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News Highlights:

Amul to Encourage Vanilla Growers by Its First Deal with Vanilco

The First ever deal finalized by Vanilla India Producer Company Ltd (Vanilco) with Amul for 100 kg of vanilla extract, should bring relief to vanilla growers in the country. Amul had been in talks with Vanilco for over a year to use natural vanilla extract for its ice-creams. The Spices Board intervened in the matter and a deal was struck last week to source 100 kg of extract from the company, according to its managing director, Paul Jose. He told that Amul having eight plants, the order would be a regular one, on a monthly basis, though he refused to disclose details of the deal. Amul has also placed orders for 1 lakh units of 10 ml vanilla extract pack that would be supplied free to ice-cream buyers. This was indeed a big deal and it would lend support to raw vanilla beans procurement that the company has begun since last week. Based on the quality of the beans, 14 kg was needed to get 1 kg of natural extract. Amidst the hue and cry of vanilla not finding takers, the procurement of raw beans at Rs 250 per kg, much higher than the international price, would be very beneficial to farmers who had taken to vanilla cultivation in a big way. Last year, the company had procured 60 tonne of vanilla for which the farmers were paid the same price. Vanilco has set up its own processing unit in Kottayam with a capacity to cure 4000 kg of beans daily. According to the Spices Board chairman CJ Jose, the deal with Amul was a major breakthrough with the food industry going in for natural vanilla. Others could follow such deals in the industry. The crop failure in Madagascar two years ago had sent the

prices of raw beans skyrocketing to Rs 4000 a kg, resulting in a crash in demand after which the prices fell. This led to a section of the growers complaining that multinationals with the support of the board had been bringing down the prices.

Andhra Pradesh Markfed and Kerala Supplyco Signed MoU

The Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited (AP Markfed) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Civil Supplies Corporation of Kerala (Supplyco) to supply commodities including red chillies, pulses and rice worth over Rs 120 crore for a one-year period. This is the first time that the government entities of the two states have entered into an agreement for inter-state supply of agricultural produce without middlemen. Addressing a joint press conference after signing the MoU, state agriculture Minister Raghuvendra Reddy and Adoor Prakash, minister for food and civil supplies, Kerala, said that the move was a result of a letter written by Andhra chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy to his Kerala counterpart, Oommen Chandy. In his letter, Reddy requested Chandy to procure red chilli and other agriculture produce from the state. As per the MoU, APMarkfed will procure and supply red chillies, red gram, bengal gram, green gram, black gram and par-boiled rice to the Civil Supplies Corporation. A joint committee will be set up for fixing the prices. According to Krishnababu, managing director of APMarkfed, the organisation will procure these commodities during the season and deliver them to the Civil Supplies Corporation. Though the term of the MoU is one year, it can be extended

with the consent of both the governments. This would go to help the farmers as well as respective state governments to stabilise the agri commodity prices as well as better prices to the farmers.

Cardamom Prices Improved on Firm Domestic Demand

Cardamom prices improved on firm domestic demand during the week at auctions in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The prevailing low prices seem to have encouraged North Indian investors to buy and stock cardamom in anticipation of future increase in prices. Market sources feel that reported damage of crop in Guatemala by hurricanes, might make an impact in the prices early next year due to short supply. Increased buying during the week despite heavy arrivals pushed up the prices to the level ruling week before last. Traders feel that investing in the commodity would fetch them a good return. Arrivals were heavy and during October 13-19, it stood at 250 tonnes of which 229 tonnes were sold. The individual average price moved up from Rs 197.94 to Rs 231 a kg on Wednesday at Kumily auction. Total arrivals during the current season up to October 19 were at 2744 tonnes as against 1376 tonnes in the same period last year. The sales stood at 2571 tonnes in the current season as against 1301 tonnes last season. The weighted average price on October 19 was Rs 234.97 a kg compared with Rs 319.83 on the same date last year. Increased availability of 8 mm bold has kept the price of this superior grade at Rs 437 a kg at Kumily auction while 7-7.5 mm were sold at Rs 280-295 a kg. Exporters continued to remain inactive despite the availability of good quality capsules at low prices. Market sources attributed this phenomenon to lack of demand from overseas markets where the importers are holding adequate carry over stock of Guatemala cardamom. The rains in several parts of the country have delayed the movement of consignments to north Indian markets. Market Sources Expecting that prices would remain steady in near future, as prices already reached at record low level.

RGCB Developing Disease Resistant Pepper and Ginger

Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) Tiruvananthapuram is developing disease-resistant, genetic varieties of pepper and ginger. The centre has identified the candidate genes suitable for genetically engineering quick wilt disease in pepper, said the Director of the centre, Dr M. Radhakrishna Pillai. He also reported that the diseases caused by bacteria and fungi are the major causes of production loss in pepper and ginger. This requires biotechnological intervention for introducing suitable, resistant genes. The Centre has identified the methodologies for introducing genes in these crops and the protocols developed are being tested for their efficacy. Besides improving crop resistance, initiatives to genetically raise the gingerol content of ginger had also shown promising results. The centre has taken up joint research projects with the industry for bioprospecting (scientific research that looks for a useful application, process, or product in nature) of active ingredients in the plants and herbs used in traditional Indian medicine. This is aimed at developing drugs and vaccines to fight a host of diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis, hepatitis and inflammation. Such efforts of the research Institutes going to help Growers in terms of Better production with better quality, ultimately good income.

Black Pepper Production in Vietnam Marginally Weak

Black Pepper Production in Vietnam would marginally weak during 2006 in comparison with [previous year production. However official estimates indicating a drop of 20-30 per cent in production. Vietnam, the world's largest producer and exporter of black pepper, would have a production of 110000 tonnes during the next season commencing by the end of January 2006. Total production in 2005 was about 115000 tonnes. Now exporters saying that drought during the first quarter of the current year had not generated serious impact on the harvest and there would be a marginal fall in overall production. They also reported that the total availability of pepper would be higher in Vietnam in 2006 as there is carry over stock to the tune of 17700 tonnes by the end of October 2005. Total exports of Vietnam during January - September 2005 was to the tune of 80300 tonnes and domestic consumption plus cross border trade between China would come around 17000 tonnes. According to present production sentiments of global markets prices would remain at current lower level since there would be enough stock in Vietnam throughout 2006. But Indian pepper prices can compete in world market over their quality and brand image of Indian Spices. Indian Spices Board's decision to sell different spices directly in US as well as other Countries would help Pepper prices too in near future.

Chilli Prices too Hot, Pepper is Waiting

Chilli continues to rule the market in spot and futures both among spices as it continued its strong pitch towards the Rs 3000-3100 levels, market sources reported. For time being it looks unstoppable and with supportive fundamentals there is no holding back as it continues to put a stop to the technical corrections even till Diwali. Overall it gained nearly Rs 300-500 over the week. Jeera continued with downward trend with slight positive correction. Other spices like Cardamom having weak sentiments and Turmeric continued to be steady. Pepper improved slightly yesterday and waiting to take off as soon as export subsidy announced by Commerce Ministry.

Indian Spices "Flavourit" Going to Rule the US Markets

Indian spices under the brand name 'Flavourit' will be available in leading malls and supermarket chains in San Francisco in the US and going to rule the market. The Spices Board has launched the brand in the American city to establish a brand for Indian spices in the US markets, which gobble up 28% of total spice exports from India. Under the brand, the board will sell in the American city some 50 odd spices of Indian origin in raw, liquid, paste and powder forms, including 19 organic spices and teas in eight different flavours. Spices like black pepper, cardamom, nutmeg, mace, cloves, turmeric powder, ginger, mustard seed, chilli, tamarind, sage, rosemary, oregano, thyme and vanilla extracts will be available under the brand in both organic and non-organic categories. Spices board officials also revealed that they have got an order worth \$75000 for spice supply under the brand in San Francisco. This would ultimately going to help Indian spices trade.

Ginger Traders Worried about Use of Detergent in Processing

Ginger exports topped 13000 tonnes in 2004-05. Good demand for Cochin ginger due to its premium quality has also helped. India enjoys a six per cent share in the global ginger trade and it dominates in ginger oil and oleoresin trade with nearly 50 per cent of the market share. New crop of ginger has already come in the market; concern over use of detergents for processing the ginger is worrying traders. Trade sources reported that detergent powder is being widely used for cleaning and adding colour has also increased to alarming levels. Traders fear the practice might result in rejection of Indian products in the overseas markets. Traders call for urgent intervention of the government to curtail the practice. Market sources also revealed that a major amount of dried ginger marketed in north India is fumigated and bleached with toxic chemicals, which might even cause serious health hazards. After cleaning, ginger is dried under direct sunlight and then fumigated with sulphur during night and the process continues for 5-8 days. Then comes the most dangerous step in processing: washing with popular brands of detergent powder, which will provide an attractive white colour to dried ginger. Earlier, washing was done with lime water or sodium bi-carbonate water. But for the last few years, detergents have become more popular. Ginger thus processed is being exported to countries such as Saudi Arabia and Morocco as these countries prefer products with

better white colour. Europe and the US had banned products, which contain above 40 PPM of sulphur di-oxide and so India has not been an active exporter to these places. However, annual exports to these countries are to the tune of 5000-6000 tonnes. Most of the dried ginger produced in this part of the country sulphur di-oxide content is at 200-600 PPM. Sometimes, it has even touched the very dangerous 800 PPM level, reported by experts. Meanwhile, harvesting has already begun in Karnataka and total ginger production is expected to be at 700000 tonne and that of dried ginger is expected to be at 15000 tonne. The ginger traders told that average price is now at Rs 11000-11500 a quintal.

China Chamber of Commerce's delegation visits Spices Board

China Chamber of Commerce's delegation with a team of Chinese Spice Importers headed by Ms Yi is on a visit to the Indian Spices Board and spice-growing areas in Kerala. China is one of the major importers of Indian Spices, which accounts for about five percent of India's total spice export. Our oleoresin industry imports Ginger and chilli in significant quantity from china. Indian Spices board and China Chamber of Commerce are looking forward to discuss about new opportunities in competitive global spices trade.

Domestic Prices For the week ending 15.10.2005:

Spice	Grade/Variety	Market	Price (RS/KG) For The Week (15.10.05)	Price (RS/KG) For The Week (8.10.05)	Last Month (RS/KG)Same Week (17.09.05)	Last Year Same Week (RS/KG) (16.10.2004)
Black pepper*	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	Cochin	63.00	64.10	63.88	63.33
Cardamom	(Small) Ungraded	Vandanmettu	233.59	238.31	257.03	303.66
Cardamom	Cardamom (large)	Gangtok	98.75	102.50	101.25	90.63
Chilli	Non -cold storage	Guntur	12.67	12.40	12.00	31.50
	Cold storage		20.33	21.20	18.40	21.75
Ginger	Unbleached (new)	Cochin	100.00	100.00	120.00	140.00
Turmeric	Alleppey finger (AFT) Rajapuri Duggirala	Cochin	50.00	50.00	50.00	55.00
		Mumbai	56.50	56.50	53.50	57.25
		Mumbai	28.38	28.38	28.38	35.00
Coriander	Indori 5%	"	18.38	18.38	18.88	18.00
Cumin	4%	"	61.25	65.00	66.50	73.12
Clove	Grade 1	Cochin,	227.50	230.00	230.00	250.00
		Nagarcoil	230.00	230.00	235.00	270.00
Cinnamon		Delhi	46.50	46.50	46.50	50.50

International Spot Prices for the week ending 14.10.2005:

Spice	Origin/Grade	Market	Price For The Week (14.10. 05) (US\$/TON)	Price For The Week (07.10. 05) (US\$/TON)	Last Month Same Week (16.09.05) (US\$/TON)	Last Year Same Week (15.10.04) (US\$/TON)
Black pepper	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	New York	1720	1720	1698	1632
Cardamom * (small)	Fancy green Indian Asta (8 mm)	New York	8820	8820	8820	9922
		Saudi Arabia	8620	8740	9370	9500
Chillies	Indian sannm-4 (stem less)	New York	1257	1257	1213	1300
Ginger	India cochin	New York	3484	3484	3484	5181
Turmeric	Chinese peeled	New York	3462	3462	3462	2690
	Indian ground India	New York	1213	1213	1213	1213
	Alleppey finger		2050	2050	2050	1985
Garlic	Chinese	New York	2822	2822	2822	1566
Coriander	Canada	New York	772	772	770	816
Cumin	Syrian		1808	1808	1808	1918
	India	New York	2029	2029	2029	2182
Fennel	Indian	New York	1455	1455	1455	1234
	Asta		1411	1411	1411	1300
	Egyptian					
Fenugreek	India/turkey	New York	750	750	750	750
Clove	Mad/zanz/com/	New York	3925	3859	3859	3969
	Indo Sri Lanka (hand picked)		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	4740	4740	4630	4630

Market Analysis:

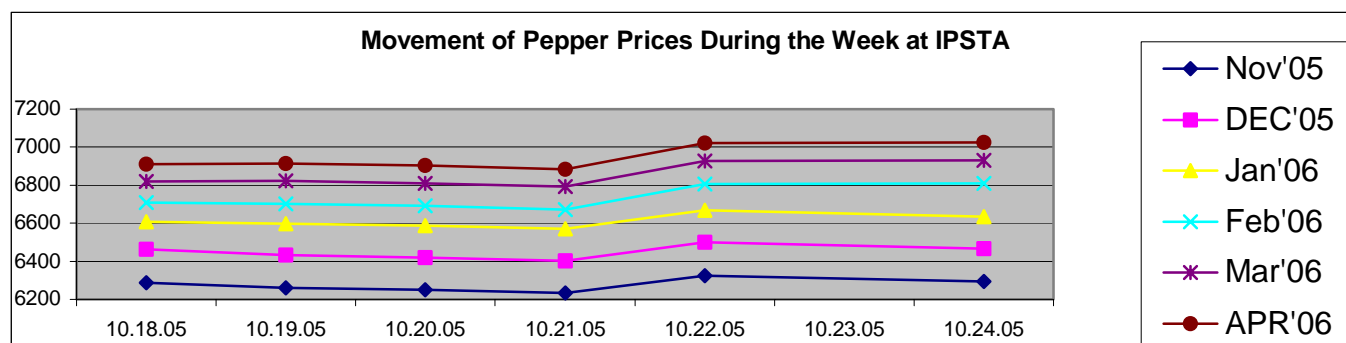
Price Trends Analysis:

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 the week. No final notifications on export subsidy and increase duty on import

from Sri Lanka were the main factors behind downward movement of prices. Prices taken steady trend and improved on fourth day of the week in every contract, Till the news of export subsidy not confirmed, there would be a weak to firm sentiment in all the contracts.



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

Pepper	18.10.05	19.10.05	20.10.05	21.10.05	22.10.05	24.10.05
Ungarbled	5950	5950	5950	5950	6000	6000
Garbled	6350	6350	6350	6350	6400	6400

The prices of garbled and ungarbled varieties of pepper remain at lowest level upto Friday and improved Rs.50 per quintal on Saturday in Kochi market during the week. Production of Black Pepper in the country is expected to be around 65000 tonnes. Demand for black pepper remained confined from local consumption centres. Arrivals and off takes were nil here at Kochi market except on Friday 30 tonnes. There is no official notification on approval of export subsidy yet received from Union Ministry. Market sources reported that prices started picking up with domestic buying support, but would shoot up with confirmation of export subsidy. In coming week prices would see some more improvement.

Delhi terminal mandi

In Delhi market prices remained firm with slight lower side. Prices of black pepper firm due to festival demand. Prices at Delhi Market would remain firm in coming week.

Pepper	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Golden Unpolished	68	67-68
11.5	83-85	83-85
No. 12	93-95	93-95

Note: Prices are in Rs. Per Kg.

Turmeric:

Erode mandi: Turmeric prices decreased slightly in comparison with previous week level. Arrivals of turmeric in the Erode were reported between 3000-4000 bags daily during the week. Since, demand is increasing from north India due to festivals of deepawali and Dushehra, trade sources reported that prices would remain firm with slight weakness in near future.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Loose Finger	2800	2750-2800
Bilty	2950	2900-2950
Loose Gattah	2750	2750
Bilty	2900	2900
Loose SP Gattah	2850	2800-2850
Bilty	3100	3050-3100
Loose DP Gattah (Salem)	3000	2950-3000
Bilty	3300	3250-3300
Kolkata Quality Bilty (75 kg)	2100-2125	2125-2150

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

Nizamabad Mandi

Prices declined slightly in finger but steady in gattah grades in comparison with previous week levels. Daily off take in Nizamabad were reported about 1500-2000 bags daily during the week. Prices would remain steady in with fair chances of an improvement or rs.50 per quintal due to festive demand in coming week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Nizamabad Gattah	2950	2925
Nizamabad Finger	2850	2850

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

Warangal mandi: Market demand and prices improved due to festival demand i.e. 200-300 bags daily. Prices for turmeric in the market continued to hold steady levels. Prices of gattah and finger were quoted at Rs 2800-2850 per qtls.

Delhi Mandi: Demand for turmeric was slightly improved due to increased demand of spicy stuff with the weather change and starting of festive seasons in North India. Prices remained steady on slight weaker side in all grades of turmeric. However, talks of sufficient stock and steady demand would keep the movement of prices steady in coming week also.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Nizamabad finger	3200-3300	3000-3300
E.Finger mini Selam	3600-3700	3500-3700
E. Single polish Gattah	3200	3100-3200
E. Double polish Gattah	3500-3600	3500-3600
Warangal polish	2950-3050	2950-3050
Selam Finger	4100-4200	4100-4200

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.

Clove:

Delhi mandi

Delhi clove market prices and demand remains firm. Traders are expecting improvement in its prices in coming week or so following the low production reports from the origin countries. Prices would remain firm in coming week

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Indonesia	200	200
Ketan	205	205
Colombo	178-180	178-180
Madagascar	190	190
Zanzibar	205	205

Note: Prices are in Rs/Kg

Hyderabad mandi continued to see the declining trend following poor demand from the retail end. Indonesian clove grade was offered at Rs. 188-190 per kg. While Colombo grade was traded at Rs. 178-180 per kg. The price of Zanzibar was recorded at Rs 195 per Kg.

Cumin:

Unjha Mandi: Cumin market seen significant improvement demand and Prices and arrivals are still seeing sluggish trend. Average trade of cumin in Unjha were reported at 8000-9000 bags daily with average arrivals of 2000-2500 bags per day. Stock of cumin is about 5 lakh bags and 2 lakh bags with commodity exchanges, which is more than total estimated demand of 4.5 lakh bags. Prices would see some more improvement, as festival demand started picking up significantly and one week market closure from 30th October to 6th November, so there are maximum chances of significant upward movement in demand and prices in next week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Kisan Mal-FAQ	1150	1150-1550
Ganesh	1250	1300
M/c. Cleaned	1250-1300	1450-1500
Sup. M/c. Cleaned	1400	1600

Note: Prices are in Rs/20 Kg

In **Hyderabad mandi** the rates of Kisan mal-FAQ grade was reported between Rs.1200-1280/20kg.during this week. Prices are likely to remain firm in the coming week.

Delhi Mandi:

Cumin prices remained steady at stronger side in different grades, as demand is slightly picking up. Prices would remain steady in next week as chances of increase in demand due to coming festivals.

Grade	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Chalu	62	62
Ganesh	66	66-67
M/Cleaned	65-80	67-80
Best	82-90	83-91

Red Chillies:

Guntur Mandi: Daily average arrivals were in the range of 50-60 thousand with same off take per day. Chilli prices improved significantly due to festive demand from north India and the news of crop damage due to excess rain. Prices had seen a significant increase of Rs.100-200 per quintal from the previous week. Market sources reported that prices would remain steady to slight weak in coming week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
COLD	2600-2800	2700-2800
UNCOLD	1500-1800	1400-2000
WHB	2700-2750	2700-2750
Byadgi	3000	3000
Sannam Best	2500	2700-2800
Sannam Med. Best	2400-2500	2400-2500
Namdhari	2800	2700-2800
273	2300	2200-2300
Guntur Fullcut	4000	4000
Ankur	3200	3000-3200
Phatki	1100	1200
Indo5	2800	2900-3000
Tejaseed	3000-3100	3000-3200
Roshni	2600	2600-2700

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

Delhi Mandi:

Delhi market on demand of chilly prices improved s by Rs.300-500 per quintal in different grades. News of chilly crop damage due to excess rain in producing areas of AP and Karnataka give a push to the prices. Traders are expecting slight steady trend to persist in short to medium

term. Price would see some more improvement in coming week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Guntur Pala	2600-2800	2800-3100
Guntur Fullcut	4000-4400	4500-4800
Guntur Packing (new)	3200-3400	3200-3800
Nagpur Pala	2450-2700	2500-3000
Nagpur Fullcut	3200-3400	3400-3600
Nagpur Packing	2900-3400	3300-3500

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qt

Cardamom:

Delhi mandi

Cardamom prices remain firm due to good festive demand. Traders in Delhi have done aggressive buying from the sources markets and build up inventory ahead of festivals. The prices would remain slightly weak to firm in coming week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Panwali	200-205	200-205
Colour Robin	205-210	200-210
C Bold 6.5mm	215-230	215-230
Extra Bold 7mm	260-280	250-270
Ex Bold 7.5mm	325-350	325-350
Handpicked	430-465	430-470

Note: Prices are in Rs/kg

Hyderabad Mandi

Prices improved slightly in Hyderabad, as demand is started picking up on account of Diwali and Eid; prices improved by Rs 20-40 per kg in comparison with previous week in superior grades. Harvesting of Current crop in Guatemala is expected to start in December. Prices would remain steady in coming week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Colour Robin	180	180
C Bold 6.5mm	195	190
Extra Bold 7mm	215-220	260
Ex Bold 7.5mm	260	280
8.00 mm	390-400	400

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

Coriander:

Delhi Mandi

Delhi market continued to see moderate trade. Prices of coriander weakened in comparison to previous week in all grades except in superior grade. In coming week prices would remain steady.

Coriander Grade	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
FAQ (Chalu)	1900-2250	1900-2000
Medium	2100-3150	2100-2600
Green	2800-3700	2800-3600
Extra Green	4000-4600	4000-5500

Note: Rate Per Quintal

Rajasthan Mandi

Demand for coriander started picking up in Rajasthan markets. Prices improve by Rs 100 per quintal in loose grades. Arrivals of coriander in Ramganj, Kota and Baran mandi were reported about 1500-2000 bags daily. Arrivals in Guna mandi remained 500-600 bags daily. Prices would see some improvement after Diwali, as demand will also improve in coming week.

DATES	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Kota Badami (40 kg)	660-670	720
Kota Eagle (40 kg)	700-710	760
Ramganj Badami (loose per qtls)	1250-1350	1450
Ramganj Eagle (loose per qtls)	1350-1450	1550
Kota Badami (loose per quintal)	1250-1350	1450
Kota Eagle (loose per quintal)	1350-1450	1550

Methi

Kota mandi:

Methi markets also observed some improved sentiment in prices this week. Daily average arrivals were in the range 200-300 bags per day during the week. Arrivals at Neemuch mandi were 400-500 bags daily with firm prices and demand. Market sources expecting improvement in demand and prices in near future. Prices would remain firm in coming week too.

Methi price at Kota Mandi

Methi Grade	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Methi (Uncleaned)	1100-1250	1150-1275
Methi (Cleaned)	1300-3000	1300-3000

Note: Rate Per bag (90 Kg. each)

Prices of Methi remain steady throughout the week. Delhi market witnessed firm trade. There were slight improvement in prices of each grade. The prices would remain firm on positive side in coming week.

Methi price at Delhi Mandi

Methi Grade	Oct 11 - 17	Oct 18 - 24
Chalu	1500-1575	1500-1600
Jabara	2350-2700	2350-2800
Better	2750-3000	2750-3100

Note: Rate Per quintal

Prices of Major Spices available in Major Rajasthan Mandi as on 24th October, 2005:

The prices of major spices in major Rajasthan mandis remain steady to increasing trend this week as compared to the last week. At the Jaipur grain mandi the prices of Jeera showed upward trend and Chilly dry steady trend throughout the week. Arrivals of Chilli (dry) and cumin remain nil in Jaipur mandi. Arrival of Methi was also recorded nil during the week except 100 quintals on 21st with firm in prices.

Prices of Major Spices

Name of Spice	Place	Rate (Rs. qtls)
Chilly Dry	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	3000
Jeera (Cumin)	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	5750-6250
Methi	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	1200-1225

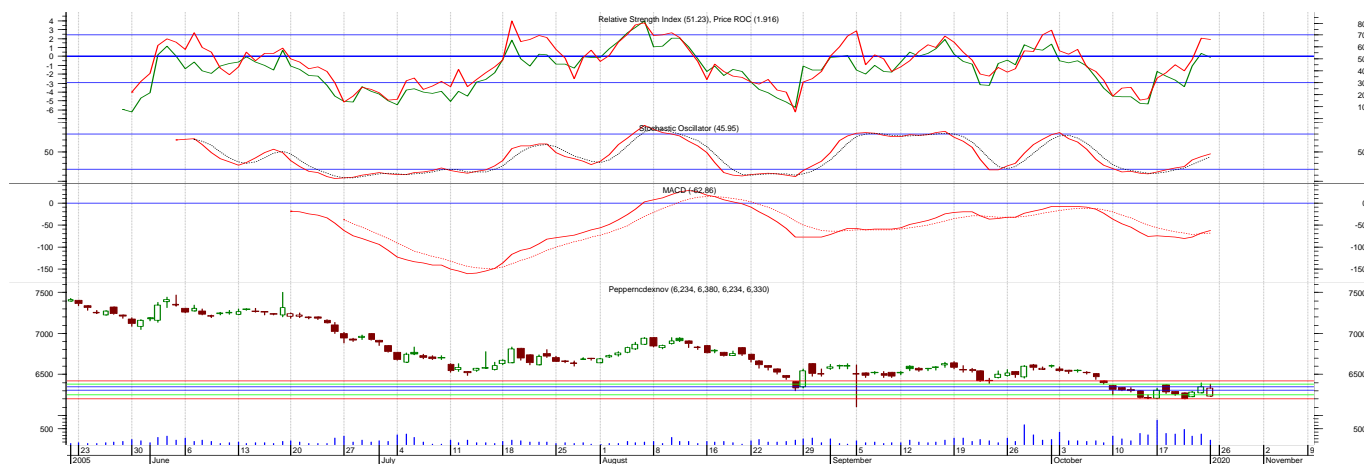
Other Minor Spices during week at Delhi Mandi

At the Delhi mandi the prices of other minor spices remained steady during this week as compared to the last week. It is expected that the prices of other spices in Delhi mandi would maintain steady trend in the coming week also.

Technical Analysis:
Commodity: Black Pepper
Contract Month: November 2005
Exchange: NCDEX

The all indicators are showing improvement in the market, candlesticks are showing bullish sentiment. Stochastic oscillator in neutral region moving upward sign of bullish sentiment. RSI is in neutral zone and taken upward

movement. MACD is also bullish but in negative zone. Overall there are chances of upward movement on the basis of technical and fundamental prices are likely to go up in this week.



Recommendation: As there are maximum chances of bullish sentiment in the week in prices so one can maintain

the medium position as well as make profit in short tem too. The prices would be in the range of 6202-6425 in this week.

Commodity: Turmeric
Contract Month: November 2005
Exchange: NCDEX

All the indicators are showing Bullish sentiments in the market. Prices would see more increase in the coming days. Stochastic oscillator is in neutral region and moving upward with slight horizontal movement sign of range bound bullish sentiment. MACD is just entering in neutral

zone sign of bullish movement. RSI also showing upward movement but PROC is bearish. So overall bullish sentiment prevails in prices with fair chances of negative correction at weekend.



Recommendation: As market is overall bullish with fair chances of negative correction at weekend. Go for

Short term as well as intra day buying in the week. The prices would be in the range of 2609-2645 in this week.

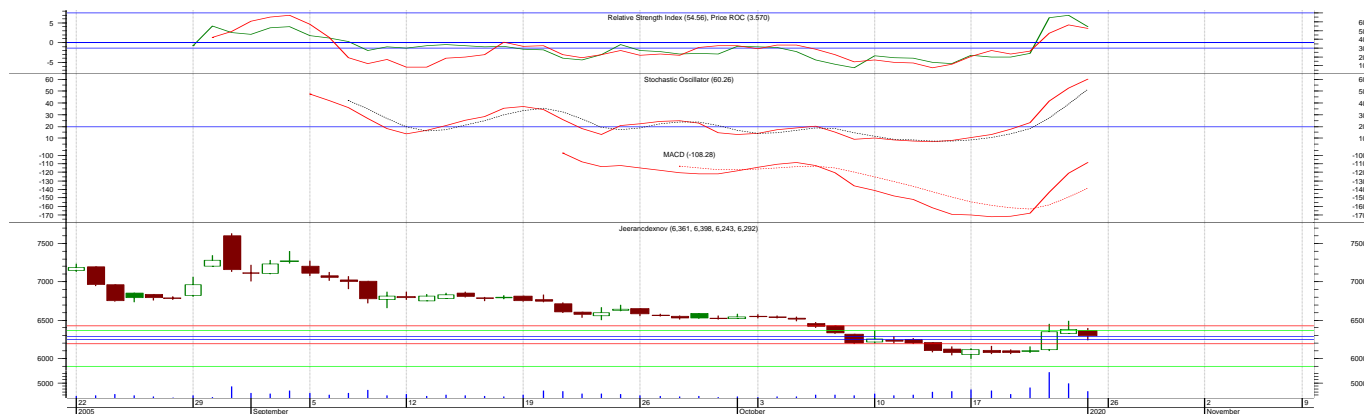
Commodity: Cumin (Jeera)

Contract Month: November 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

All the indicators are showing slight bearish sentiment in the market. Candlesticks are showing weakness in market. RSI and PROC are indicating bearish sentiments in the prices. Stochastic oscillator at 60.26 point is also in neutral

region and bullish. MACD is already in Negative zone showing the some improvement in market also bullish. Overall all the technical indicators showing mixed sentiments in the prices.



Recommendation: As the market fundamentals as well as technical showing mixed sentiment in the market. So one

may go for short term and intra day positions. Market would move downward first two-three days then positive correction likely to occur. Market would move in the range of 6194-6429 in this week.

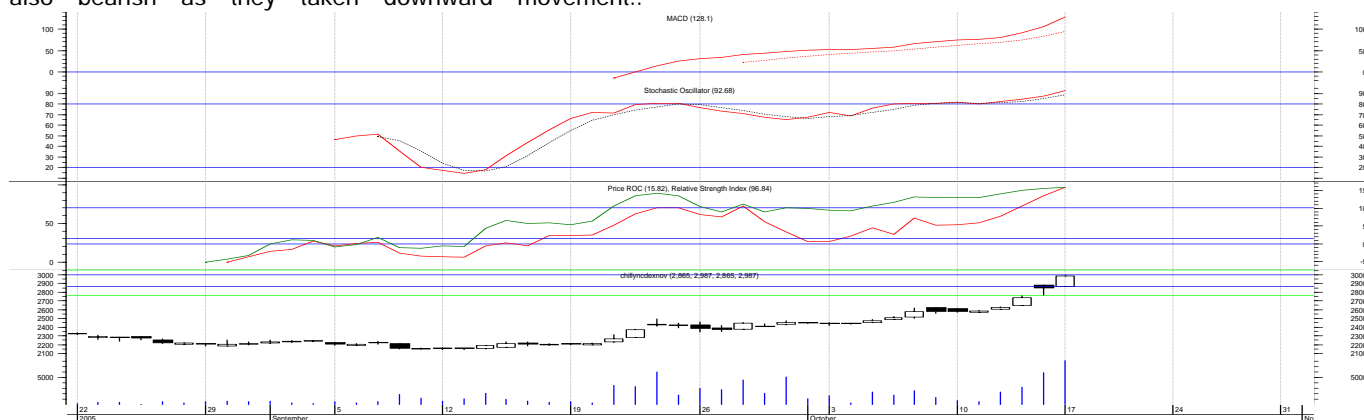
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Stochastic Oscillator, %K line is below the % D line at 33.64 point cutting it from above and in neutral region there shows the bearish sentiments. RSI and PROC both are also bearish as they taken downward movement..

Candlesticks also showing the bearish sentiment. Overall technical and fundamentals showing the bearish sentiments in the prices coming week.



Recommendation: As per Fundamental and technical analysis, market would move. So one

can go for selling at resistance levels. Prices would be in the range of 2580-2849 in this week.

WEATHER WATCH (As on 23.10.05)

ALL INDIA WEATHER FORECAST BULLETIN VALID FOR NEXT 5 DAYS

Weather Outlook

Heavy rainfall has occurred at a few places over NE States, coastal areas of west Bengal, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Kerala during past 24 hours. Chief amounts of rainfall during past 24 hours include: Kochi -21 cm, Bangalore-12 cm, Jagdalpur-9 cm, Shilong-8 cm, Tejpur-7

cm, Machilipatnam - 7 cm, and Agartala-6 cm. The upper air cyclonic circulation over Jharkhand and neighbourhood has weakened and now seen as a trough extending from north Coastal Andhra Pradesh to Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim in lower tropospheric levels. The trough in the middle troposphere runs nearly along Long 84 deg E and north of Lat. 20 deg N. The interaction of these two systems, may continue for another 24-36 hours and may move further eastward causing good rainfall activity over NE States, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and north coastal Orissa for another 48 hours. The upper air cyclonic circulation as a part of a seasonal East-west shear zone lies over Tamilnadu and neighbourhood extending upto 4.5 km a.s.l. Under its influence fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy falls likely over Tamilnadu & Pondicherry, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep islands during next 2- 3 days. Model prediction continues to suggest formation of a low-pressure area over south-central Bay of Bengal around 25-26 Oct., 2005. Under its influence enhanced rainfall activity may

take place over south peninsular India, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

NORTH & NORTH NORTH-WEST INDIA [J&K, HP, UTTARANCHAL, PUNJAB, HARYANA, DELHI, WEST UP] Isolated rainfall activity is expected over J & K and Himachal Pradesh during 25-26 October. Mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over rest of the region.

EAST AND NE INDIA [EAST UP, BIHAR, JHARKHAND, WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, NE STATES] Scattered to fairly widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy spells is expected over most part of the region except in East UP and Bihar where isolated activity is expected during next 2 days.

CENTRAL INDIA [MP, CHATTISGARH, VIDARBHA] Mainly dry weather is likely over the region except some parts of East Madhya Pradesh and

Chhattisgarh where isolated rains may occur during next 24 Hrs.

SOUTH INDIA [TAMILNADU, AP, KERALA, KARNATAKA, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS, LAKSHADEEP] Ongoing rainfall activity is likely to continue over entire region during next 2 days. Subsequently, activity over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu & Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands is likely to enhance due to possible formation of low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal during 24-26 Oct 2005.

WEST INDIA [MAHARASHTRA OTHER THAN VIDARBHA, GUJARAT, RAJASTHAN] Isolated to scattered rainfall activity is expected over Konkan & Goa. Mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over rest areas of the region.

Source: GOI (NCMRWF& IMD)

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