The National Research Centre for Litchi (NRCL) estimates an overall increase in India's lychee production, citing good climatic conditions, favourable humidity and a mild and prolonged winter resulting in an increased flowering during March and April, according to the Times of India.

The only set back the recent heat wave in northern India that may damage some lychee crops in the Muzaffarpur region unless growers take extra precautions to protect the crops, the Times reports.

As long as crops are well managed, the NRCL estimates an increase of 10-12 per cent, while wholesale traders told the Times they're looking at a 25 per cent increase in lychees compared to last year.

India's lychee season generally runs from May to June, with the country exporting the fruit to the Middle East, Bangladesh and Nepal.