



## New product Lime Leaves

We have just received our stock of Thai air dried Lime leaves. These are also available in a kibbled or ground form. Call Natco Ingredients for further information.

## Cardamoms

The new crop from Guatemala and Honduras will start in October/early November. Crop estimates are around 25,000 mt for Guatemala, up 6,000 mt on the 2004 crop. Prices are likely to remain stable, if not slightly weaker in December. Currently good quality whole greens are difficult to get hold of, as this year's crop was "quality poor". Natco Ingredients offers a wide range of Cardamom products from Whole Greens, Seeds to ground material.

## Birds Eye Chilli

This year's crop from Zimbabwe is a disaster, as farmers did not plant. Malawi however has a good crop and a "carry over" from last year, so prices, although a little higher, have not taken off. We do recommend covering requirements on a forward basis, as prices are likely to get firmer.

## Vanilla

The market continues its decline in price. Madagascar has plenty of stock and suppliers are concerned at the level of competition from other countries such as Indonesia, PNG and India. Prices are not currently at the low levels experienced in the late 90's, but heading south. Our advice is to buy what is required for short periods of time, rather than covering forward, as we believe prices may ease further. Natco Ingredients supplies all grades of packing and extraction Vanilla from most origins. We also supply Vanilla powder.

## Mace

This market has eased a bit in price, as importers are strongly competing with each other. Although prices are weak at the moment, we do not expect this to continue indefinitely and we suggest covering now on a forward basis. We offer ground mace and whole mace for packing from Grenada and Indonesia.

## Update on Natco's new production facility

Some staff are already at the new plant in Buckingham and stock is being moved into position. Most staff will be relocated by the end of September.



## in short...

### Bay Leaves

The market remains up and strong, due to a smaller crop this year and good demand. We offer a wide range of whole leaves to kibbled/ground material natural and heat treated.

### Black Sesame Seed

We are currently offering our stock of Indian 99.9% purity Black Sesame at £0.55/kg delivered. Please call for further info. Sesame Seed from India is currently going up, so we recommend buying your "hulled 99.9% purity" sesame now.

### Cinnamon Quills C5 Specials

Packers will soon be buying stocks for the Christmas trade. We have 3" and 6" in stock. Please call for further information.

### Tandoori Masala

We are now offering a grade without artificial colour, to meet rising demand. Please ask for details.

### Pimento

This market eased back throughout July to the lowest levels seen for 6 months. However, in the last few days, prices have turned around and are headed North again. We strongly suggest buying now your requirements for the next 6 months at least. We offer "Re-cleaned" packing quality Mexican Pimento and a ground Pimento.

### Steam Sterilized herbs and spices

A short reminder that Natco Ingredients offers a full range of whole and ground Steam sterilized spices and herbs either as single ingredients or as a blend. Please test us on our prices !!