

SPICES

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Overview:

- Indian Spices Exports Declined in April-May
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- Indian Black Pepper Export Declined; Oleoresin Increased
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News Highlights:

Indian Spices Exports Declined in April-May

Supply pressure from other origins seems to have pushed down the exports of chilli, coriander, cardamom etc in April-May 2005-06 compared to the 2004-05 same period. Export of chilli had dropped to 22000 tonnes valued at Rs 75.90 crore from 26762 tonnes worth Rs 98.42 crore in the same period last year. Export of coriander fell to 5250 tonnes worth Rs 13.86 crore from 9017 tonnes worth Rs 20.58 crore. Celery, fennel, fenugreek, other seeds, pepper, cardamom, mint products are some others that showed a decline. However, export of garlic went up sharply to 3850 tonnes in April-May 2005-06 from 227 tonnes in the same period in 2004-05 on short supply from other producing countries. Turmeric, in which India has a monopoly, maintained its upward trend. Mr Thomas Philip, Chairman, All India Spices Exporters Forum reported that Improvement in chilli production in China this year has resulted in the drop in chilli exports, as its price is on declining trend buyers are waiting for it to fall further. He also told that a good crop in other producing countries hit coriander exports from India. Oleoresins and spice oils exports rose to 925 tonnes in comparison to previous year 904 tonnes for same period. The total exports in the first two months of this financial year declined to Rs 350.19 crore from Rs 389.68 crore in previous year.

Kerala HC Directed Commerce Ministry to Stop Chilli Adulteration

The Kerala High Court has ordered the ministry of commerce to take steps to stop blending Sudan-1 in chilly powder exported from India. Commerce secretary informed the court that appropriate steps had already been initiated and he had sent letters to all the concerned secretaries of states for the stoppage of adulteration. The presence of Sudan 1, a dye used for colouring fabric, in chilly powder exported from India was due to the use of palmolein and cotton seed oil. According to chilly exporters, these oils are

used in chilly powder to provide colour and a long shelf life. One of the oils is sprayed while chilly powder is blended and Sudan dye is used for refining palmolein and cotton seed oil. They said this was the reason of presence of Sudan 1 in Indian chilly powder exported to European countries in 2003. Spices Board had suspended licences of three major exporters for adulterating chilly powder with Sudan 1 and the incident had affected the goodwill of Indian spices in the foreign markets badly. Exporters also said that the mixing of palmolein and cotton seed oil is done on the request of the importers.

"Flavourit" Picking Up in US Markets

Superior quality Indian spices in attractive packs and under the brand name Flavourit will soon occupy the shelves of mainstream supermarkets across the US, thanks to the efforts of the Spices Board. We are targeting the large number of high-income Indo-American families concentrated in various parts of this State, such as Silicon Valley. The products in multiple packs containing 12 spices in three different packets would be positioned in mainstream markets there. Commonly used spices such as black and white pepper, cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, cumin, fennel and herbs such as rosemary and parsley are being marketed now. The Board embarked on this venture based on a marketing study conducted in the US by an international agency it appointed some time ago. The study found potential for value-added good quality spices. Convinced of the potential, the Union Government has shown interest in financing a publicity campaign in the US to promote the Flavourit brand. In fact, the Board had already started e-marketing the famous Tellicherry Garbled Extra Bold (TGEB) black pepper and Alleppey Green Extra Bold (AGEB) cardamom as well as vanilla in March. The latest addition is vanilla extract (vanillin). Other spices would be gradually added to the menu. The response so far has been encouraging from within the country and abroad and the demand is on the increase. The Flavourit brand is promoted and the quality of the spices assured by the

Board while its marketing is undertaken by the Spices Trading Corporation Ltd (STCL) in partnership with Indian Posts, IDBI, HDFC, UTI and Citibank. The products could be booked through head post offices in India and a dedicated online system for delivery anywhere in the world. Spices Board chairman Explained why the Board has embarked on this venture. He said that the History has it that Indian spices were sold at 100 times their original value in the consuming markets of Europe. While we know that the export of spices added to the revenues of Indian princes and made canons, gunpowder and muskets freely available to them, very little is known about the condition of the spice growers in India during those days. In more ways than one, the inequalities of the trade continue even today. The introduction of Flavourit is, therefore, an attempt to re-establish their identity and get for our spice growers a fair share of the value realised in the spice trade. This would also provide a marketing channel for the growers of cardamom, vanilla and pepper and more particularly to those who have taken up organic production of spices with the encouragement of the Board. The spices would be procured directly from spice farmers" groups. Surpluses generated from the business would be ploughed back in promoting the demand for these and other Indian spices worldwide. The Spices Board Chairman also said that We hope to establish the identity of Indian vanilla, a recent introduction of an exotic spice hitherto confined to Bourbon (now known as Reunion and Comoros islands) and some other islands of Polynesia. It also seeks to re-establish the identity of the once popular Indian spice grades such as TGEB pepper and AGEB cardamom.

Indian Black Pepper Export Declined; Oleoresin Increased

Indian black pepper's demand has weakened in the global markets, however, local pepper continues to be costlier by at least \$50 than pepper from other countries. Currently, spot price for garbled black pepper is Rs 6200 a quintal, Rs 100 down from last week and that of un-garbled pepper is Rs 5800. Traders said Sri Lankan pepper, which is being offered at \$1260 a tonne for delivery in ports like Mumbai and Kochi, was the greatest threat for Indian traders as the Indian pepper was still hovering around \$1500. At present, the monthly average export from India was to the tune of 500-700 tonne and it was mainly to countries like Canada, who prefer MG-1 grade. Though Vietnam is the largest exporter in the world market, they were not aggressive at present due shortage of supply. According to estimates, Vietnam has exported 50000 tonne of pepper so far and still had a stock of around 30000-35000 tonne. The next production season in Vietnam will commence in January 2006 and local traders claim that they will not be aggressive till then. Price of ASTA grade is \$1350 in Vietnam and that of 500 gm/litre is \$1150. Brazil and Indonesia offer higher prices than Vietnam at \$1425-\$1450 and \$1400-\$1425 respectively. Market sources said that the local market was also very weak as the north Indian buyers were very active in the upcountry markets of Karnataka, especially in Coorg. Indian market was hitching all hopes on the export incentive scheme expected to be announced soon. Meanwhile, export of pepper had decreased during last fiscal as per the statistics of Spices Board. In 2004-05 total export was 14150 tonne valued at Rs 121.40 crore. Total export in 2003-04 was 16635 tonne valued at Rs 142.77 crore. But the export of oleoresin, oil and powder had increased by 11 per cent in quantity and 4 per cent in value.

Commerce Minister Calls Meet to Discuss Fall in Vanilla Prices

Apart from the Spices Board, growers, traders and experts would be attending the meeting, convened by Union commerce minister Kamal Nath. The price decline after a crop revival in Madagascar, the world's leading vanilla producer, had sparked a controversy late last year. Prices declined because the production situation in Madagascar has improved and there has been an increase in the production of vanilla beans. Among those invited to Monday's meeting are representatives of the Karnataka-based Natural Vanilla India and the All-Kerala Vanilla Growers Association. Indian exports had picked up during the last fiscal to 43 tonne from 27tonne the previous year. At present, the extra grade is being sold at \$ 30-35 a kg and the A grade at \$50-60. The meeting would assess the situation as high price would force several to switch over to synthetic vanilla which would hit the producers of natural vanilla. The minister asked the State Trading Corporation of India to conduct a study to figure out the exact demand for vanilla in India and abroad. The study is also aimed at increasing vanilla consumption in the country. He said the government would monitor imports of natural vanilla beans to protect the interests of Indian vanilla growers. Officials from the agriculture ministry, Spices Board and representatives from vanilla growers associations also took part in the meeting. Early this month, the Spices Board had said it has stepped up relief measures for vanilla growers who are reeling under the impact of declining prices. The centre has provided Rs 140 crores assistance to the Board, the bulk of which would be spent to boost vanilla exports. Indian vanilla farmers had increased production after the cyclone hoping for better prices in global markets. However, with the resurgence of Madagascar output, Indian farmers took a hit as global prices started falling. Small and marginal farmers carry out vanilla farming in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. It is grown over nearly 1000 hectares.

Black Pepper Imports from Lanka Creates Selling Pressure on Prices

Black pepper prices, both spot and futures, declined on reports of increased arrivals from Sri Lanka at low prices and a consequent selling pressure in the Coorg region of Karnataka. Despite the procurement of about 5000 tonnes of black pepper by the Kerala Government agency at Rs 75 a kg, the prices failed to move up, Trade sources pointed out. In Indonesia, there is said to be selling pressure leading to a reduction in prices to \$1400 a tonne. Brazil is offering nearby positions at \$1450-\$1475 a tonne. However, expectations are that it might bring down the prices for October/November/December to \$1375-\$1400 a tonne. India is also offering at \$1450-\$1475 a tonne. Sri Lankan harvesting has begun and it is likely to dump the entire produce in India. According to trading sources here, there is a risk of high moisture content at 13-14 per cent in imported pepper. This has to be strictly looked into by the health authorities. Besides, oil washing is also done against the rules existent here. Since the shipments are directly sent to inland container depots in North India, monitoring these aspects might be difficult. Market sources also told that the imports from Sri Lanka must be allowed only through one port so that these quality factors could be checked. After ruling steady during last week, spot prices on Monday fell by Rs 100 a quintal. MG 1 and un-garbled was sold at Rs 6200 and Rs 5800 a quintal as against Rs 6300 and Rs 5900 a quintal, respectively last Monday. Futures prices on Monday were July Rs 5952 as against Rs

6201 on June 20, August Rs 6133 (Rs 6389), September Rs 6221 (Rs 6481), October Rs 6432 (Rs 6701), November Rs 6573 (Rs 6848) and December Rs 6572 (Rs 6847) a quintal. Supplies from Coorg are meeting domestic demand, where the growers anticipating huge imports from

Sri Lanka, are liquidating their crop at Rs 60.50-62.50 a kg. The arrivals at the terminal market have dropped to 10-15 tonnes as the investors who have been buying spot and selling futures have abstained from the market following the decline in prices in other exchanges.

India Spices-Export Sales Summary

(Metric tons)

Name of the Spices	2003-04 Apr-Mar	2004-05 Apr-Mar	Apr-May 2004-05	Apr-May 2005-06	Apr 2005
Pepper	16,700	14,150	2,300	2,200	1,100
Cardamom (Small)	690	650	90	70	40
Cardamom (Large)	800	950	130	210	135
Chilli	81,500	138,000	25,000	22,000	9,500
Ginger	5,000	13,000	350	950	500
Turmeric	34,500	43,000	10,500	9,500	5,000
Coriander	21,000	33,750	9,250	5,250	2,750
Cumin	6,700	13,750	1,500	1,500	1,000
Celery	4,400	4,100	475	400	250
Fennel	5,200	7,100	2,550	1,250	750
Fenugreek	7,500	13,750	2,600	2,950	1,750
Other Seeds*	10,000	11,100	5,500	2,950	1,750
Garlic	3,500	2,250	200	3,850	3,100
Nutmeg & Mace	1,450	1,250	115	230	130
Vanilla	26	38	8	6	3
Other Spices**	24,000	16,000	3,250	3,750	2,250
Curry Powder	7,600	7,750	1,350	1,200	550
Mint Oil	11,250	9,300	1,900	1,350	600
Spice Oil and Oleoresins	4,750	5,600	900	925	450
Total	246,566	335,488	67,968	60,541	31,608

* Include Aniseed, Bishops Weed (Ajwanseed), Dill Seed, Poppy Seed, Mustard, etc.

** Include Tamarind, Asafoetida, Cinnamon, Cassia, Kokam, Saffron, etc.

Source: DGCI&S data and India Customs

Domestic Prices For the week ending 25.06.2005:

Spice	Grade/Variety	Market	Price For The Week (25.06.05) (RS/KG)	Price For The Week (18.06.05) (RS/KG)	Last Month Same Week (28.05.05) (RS/KG)	Last Year Same Week (26.06.2004) (RS/KG)
Black pepper*	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	Cochin	62.83	63.67	61.17	73.16
Cardamom (small) (auction price)	Ungraded	Vandanmettu	No Auction	292.11	301.18	368.38
Cardamom (large)	Cardamom (large)	Gangtok	91.25	77.50	63.75	103.75
Chilli	Cold storage non -cold storage	Guntur	22.30	-	-	30.00
			15.50	16.00	-	22.00
Ginger	Unbleached (new)	Cochin	120.00	120.00	120.00	150.00
Turmeric	Alleppey finger (aft)	Cochin	50.00	50.00	50.00	55.00
	Rajapuri	Mumbai	51.25	51.25	50.75	56.50
Coriander	Indori 5%	"	18.38	18.00	17.88	17.63
Cumin	1%	"	71.63	71.88	65.63	83.13
Fennel		"	50.63	53.75	53.75	45.00
Fenugreek	No. 1	"	15.63	15.63	14.50	15.13
Garlic	Medium	"	13.00	12.50	12.50	22.50
Clove	- Grade 1	Cochin, Nagarcoil	220.00	220.00	220.00	210.83
			250.00	240.00	240.00	250.00
Nutmeg	With shell	Cochin	75.00	75.00	93.33	85.00
	With out shell	Cochin	132.00	132.50	168.33	142.50
Cinnamon		Delhi	47.50	47.50	47.50	49.50
Cassia		Chennai	52.50	49.50	52.50	51.00

International Spot Prices for the week ending 24.06.2005:

Spice	Origin/Grade	Market	Price For The Week (24.06. 05) (US\$/TON)	Price For The Week (17.06. 05) (US\$/TON)	Last Month Same Week (27.05.05) (US\$/TON)	Last Year Same Week (25.06. 04) (US\$/TON)
Black pepper	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	New York	1698	1698	1698	1698
Cardamom * (small)	Fancy green Indian Asta (8 mm)	New York, Saudi Arabia	8820	8820	8820	9922
			10630	10610	10140	11780
Chillies	Indian sannm-4 (stem less)	New York	1213	1213	1213	1411
Ginger	India cochin	New York	3418 (*Future)	3518 (*Future)	3528* (Future)	4410
	Chinese peeled	New York	3087	3087	3198	2095
Turmeric	Indian ground India	New York	1213	1213	1213	1213
			2051	2051	2051	1985
	Alleppey finger					
Garlic	Chinese	New York	1808	1698	1632	1213
Coriander	Canada	New York	772	772	772	816
Cumin	Syrian India	New York	1810	1810	1742	1940
			2029	2029	2072	2183
Fennel	Indian Asta Egyptian	New York	1411	1411	1411	1213
			1367	1367	1367	1257
Fenugreek	India/turkey	New York	750	750	750	750
Clove	Mad/zanz/com/ Indo Sri Lanka (hand picked)	New York	3859	3859	3924	3638
			7166	7166	7166	7717
Cassia	Vera c/w a volatile oil content	New York	1455	1455	1455	1455
Cinnamon	Ceylon h2 cinnamon (soft bark)	New York	4630	4630	4630	4630

Market Analysis:

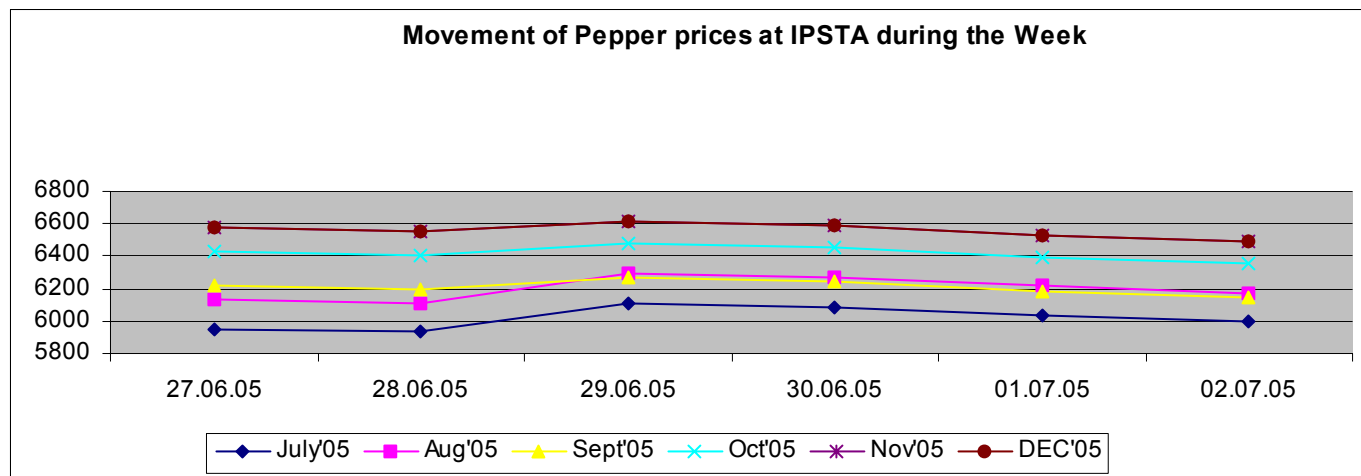
Price Trends Analysis:

Pepper:

A Brief Weekly Fundamental Analysis of IPSTA Pepper Futures Trading

The pepper prices at Indian Pepper and Spice Trading Association (IPSTA) Vayda

Shown steady sentiment for first two days then range bound upward trend for one day, again from 29th range bound downward trend upto the weekend. Reported down sliding from U\$ 1425 per tonnes to 1325 per tonnes in fresh quoting likely to affect the Indian market also. The difference in competitive prices of Indonesian pepper 1300 to 1450 US\$ per tonne in world market. The central governments decision to lift ban on import of Black pepper (light berries) going to benefit oleoresin industry but not going to affect the market prices if there mall practises not takes place. But supply pressure of cheap import from Sri Lanka may move prices more southwards in coming weeks.



Prices at the National Commodities and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) pepper movement continued in the range bound with declining trend in prices. July contract, which touched a high of 6525 point on 28th June, again and reached at a low of 6350 point on 2nd July at weekend.

There is likely to be range bound downward movement with chances of positive correction in prices during coming week. July contract will trade in the range of 6200-6411 point in coming week.

Movement of Garbled and Ungarbled prices at Kochi during the week (Rs/quintal):

Pepper	27.06.05	28.06.05	29.06.05	30.06.05	01.07.05	02.07.05
Ungarbled	5900	5900	5900	5900	5900	5800
Garbled	6300	6300	6300	6300	6300	6200

Monday, Thursday there was no arrivals as well as trade reported, Tuesday 30 tonnes, Wednesday 20 tonnes, Friday 30 tonnes and Saturday 10 tonnes arrivals and traded on the respective day itself. Prices were firm upto Friday then decrease by Rs 100 per quintal on Saturday in comparison with previous week. Now there are still chances of slight Prices decline in the market in coming week

Delhi terminal mandi the prices during early weekdays were in the firm movement due to steady demand in the north Indian markets. Prices were more or less same in all the grades over previous week. Prices may further move slight downward in coming weeks as supply pressure from Coorg and Sri Lanka.

Turmeric:

Erode mandi

Arrival in mandi recorded 3500-4000 bags daily. The price increased by Rs.100-150 per bag in all grades in the

Pepper	25.06.05	02.07.05
Golden Unpolished	65-66	65-66
11.5	75-76	75-76
No. 12	90-91	90-91

Note: Prices are in Rs. Per Kg.

starting of the week again came more or less same as in the previous week. This time production projections are about 43-45 lakh bags, which was previous year about 36

lakh bags, About 1.5-2.0 lakh bags are still in mandi as old stocks. So there are still more chances of upward movement in prices when demand will increase in coming Months. Only Kolkota quality was in the range of Rs 1825-1850 per bag, which was same as the last week. The increase in prices is mainly due good demand in the mandi. Prices would likely remain steady in coming week.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Loose Finger	2350-2475	2400-2450
Bilty	2775	2775
Loose Gattah	2300-2325	2150-2200
Bilty	2600	2500
Loose SP Gattah	2300-2400	2300-2350
Bilty	2725	2700
Loose DP Gattah (Salem)	2500-2550	2450-2500
Bilty	2850	2800
Kolkata Quality Bilty (75 kg)	1825-1850	1825-1850

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.; NR: Not Reported;(1 bag=65 Kg)

Nizamabad Mandi

Daily arrival in mandi is about in the range of 500-700 bags per day. Production is Nizamabad area about 25-30 percent less than the previous year. Prices were in the range of 2400-2450, which was improved by Rs 50 per bag in comparison to previous week. Prices for unpolished grades were in the range of Rs. 2150-2200 per bag. There are fair chances that prices may likely to remain firm in coming weeks.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Nizamabad Gattah	2350	2450
Nizamabad Finger	2450	2400

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.; NR: Not reported

Warangal mandi: Turmeric crop daily arrivals in the market with 700-800 bags. Coming day's arrivals may be range bound. The prices are at Rs.2350 for gattah and finger, which were Rs. 50 more than the previous week.

Delhi Mandi

Delhi terminal mandi arrivals are about 25 tonnes per day in week days. The prices were observed between 2600 and 4200 per Qtl. Erode polish gattah were traded between 2600 and 3200 per Qtl. While Nizamabad finger is spotted between 2700 to 3050 per Qtl. Due to firm demand prices were up by Rs 50-100 per quintal in all grades except in Erode finger mini Selam.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Nizamabad finger	2600-3050	2700-3050
Erode Finger mini Selam	3050-3200	3050-3200
Erode single polish Gattah	2575-2650	2600-2700

Erode Double polish Gattah	3000-3200	3100-3200
Warangal polish	2400-2600	2500-2600
Selam Finger	4000-4200	4000-4200

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.

Clove:

Delhi mandi now days coupled with firm demand and short supply. The prices were shoot up in the range of Rs 15-25 per kg in comparison to previous week. The news of Government's decision to check on import from the Sri-Lanka, Madagascar, Indonesia created up trend in prices. In coming week there are chances of firm prices.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Indonesia	215-220	215-245
Ketan	222-228	222-250
Colombo	182-185	182-205
Madagascar	185-190	185-210
Zanzibar	222-225	222-240

Note: Prices are in Rs/Kg

In **Hyderabad mandi** Indonesian clove grade is fetching Rs. 222 per kg. While Colombo grade is for Rs. 202 per kg. Prices to likely to move firm during coming week due fair amount of domestic demand.

Cumin:

Unjha Mandi

Prices were remaining more or less same over the previous week in all grades. The average arrivals of only around 500-600 bags per day, in comparison to 5000 bags per day previous week. This arrival was mainly from local area, near by places. The trade was almost nil as there were continuous rains in Gujarat. Due to floods Cumin traders are not able to send deliveries to other places. Market sources told that there is not much export demand coming, only small bit amount export demand from Middle East, which may effect positively on prices in coming weeks. The prices will show more improvement in coming week when the weather condition and communication will improve.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Kisan Mal-FAQ	1350-1720	1350-1720
Ganesh	1400-1485	1400-1485
M/c. Cleaned	1550-1660	1550-1660
Sup. M/c. Cleaned	1650-1760	1650-1760

Note: Prices are in Rs/20 Kg

In Hyderabad mandi the rates of kisan mal-FAQ grade was reported between Rs.1520-1700/20kg.during the week.

Delhi Mandi:

In Delhi mandi the Cumin price is ranged between Rs. 70 to 95 per kg based on grade, which were more or less same as in the previous week. Trade was range bound upward sentiment during this week with firm trading during coming week expected due to firm demand. Next week prices likely to see some improvement in coming week.

Delhi Mandi during week		(Rs/Kg)
Grade	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Chalu	72.00-78.00	70.00-78.00
Ganesh	77.00-79.00	77.00-79.00
M/c Cleaned	78.00-85.00	75.00-85.00
Best	87.00-95.00	87.00-95.00

Red Chillies:

Guntur Mandi:

Guntur mandi opened all the days in week prices for uncold were in the range of Rs 900-1500 per quintal and for cold were in the range

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
COLD	1800-2200	1600-2300
UNCOLD	1000-1500	900-1500
WHB	1800-2200	2300-2400
Byadgi	1800-2000	2300-2400
Sannam Best	2200-2300	2000-2200
Sannam Med. Best	1800-2200	1600-2200
Namdhari	1800-2000	1800-2000
273	1800-2000	1800-2000
Guntur Fullcut	3500	3300-3500
Ankur	2500-2600	2300-2400
Phatki	600	600-800
Indo5	1800-2000	2000-2200
Tejaseed	2400-2500	2300-2400
Roshni	1800-2000	1700-2000

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qt, NR-Not Reported

of Rs 1600-2300 per quintal based on the quality of chilly and the moisture percentage. Regarding stock market is over stock from the beginning. Daily arrivals were in the range of 25000 bags of cold and 15000 bags per day for un cold up to the weekend. As some export demand from Sri Lanka and domestic demand also picking up so there are some chances of slight upward movement of prices in near future. In coming week market will move in with slight upward movement with steady prices.

Warangal mandi: Mandi getting daily arrival of 1000-1500 bags per day. The export demand also started in small amounts that were earlier just nil. Prices are more or less same from the previous week except in case of some grades where prices declined by Rs 50-100 per quintal due to poor quality arrivals. In near future there are fair chances of firm prices due to arrival coming down drastically day-by-day and demand also picking up, as it was silent earlier. So there was no more downfall expected in near future. Price sentiment will remain steady with more chances of slight improvement.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
COLD	1800-2400	1700-2400
UNCOLD	1200-1850	800-1500
Red Top	1200-2200	1200-2100
Phatki	200-500	150-600
WHB	1200-2550	1800-2400
Indo 5	2000-2350	1900-2100
Ankur	NR	NR
Chapata	2800-3400	2800-3400

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qt NR-Not Reported

Delhi Mandi: opened all the day in the week. Prices were improved by Rs.100-200 per quintal in different grades during week than the previous week. Now arrivals mostly coming from (MP), Guntur, Nagpur and are of 3500-5000 bags daily. Trading is around of 1900 bags daily. Mostly trading confined to Guntur and Nagpur grade. There are chances that price may remain steady due to increase in demand in coming week.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Guntur Pala	2200-2700	2300-2800
Guntur Fullcut	3700-4000	3800-4200
Guntur Packing (new)	2600-2900	2600-3200
Nagpur Pala	2000-2400	2200-2400
Nagpur Fullcut	2800-3300	3000-3300
Nagpur Packing	2400-2600	2400-2600
Indore Pala	NR	NR
Indore Fullcut	NR	NR
Indore Packing	NR	NR

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qt; NR-Not Reported

Cardamom:

Delhi mandi was on firm demand. Arrival was about 20000 kg daily on an average daily. The prices declined by Rs. 5 - 20 in different grades to previous week due to fair amount of imports entering into the domestic market and sluggish demand. In coming week there are expectations of firmness in prices in coming week when demand will pick up in July.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Panwali	245-260	240-260
Colour Robin	250-265	250-265
C Bold 6.5mm	265-290	260-290
Extra Bold 7mm	310-335	310-335
Ex Bold 7.5mm	360-390	360-390
Handpicked	470-500	450-500

Note: Prices are in Rs/kg

Hyderabad mandi prices of cardamom during week showed buying only in the new produce of Indian grade. The GM grades have limited buying support. The 7.5mm GM grade floating spotted at Rs. 310 per kg while the Indian origin one at 360 per kg. GM grade of 8.00mm spotted at Rs. 370 per kg. While of Indian origin found at Rs. 410 per kg. Guatemala (GM) cardamom is finding its way into the Indian market very easily as they are much cheaper than Indian one and their appearance are very similar to Indian produce. The prices were up by Rs 10-20 per Kg during the week in comparison to previous week in due to arrival of new crop in the market.

DATES	20June - 25 June.	27June - 02 July
Colour Robin	240-245GM origin	240 (IO)
C Bold 6.5mm	260-265 GM origin	260 (IO)
Extra Bold 7mm	275-280 GM origin	300 (IO)
Ex Bold 7.5mm	310-320GM origin	360 (IO)
8.00 mm	380-400 IO (8mm)	410 (IO)

Note: Prices are in Rs/kg; IO=Indian origin

Coriander:

Delhi Mandi during week

Prices were remain firm and more or less same in each grade at Delhi mandi in comparison to previous week. The arrivals are coming in sufficient quantities from the

Coriander Grade	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
FAQ (Chalu)	2200-2500	2200-2500
Medium	2700-2800	2700-2800
Green	3200-3500	3200-3500
Extra Green	4000-4500	4000-4500

Note: Rate Per Quintal

Rajasthan and Gunna & Jabra mandi from Madhya Pradesh. Chances of slight upside Prices in coming week when the demand is expected to pick up.

Kota Mandi

Total arrivals at Ramganj mandi remained at 2000-3000 bags average daily. The Kota mandi arrivals of 2000-2500 bags are recorded; Baran mandi 500-1000 bags daily while at Guna 500 bags and Kumbhraj mandi 300 bags daily arrivals were recorded. Arrivals and trade went down

drastically due to continuous rain in last week. The prices were more or less same in comparison to previous week. This year the production likely to be of 50 lakh bags and Old stock will be around of 25-30 lakh bags. Stocks are about 10 lakh bags in Ramganj, 4 lakh bags in Kota, 3.5 lakh bags in Guna and 2.5 lakh bags in Baran mandi. Thus total availability will be around of 80 lakh bags, which is sufficient to tackle the 80-lakh bags annual consumption. Prices are going remain slight up due increase in demand and decline in arrivals. There are chances of some more improvement in prices during coming weeks when it stops raining.

DATES	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Kota Badami (40 kg)	690-700	700-710
Kota Eagle (40 kg)	750-760	750-760
Ramganj Badami (loose per quintal)	1400-1500	1400-1450
Ramganj Eagle (loose per quintal)	1525-1600	1550-1600
Kota Badami (loose per quintal)	1400-1500	1400-1450
Kota Eagle (loose per quintal)	1525-1600	1550-1600

(1 bag=40 kg).

Methi

Kota mandi:

The arrival at the Kota mandi this week about 50-100 quintals, arrivals in Neemuch mandi was 200-300 quintal per day. Which is just 10 to 20 percent than the previous year as well as week, which was in the range of 1000 quintal per day. Prices were steady with no change in different grades as compared to last week. Chances of further improvement in prices in the coming weeks as there are chances of increase in demand due to some relief from stopping of continuous rains. The demand and prices both will pick in coming week if weather condition remain normal.

Methi Grade	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Methi (Uncleaned)	1225-1425	1225-1425
Methi (Cleaned)	1400-3200	1400-3200

Note: Rate Per bag (90 Kg. each)

Methi at **Delhi mandi** remained steady as was during the previous week. This year expected of one and half Lakh bags. The prices were more or less same as previous week. There are fair chances of improvement in prices in coming week.

Delhi Mandi Methi price

Methi Grade	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Chalu	1350-1500	1350-1500
Jabara	2100-2350	2100-2350
Better	2400-3000	2400-3000

Note: Rate Per quintal

Others Spices during week at Delhi Mandi

Rs. Per quintal

Other Spices	20June - 25 June	27June - 02 July
Bishop's weed (Ajwain)-Jawara	4000-4400	4000-4400
Bettlenut (Mettaplayam)	9300	9200
Cardamom brown (Jhundiwali)	10600-10700	10600-10700
Cardamom brown (Kanchicut)	11200-14500	12000-14500
Tamarind (seedless)	1800-3200	1800-3200
Dry ginger (superior quality)	16000-17000	16500-17500
Amchur (Khapta)	1800-2000	1800-2000
Mace (Jabetri)-(Cochin)	330-340	345-350
Nutmeg (Jaifal)-(Cochin)	185-195	175-185
Kalaunji	3700-4500	3700-4500
Poppy seed (Turkey)	158per kg.	164 per kg.
Saffron (Irani)	18000-19000	15000-16000

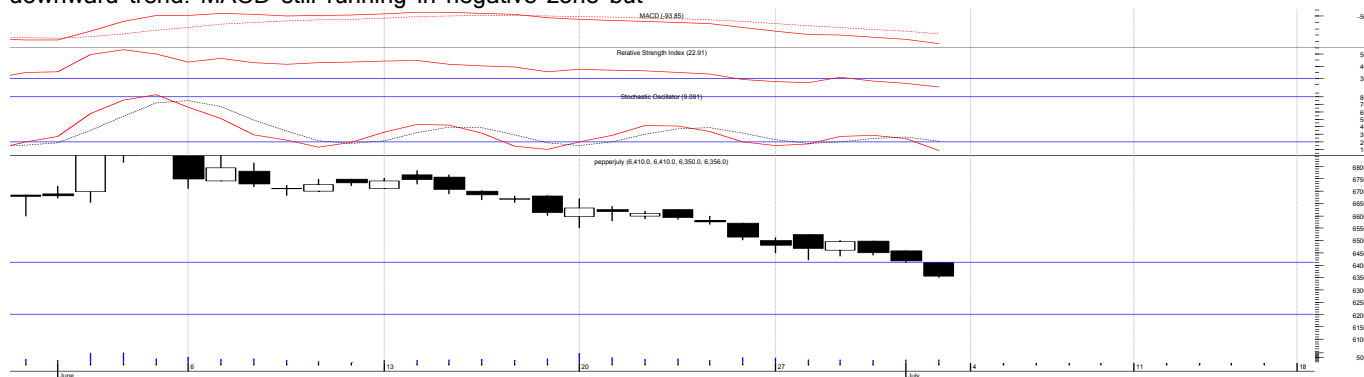
During week prices in Delhi mandi recorded increase in Cardamom brown Kanchicut, Dry Ginger, Mace (Jabetri) and poppy seed. There was decrease in the prices of Nutmeg and bettlenut. The significant decrease was seen in Saffron, which was declined by Rs 3000 per Kg from previous week. Other minor spices prices were more or less same in comparison to previous week.

Technical Analysis:

Commodity: Black Pepper

Contract Month: July 2005

Black candlestick patterns are indicating toward the downward trading during coming days. The positions are indicating toward down side movement during mid and last days of the coming week. The RSI in July contract showing that trading is going on in oversold region with range bound downward trend. MACD still running in negative zone but



Recommendation:

Technical analyses are indicating toward the downward trend in the coming week. The fundamental are giving range bound downward trend in prices due to supply pressure coupled with no improvement in domestic

Prices of Major Spices available in Major Rajasthan Mandi as on 02nd July, 05:

Arrivals of chilly at Jaipur was nil except on Thursday 30th 30 qtls which was highest, 2nd Saturday 6 qtls and at Jodhpur mandi no arrival recorded during weekdays. Prices of chilly were same at Jaipur and Jodhpur Mandis as on the previous week. Nimbaheda (Raj.) mandi arrival of Ajwain on 27th Monday 7 qtls, 29th Wednesday 2 quintals, 30th Thursday 3 quintals and on 1st July 8 quintals which was highest rest of the weekdays arrival was nil, prices were shoot up by Rs 200 per quintal from previous week. There was no arrival of cumin in Jaipur mandi during the week, but improvement in prices seen in the range of Rs 6300-6600 per quintal. Arrival of Methi in Jaipur mandi was nil in all weekdays. Prices declined by Rs 25-40 per qtl. In case of cumin prices pick up with chances of more improvement in coming weeks.

Name of Spice	Place	Rate (Rs. Per quintal)
Chilly Dry	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	3000
Chilly Dry	Jodhpur (Grain) Mandi	2500
Bishop's weed (Ajwain)	Nimbaheda Mandi	4150-4251
Jeera (Cumin)	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	6500-7000
Methi	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	1150-1225

July 2nd, 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

moving further towards oversold region was showing the sign bearish trend in trade. The stochastic is at 9.09 point with % k line below the % D line, sign of bearish movement and reaches in oversold region. These all indicators showing downward sentiment in trade and prices.

demand. Cashing the profit in short term as well as medium term is hold good. These all indicators showing downward trend with fair chances of positive correction in midweek or at weekend .The Technical support is at 6200 point and resistance at 6411 point for the coming week.

Technical Analysis:
Commodity: Turmeric
Contract Month: July 2005

July 2nd, 2005
Exchange: NCDEX

Candlesticks: The Candlesticks pattern indicates towards range bound upward trading movement in the coming week.

to take upward movement in prices as well as in trade in the coming week. MACD is bearish and RSI showing range bound upward movement in trade but MACD is still negative that means trade should be range bound.

Stochastic: The % K-line at 33.85 is above the % D line bullishness in the market. So in coming week market going



Recommendation:

Technical is for range bound upward movement in the coming week, overall prices likely to remain steady. As due

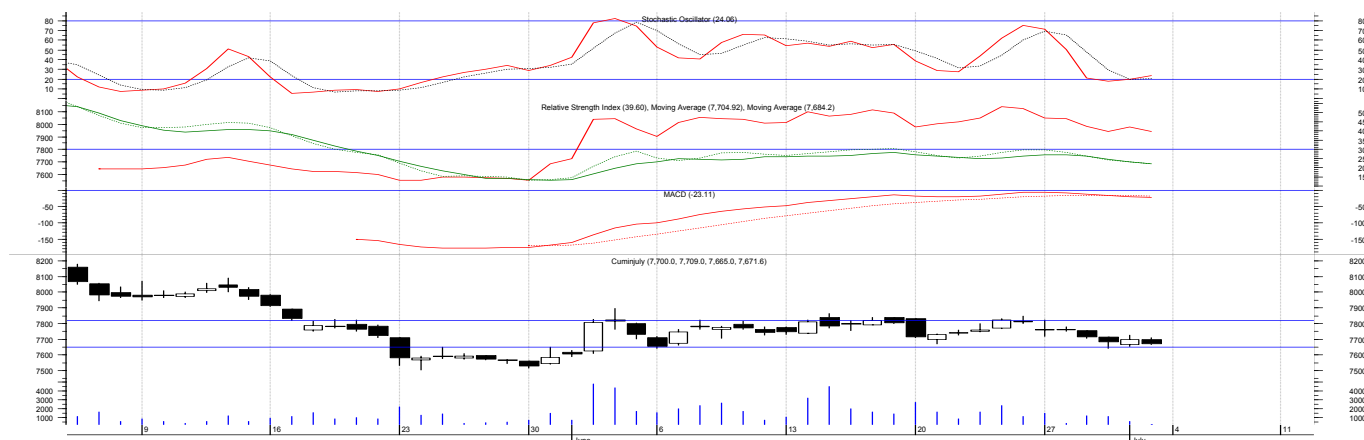
to Monsoon domestic as well as export demand is picking up so maximum chances of range bound upward trading movement in coming week. The technical support is at 2309 and resistance at 2351 for the coming week.

Technical Analysis:
Commodity: Cumin (Jeera)
Contract Month: July 2005

July 2nd, 2005
Exchange: NCDEX

Candlestick patterns are indicating upward movement for coming days. The MACD is started to move horizontally but still in negative zone than 3 day's MV's indicating bullishness in the market. The stochastic are in the at 24.06 point with % K line above the % D indicating the bullish

trading movement in coming week. RSI moving in neutral region and taken zigzag path sign of range bound mixed sentiment in the market. So the overall technical outlook for the coming week is range bound upward trading movement.



Recommendation: The technical analyses are indicating towards the range bound upward trading in next week. The arrival position at present is far less at present situation over the previous year during same period. The technical support is at 7650 point, the resistance at 7822 point level.

Fundamental are supporting the bullish run in coming week.

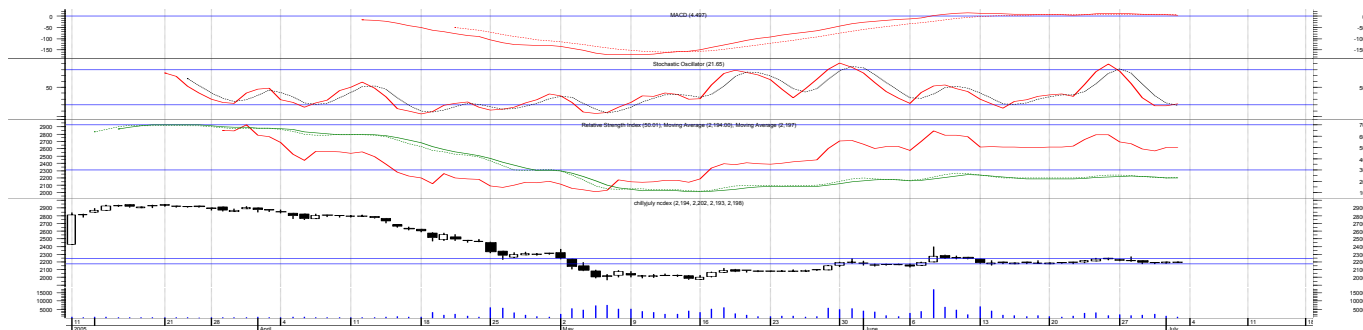
Technical Analysis:

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Commodity: Red Chili Contract Month: July 2005

Red chilli in July contract Candlestick patterns are indicating range bound movement for coming days. The MACD is started to move horizontally after reaching in positive zone than 5 day's exponential MV's indicating range bound mixed sentiment in the market. The stochastic are in the at 21.65 point with % K line just above the % D after cutting it from below in neutral region indicating the

range bound upward trading movement for upto the mid week in coming week then chances of downward correction. RSI also moving in neutral region and taken somewhat horizontal movement sign of range bound sentiment in the market. So the overall technical outlook for the coming week is range bound trading movement in next week.



Recommendation: Technical are for the range bound movement for the week. As the contract have enough time to mature. The news of export demand from Sri Lanka and Domestic demand too pick up after the on set of monsoon in North India will serve as support to the falling price.

Weather Watch for the week 4th July to 9th July

Zone-wise weather forecast for next 5 days

PROGRESS OF MONSOON;

Yesterday's depression over northeast Madhya Pradesh and adjoining southeast Uttar Pradesh moved west north westwards and now lies over north Madhya Pradesh and adjoining east Uttar Pradesh at 0830 hours IST of today with its centre close to Khajuraho. The system is likely to move slowly in a west-north westerly direction. The upper air cyclonic circulation over Gujarat and neighbourhood and extending between 1.5 and 5.8 km above sea level tilting southwards with height persists. The other upper air cyclonic circulation over northwest Rajasthan and neighbourhood extending upto 2.1 km above sea level has merged with the seasonal trough. The axis of the monsoon trough at sea levels passes through Bikaner, Jaipur and Jhansi.

North: rain/thundershowers likely at many places Uttar Pradesh and at a few places in the rest region.

East: rain/thundershowers likely at most places in east Madhya Pradesh and at many places over the rest region.

The technicals are indicating support at 2177 point and resistance at 2241 point for the coming week.

South: rain/thundershowers likely at many places over coastal Karnataka and Kerala and at few places in the rest region outside Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry where it may be isolated.

West: rain/thundershowers likely at most places over Konkan & Goa and Gujarat state and west Madhya Pradesh and at a few places over rest region.

Outlook for subsequent five days:

Ongoing rainfall activity over central parts of the country is likely to continue and may extend to northwestern parts of the country. The heavy rainfall activity over Gujarat state is likely to decrease.

Heavy Rainfall Warning

Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at a few places over Madhya Pradesh, Konkan and Goa and Gujarat State. Isolated heavy rainfall also likely over Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan and Madhya Maharashtra.

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