

SPICES

September 03-10, 2005

Overview:

- Pepper Prices firm up marginally
- Cumin markets observe lacklustre trade
- Chilli Prices remain low amidst high stock
- Turmeric Prices remain range bound

Market Analysis:

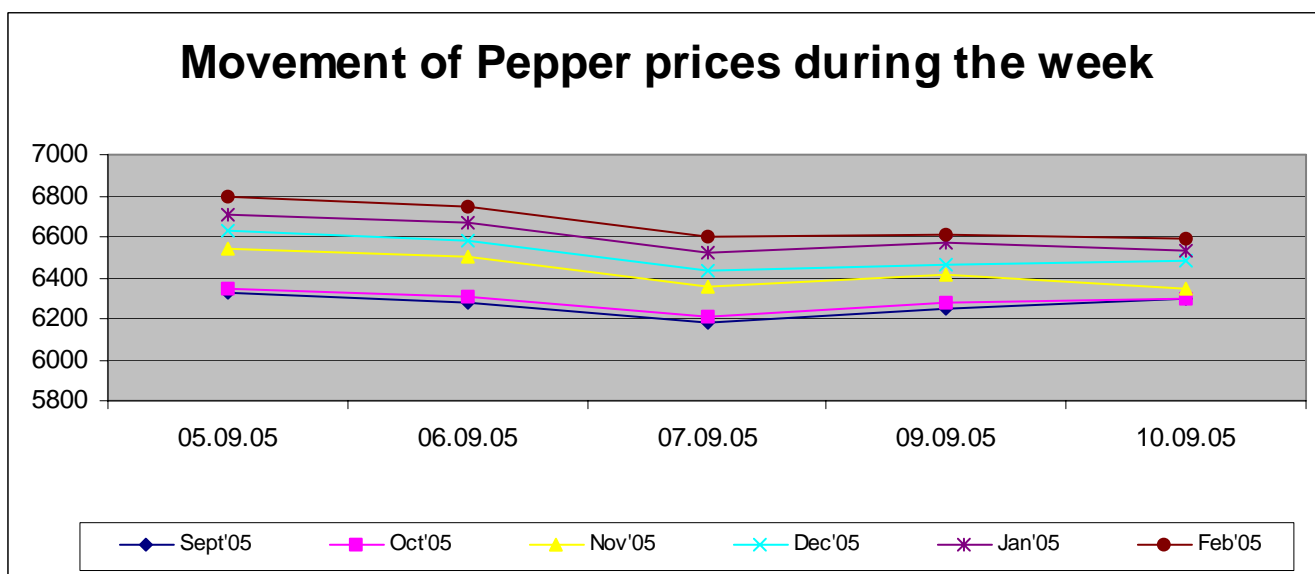
Price Trends Analysis:

Pepper:

A Brief Weekly Fundamental Analysis of IPSTA Pepper Futures Trading

The graph below is showing the closing prices for the different contract months at the IPSTA in this week. The

prices improved on the second day of the week and after that the prices maintained the range-bound movement throughout the week. On the last trading day the prices tried to improve marginally.



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

Pepper	05.08.05	06.08.05	07.08.05	08.09.05	09.09.05	10.09.05
Ungarbled	5950	5900	5900	Closed	5950	5950
Garbled	6280	6280	6300	Closed	6350	6350

The prices of garbled and ungarbled varieties of pepper continued to move in narrow range in Kochi market. Government decision on export subsidy supported the market sentiments. Talks of short size of crop also

supplemented bullish tone in the market. Traders are expecting fresh demand to emerge for the festival season ahead. However, continued import from Sri Lanka put cap on rise in its prices.

Delhi terminal mandi Rains in northern India slowed the activities in spices markets. Prices remain steady to low through the week due to slowed activities. Also, lack of demand from consumer end so far weighed on values. However, traders feel that demand is likely to improve with increase in consumption of spicy stuff in rainy season.

Pepper	Aug 20-Sep 03	Sep 05 - 10
Golden Unpolished	66-67	64 -65
11.5	85-90	85-90
No. 12	95-100	95-100

Note: Prices are in Rs. Per Kg.

Turmeric:

Erode mandi

Turmeric prices were least volatile amidst dearth of fresh bullish news. Reports of crop loss in Sangli are vanishing for no grounds. Arrivals are improving in markets. Erode mandi received average 4000-5000 bags daily through the week. Total stock of turmeric is reported at 5 lakh bags. Prices of DP Gattah improved marginally on the back of poor selling interest. The only bullish factor in the market is hope of demand to remain good in short to medium term.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03 - 10
Loose Finger	2850	2850
Bilty	3100	3100
Loose Gattah	2750-2800	2750-2800
Bilty	3000	3000
Loose SP Gattah	2850-2900	2850-2900
Bilty	3200	3200
Loose DP Gattah (Salem)	3000	3100
Bilty	3300	3500
Kolkata Quality Bilty (75 kg)	2150	2150

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.; NR: Not Reported;(1 bag=75 Kg)

Nizamabad Mandi

Nizamabad market continued to see up-trend on lack of selling interest. Market is expecting demand to improve in coming month for festival season ahead. Both the grades in Nizamabad changed hands at slightly higher prices. Arrivals in the mandi ranged 1500-2500 bags. Traders rule out any decline in near term.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03 - 10
Nizamabad Gattah	2350-2400	2400

Nizamabad Finger	2350-2400	2350-2400
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Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.; NR: Not reported

Warangal mandi:

Warangal market continued to see uptrend on sustained demand. Traders are expecting this trend to continue for festivity ahead. Prices of gattah and finger were quoted at Rs 2350-2500 per qtl.

Delhi Mandi

Prices of turmeric in Delhi market remained higher in tandem with uptrend in major markets. Activities, however, have been slowed due to rains second half of the week. However, lack of selling interest help checking decline in prices.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03-10
Nizamabad finger	2950-3100	3000-3100
Erode Finger mini Selam	3550-3600	3600-3600
Erode single polish Gattah	2900-2950	2950-3000
Erode Double polish Gattah	3550-3600	3600-3650
Warangal polish	2650-2700	2650-2700
Selam Finger	4200-4300	4250-4300

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.

Clove:

Delhi mandi

Clove market continued to see steady to downtrend amidst of lack of fresh fundamental news. Traders rule out any big movement in the near future. Lack of demand from the consumer end continued to pressure the prices.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03 - 10
Indonesia	202-205	202-205
Ketan	210	210
Colombo	180-185	180
Madagascar	185-190	185-190
Zanzibar	210	210

Note: Prices are in Rs/Kg

In **Hyderabad mandi** also observed downtrend following poor demand from the consumers. Indonesian clove grade was offered at Rs. 205 per kg. While Colombo grade was traded at Rs. 180-185 per kg. The price of Zanzibar was recorded at Rs 200-205.

Cumin:

Unjha Mandi:

Unjha market continued to see steady trend through the week. Average trade of cumin in Unjha were reported at 6000 bags daily. Traders rule out firmness in the near future, as stock of cumin is comfortably good. Current stock of Cumin is pegged at 12-13 lakh bags.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03-Sep10
Kisan Mal-FAQ	1250-1450	1250-1450
Ganesh	1360-1380	1360-1380
M/c. Cleaned	1400-1500	1400-1500
Sup. M/c. Cleaned	1575-1625	1575-1625

Note: Prices are in Rs/20 Kg

In **Hyderabad mandi** the rates of kisan mal-FAQ grade was reported between Rs.1360-1365/20kg.during this week also. Prices are likely to see slight improvement in the coming too.

Delhi Mandi:

In the Delhi mandi too the prices remained on the upper side due to improvement in the demand. All the grades fetched better prices compared to the previous week. The slow improvement is likely to continue in the coming week too.

Grade	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep03-10
Chalu	66-67	66-68
Ganesh	73-74	73-75
M/c Cleaned	70-85	70-85
Best	85-90	85-90

Red Chillies:

Guntur Mandi:

Prices of chilli in Guntur mandi remained static during this week. Demand from the chilly remained low from the consumer end. Talks of good stock also kept the market under pressure. In AP alone the stock is around 60 to 70 lakh bags. However, talks of fewer crops in Andhra and Karnataka helped cushioning its prices.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep 03	Sep 03-10
COLD	1500-2100	1500-2150
UNCOLD	800-1500	800-1500
WHB	2200	2200
Byadgi	2400-2600	2400-2600
Sannam Best	2100	2100
Sannam Med. Best	1500	1500
Namdhari	1800-2200	1800-2150
273	2000-2100	2000-2100
Guntur Fullcut	3300	3250
Ankur	2400-2500	2400-2500
Phatki	600	600
Indo5	2200-2300	2200-2300
Tejaseed	2400-2500	2400-2500
Roshni	1800-2000	1800-2000

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

Delhi Mandi:

Almost all the grades traded at the lower prices during the week. The huge stocks and weak sentiments kept the prices low. Traders rule out firmness in its prices in short to medium term.

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qt

DATES	Aug 29- Sep 03	Sep 03- 10
Guntur Pala	2200-2500	2200-2450
Guntur Fullcut	3400-4000	3400-3950
Guntur Packing (new)	2500-2800	2500-2800
Nagpur Pala	2000-2100	2000-2100
Nagpur Fullcut	2900-3100	2900-3000
Nagpur Packing	2200-2500	2200-2450

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qt

Cardamom:

Delhi mandi

Delhi market continued to witness routine trade through the week. Demand from the retailing end remained subdued. Talks of good crop kept the market under pressure. Harvest of clove is nearing. Traders are expecting crop to reach at 15000 ton.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep 03	Sep 03 -10
Panwali	205-210	205-210
Colour Robin	210-220	210-220
C Bold 6.5mm	225-235	225-235
Extra Bold 7mm	260-280	260-280
Ex Bold 7.5mm	330-360	330-360
Handpicked	430-470	430-470

Note: Prices are in Rs/kg

Hyderabad Mandi

Talks of export to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh helped cushioning the cardamom prices in Hyderabad. There were unconfirmed reports of export of C bold 6.5-6.8 mm to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. However, talks of good crop put cap on upward movement of prices.

DATES	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03- 10
Colour Robin	185	185
C Bold 6.5mm	200	200
Extra Bold 7mm	215	240
Ex Bold 7.5mm	300	300
8.00 mm	450	450

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

Coriander:

Delhi Mandi

Delhi market featured lacklustre trade following poor demand in the markets. Total stock in the country was reported at 40-45 lakh bags. Prices of coriander are unlikely to move up amidst comfortable stock-situation.

Coriander Grade	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03-10
FAQ (Chalu)	2000-2250	2000-2250
Medium	2800-3150	2800-3150
Green	3500-3700	3500-3700
Extra Green	4400-4600	4400-4600

Note: Rate Per Quintal

Rajasthan Mandi

Rains in northern region eased the sentiments in the market. Also, comfortable stock of coriander kept the market under pressure. Arrivals of coriander in Ramganj mandi ranged Rs 1500-2000 bags daily. Arrivals in Guna mandi remained below 1000 bags daily, while Kota mandi received 2000 bags daily. Firmness in coriander prices is unlikely in near future.

DATES	Aug 29 - Sep 03	Sep 03- 10
Kota Badami (40 kg)	720	730
Kota Eagle (40 kg)	780	780
Ramganj Badami (loose per quintal)	1500-1550	1500
Ramganj Eagle (loose per quintal)	1600-1650	1600-1650
Kota Badami (loose per quintal)	1500	1500
Kota Eagle (loose per quintal)	1650	1650

Methi

Kota mandi:

Sentiments in Methi in Rajasthan markets (Kota, Bara and Ramganj) bit improved on seasonal demand. Overall Stock of Methi is low. Arrivals of Methi in Kota mandi averaged between 50-100 bags daily through the week. Uptrend in Methi is likely to continue in Rajasthan markets.

Methi price at Kota Mandi

Methi Grade	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03-10
Methi (Uncleaned)	1150-1450	1200-1550
Methi (Cleaned)	1400-3200	1450-3250

Note: Rate Per bag (90 Kg. each)

Delhi market also witnessed uptrend through the week. There was good demand for the same from southern belts. Traders are expecting its demand to improve further on seasonal factors. Talks of low stock also supported the bullish trend.

Methi price at Delhi Mandi

Methi Grade	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03-10
Chalu	1300-1450	1350-1500
Jabara	2150-2400	2150-2450
Better	2400-3000	2500-3200

Note: Rate Per quintal

Prices of Major Spices available in Major Rajasthan Mandi as on 03rd September, 2005:

The prices of major spices in major Rajasthan mandis remained on an average steady to higher in this week as against the last week. At the Jaipur grain mandi the prices of jeera continued to see improvement through week. There was almost no arrival of chilli dry and jeera in Jaipur grain mandi. Arrival of methi was recorded around 4-4.5 quintal.

Prices of Major Spices

Name of Spice	Place	Rate (Rs. Per quintal)
Chilly Dry	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	2500
Jeera (Cumin)	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	6000
Methi	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	1200-1250

Others Spices during week at Delhi Mandi

At the Delhi mandi the prices of other spices remained steady on average through week as compared to the last week. Prices of nutmeg and poppy seed improved slightly in this week. It is expected that the prices of other spices in Delhi mandi would maintain the prevailing trend in the coming week.

Rs. Per quintal

Other Spices	Aug 29-Sep03	Sep 03 - 10
Bishop's weed (Ajwain)-Jawara	4000-4400	4000-4400
Bettlenut (Mettaplayam)	8800-9200	8800-9200
Cardamom brown (Jhundiwali)	10700-10800	10700-10800
Cardamom brown (Kanchicut)	12000-15000	12000-15000
Tamarind (seedless)	1800-3200	1800-3200
Dry ginger (superior quality)	16000-16500	16000-16500
Amchur (Khapta)	1800-2000	1800-2000
Mace (Jabetri)-(Cochin)	35500-36000	35500-36000
Nutmeg (Jaifal)-(Cochin)	19500-21000	19500-21500
Kalaunji	3600-4200	3600-4200
Poppy seed (Turkey)	15700	18500
Saffron (Irani)	15000-16000	15000-16000

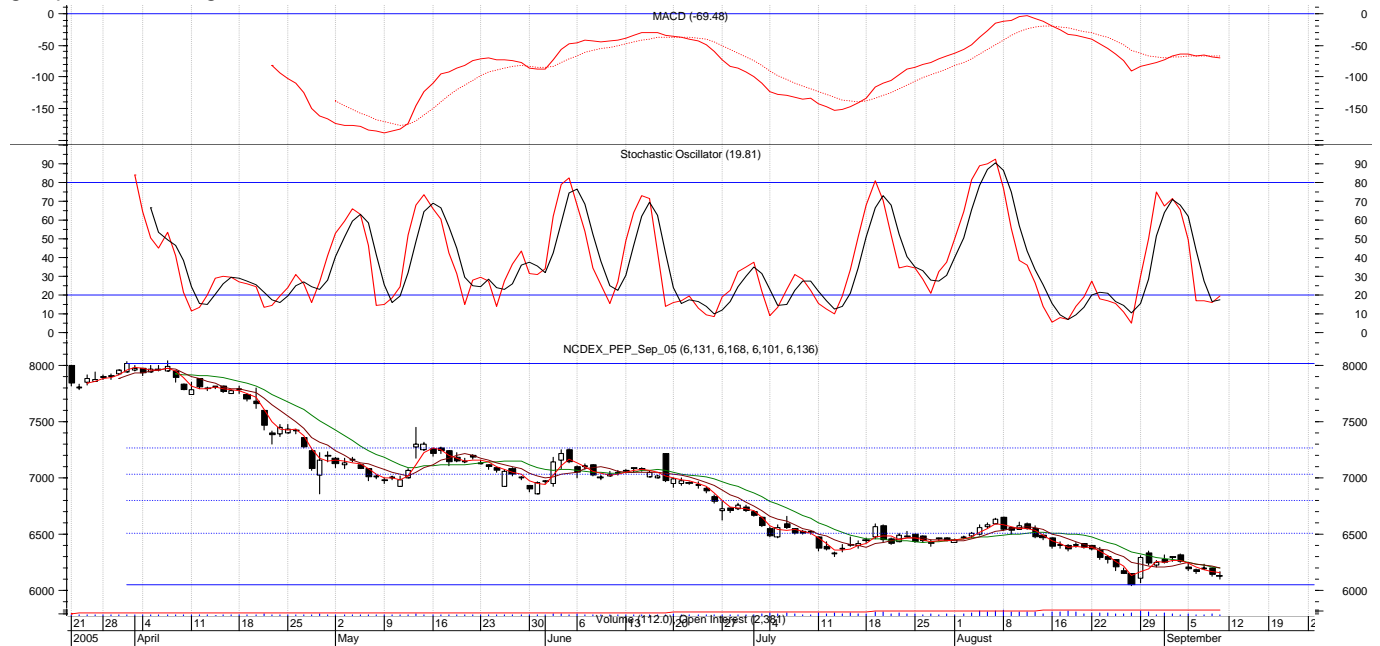
Technical Analysis:

Commodity: Black Pepper

Contract Month: September 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

The prices maintained the steadiness this week. The indicators are showing strength and the prices are likely to go up in the coming week.



Recommendation: maintain the long position.

Commodity: Turmeric

Contract Month: September 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

As the indicators are showing, the prices may move upward during later the in the coming week.



Recommendation: Maintain the long position in the coming week.

Commodity: Cumin (Jeera)

Contract Month: September 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

Except the stochastic all the indicators are showing further weakness.



Recommendation: there may be steadiness in the prices. Remain short.

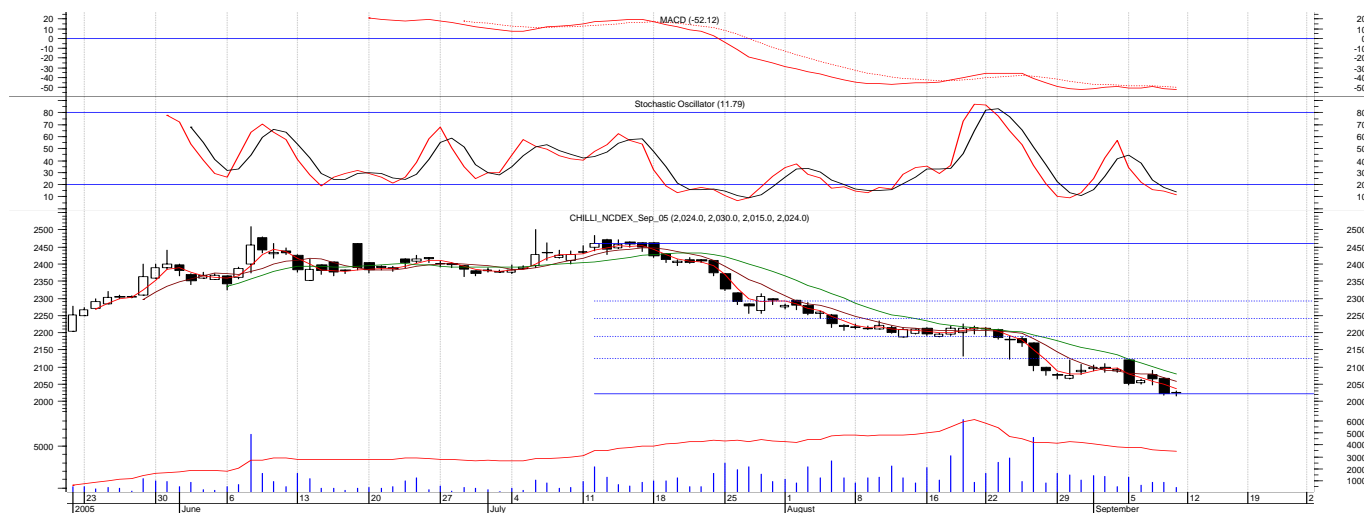
Commodity: Red Chili

Contract Month: September 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

The indicators are showing further weakness in the prices.

Recommendation: remain short.



WEATHER WATCH (IMD)

ALL INDIA WEATHER FORECAST

Monsoon Outlook

During last 24 hours, fairly widespread rains with heavy to very heavy falls have occurred over Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Gujarat Region, Orissa and Chhattisgarh. Chief amounts of the rainfall (in cms.) are: Mahabaleshwar-11, Mumbai (Santacruz)-9, Vihar-9, Bhira-9, Raipur-8, Baroda-7, Mumbai (Colaba)-7, Tansa-7, Uppuwaiterana-7, Puri-7, Jagdalpur-6, Vaitarana-6, Bhatsa-6, Bhubaneshwar-6, Dahanu-5, Ratnagiri-4, Tulsi-4, Panjim-3, Harnai-2 and Nasik-1.

The low pressure area over west-central & adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal moved north-northwestwards and concentrated into a depression. It lies today morning at 0830 hours IST over northwest Bay of Bengal with its centre near Lat. 20° N/Long 88° E about 150 Km east of Paradip. The system is likely to move in a northwesterly direction.

The other upper air cyclonic circulation extending upto mid-tropospheric levels over south Gujarat coast and adjoining Konkan & Goa persists.

The offshore trough at sea level now runs from Gujarat to Karnataka coast.

The Western Disturbance as an upper air system over Jammu & Kashmir and neighbourhood persists.

Under the influence of above systems, fairly widespread rains with heavy to very heavy falls are likely over Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra and Gangetic West Bengal during next 2-3 days. Rainfall may increase over Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha and East Madhya Pradesh during subsequent two days.

Zone-wise weather forecast for next 5 days

NORTH : Rain/thundershowers likely at many places over Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal and at a few places over the region.

EAST : Rain/thundershowers likely at most places over Orissa and south Gangetic West Bengal; at many places

over rest Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and East Madhya Pradesh and at a few places over the rest region outside north Bihar and northeastern States where it may be isolated.

SOUTH : Rain/thundershowers likely at most places over north Coastal Andhra Pradesh; at many places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Telangana, Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep and at a few places over the rest region outside Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry where it may be isolated.

WEST : Rain/thundershowers likely at most places over south Gujarat and Konkan & Goa; at many places over north Gujarat, Madhya Maharashtra and West Madhya Pradesh and at a few places over rest region.

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