



FRESH VEGETABLE

Yam

ORIGIN	Kerala · Tamil Nadu · West Bengal
SEASON	Oct–Mar
CERTIFICATIONS	APEDA · FSSAI · GAP

DESCRIPTION

Yam is one of India's most consistent ambient-shipped fresh vegetable exports. Two distinct species drive demand: **Elephant Foot Yam** (*Amorphophallus paeoniifolius*, locally known as Suran or Senai), primarily sourced from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal — and **Greater Yam** (*Dioscorea alata*) from the same belts. Zoem sources mainly from Thrissur and Palakkad (Kerala) and Salem (Tamil Nadu). Tubers are post-harvest cured (brief sun-drying to harden the skin), graded by weight (**Small** 1–2 kg, **Medium** 2–4 kg, **Large** 4–7 kg), and packed in jute or HDPE mesh bags. Ships in **ambient ventilated containers** — no refrigeration needed — with 60–90 day shelf life from packing. Major markets: UAE, Saudi Arabia, UK, USA, Canada, Singapore, and Caribbean diaspora retail.

TRADE SPECIFICATIONS

HS Code	07143000 (Yams, fresh, chilled or dried)
Botanical Names	<i>Amorphophallus paeoniifolius</i> (Elephant Foot) · <i>Dioscorea alata</i> (Greater Yam)
Origin States	Kerala (primary), Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Odisha
Varieties	Elephant Foot Yam (Suran), Greater Yam, regional cultivars
Weight Grades	Small 1–2 kg · Medium 2–4 kg · Large 4–7 kg
Packaging	Jute or HDPE mesh bags, 25 kg / 50 kg; jumbo bags for bulk
Container loading	Approx. 22–25 MT per 40' container (ambient ventilated)
Temperature	Ambient ventilated (no refrigeration needed)
Shelf life	60–90 days from packing in cool dry storage
Shipping ports	Chennai, Cochin, Kolkata, Tuticorin
Lead Time	7–14 days from confirmed order.
Transit Times	Gulf: 7–10 days · UK / Europe: 18–25 days · USA / Canada: 25–35 days · Southeast Asia: 10–14 days.
Indicative Pricing	USD 0.50–1.10 / kg FOB India (varies with weight grade and season)
Certifications	APEDA, FSSAI, GAP-certified farms, MSME/Udyam, IEC: AXMPP4078J, NABL pre-shipment testing