRUIT, SWEET			
Botanical name: <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Arabic: شمر; Chinese: xiao hui xiang (小茴香) / Hindi: Saunf / Sanskrit: Misreya Pharmacopoeial name: Foeniculi Fructus			
Medicinal uses:	Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) digestive impairment; b) colic pain; c) 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
Chengdu, Sichuan	12 CNY / kg (northwest China origin)	\$1.72434 / kg	17.12.2016
Unjha, Gujarat	5640~11755 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 6600 INR / quintal	\$0.831307~\$1.73263 / kg (Modal price: \$0.97280/ kg)	16.12.2016
FOB Mumbai Port, MH	US\$ 1440 / MT (Grade: Europe 99%; Qty: 14 MT – 20'FCL)	\$1.44 / kg	13.12.2016
FENUGREEK SEED			
Botanical name: <i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i> Arabic: حلبة حسي; 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
Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh	2650~5501 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 3250 INR / quintal	\$0.390596~\$0.810819 / kg (Modal price: \$0.479033 / kg)	16.12.2016
FOB Mumbai Port, MH	US\$ 660 / MT (Grade: Sortex; Qty.: 21 MT - 20' FCL)	\$0.66 / kg	13.12.2016
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, Sichuan	14.40 CNY / kg (Yunnan origin)	\$2.06920 / kg	17.12.2016
Shikaripura, Karnataka	11000~12600 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 12000 INR / quintal	\$1.62134~\$1.85717 / kg (Modal price: \$1.76874/ kg)	16.12.2016
FOB Mumbai Port, MH	US\$ 2145 / MT (Grade: Europe; Qty. 12.5 MT 20' FCL)	\$2.145 / kg	13.12.2016
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
Yulin, Guangxi	10.00 CNY / kg	\$1.43695 / kg	17.12.2016
ISPAGHULA SEED			
Botanical name: <i>Plantago ovata</i> Sanskrit: Sat isabgola, Isabgola 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
Unjha, Gujarat	11055~11755 INR / quintal (= 100 kg); Modal price: 11400 INR / quintal	\$1.62945~\$1.73263 / kg (Modal price: \$1.68030/ kg)	13.12.2016
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	40.00 CNY / kg (wild-collected Sichuan)	\$5.74779 / kg	17.12.2016
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			
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	9.50 CNY / kg (wild-collected Xinjiang)	\$1.36510 / kg	17.12.2016
Bozhou, Anhui	8.00 CNY / kg (wild-collected Inner Mongolia)	\$1.14956 / kg	17.12.2016
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	4200~4600 INR/ quintal (Modal price: 4500 INR / quintal; wild-collected)	\$0.619058~\$0.678016 / kg (Modal price: \$0.663277 / kg)	16.12.2016
RHUBARB ROOT, CHINESE			
Botanical name(s): <i>Rheum palmatum</i> , <i>R. tanguticum</i> , or <i>R. officinale</i> Chinese: Da huang (大黄) / Tibetan: lCum-rtsa (ལུམ་རྩ་ཅི་མེད་ཅི་མེད་) 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.		
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		TO US\$ / kg	
Chengdu, Sichuan	21.00 CNY / kg (wild-collected Sichuan)	\$3.01759 / kg	17.12.2016
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
Chengdu, Sichuan	130.00 CNY / kg (Liaoning origin)	\$18.6803 / kg	17.12.2016
SCHISANDRA FRUIT - SOUTHERN			
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	21.50 CNY / kg (wild collected)	\$3.08944 / kg	17.12.2016
SENNA LEAF			
Botanical name: <i>Cassia angustifolia</i> Arabic: sanā (سنامیکی أوراق) / Chinese: fan xie yi (番瀉葉 or 番泻叶) / Sanskrit: 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\$ 690 / MT (Indian origin; Prime 3; Qty: 26 MT 40' FCL)	\$0.69 / kg	13.12.2016
Chengdu, Sichuan	8.00 CNY / kg (imported)	\$1.14956 / kg	17.12.2016
SENNA POD			
Botanical name: <i>Cassia angustifolia</i> Arabic: قرن - جراب سنامیکی 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\$ 1180 / MT (Qty: 26 MT 40' FCL)	\$1.18 / kg	13.12.2016
SICKLE-POD SENNA SEED			

Botanical name: <i>Cassia tora</i> Chinese name: jue ming zi (决明子) / Sanskrit name: prapunnada Pharmacopoeial name: Cassiae semen			
Medicinal uses:	Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) skin diseases; b) disorders due to ulcers; c) taeniasis (tapeworms); d) hemiplegia (paralysis); e) constipation; f) abdominal lump; g) helminthiasis (worm infestation); h) eczema; i) itching; j) asthma; k) cough.		
	Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) inflammation of the eye with pain; b) photophobia (eye discomfort in bright light) and lacrimation (abnormal secretion of tears); c) headache; d) dizziness; e) blurred vision; f) constipation.		
MARKET	PRICE	CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg	DATE OF PRICE
Chengdu, Sichuan	5.00 CNY / kg (Origin: imported)	\$0.718473 / kg	17.12.2016
ZEDOARY RHIZOME			
Botanical name(s): <i>Curcuma zedoaria</i> ; <i>C. phaeocaulis</i> , <i>C. kwangsiensis</i> , <i>C. aromatica</i> (syn. <i>C. wenyujin</i>); Chinese name: e zhu (莪术) / Sanskrit name: karcura Pharmacopoeial name: Curcumae rhizoma			
Medicinal uses:	Traditional Ayurvedic Medicine: a) piles; b) hiccup; c) fever; d) cough; e) helminthiasis / worm infestation; f) skin diseases; g) asthma; h) abdominal lump; i) splenic disease; j) goiter.		
	Traditional Chinese Medicine: a) mass in the abdomen; b) amenorrhea due to <i>blood stasis</i> ; c) distension and pain due to stagnation of undigested food; d) carcinoma of cervix at early stage.		
MARKET	PRICE	CONVERTED TO US\$ / kg	DATE OF PRICE
Chengdu, Sichuan	13.00 CNY / kg (Guangxi origin)	\$1.86803 / kg	17.12.2016

Price Sources

China:

- 🌐 Chengdu Traditional Chinese Medicine Price Index: <http://www.ysindex.com>
- 🌐 Chinese Medicinal Herb E-Commerce Office: <http://www.zyctd.com/> and <http://www.zyccst.com/>

Egypt:

- 🌐 Private companies

India:

- 🌐 Agmarknet, Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India: <http://agmarknet.nic.in/arrivals1.htm>
- 🌐 National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPD) Mandi Price List, prepared by Federation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Stakeholders (FEDMAPS): <http://nmpb.nic.in/>
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- 🌐 Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources: <http://www.ansab.org/>

USA:

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