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News Highlights:

Chilli Prices moving North over Crop Loss

The Chilli prices in spot as well as futures seeing significant bullish sentiments due to heavy and continuous rains in major Chilli producing areas of Andhra Pradesh specially Guntur and Warangal area and some parts of Karnataka and Tamilnadu. The Chilli prices Shoot up by Rs 400 per quintal from last week in spot market and about 400-600 points in Future market. Chilli Prices would see some more improvement as Guntur market will open only one day next week. Weather conditions were also not supporting the movement of chilli from Guntur market due heavy and continuous rains last week. The news of Crop loss moving the chilli prices upward but till now real estimates have not come. If weather condition improves i.e. rain stops then price may decline other wise prices would see further improvement of Rs 300-400 per quintal.

Decline in Global Vanilla Prices affecting Export

Decline in vanilla prices in global market worrying growers in south India, where the vanilla harvesting is on peak. Although Vanilla India Producer Company (Vanilco), the only company procuring vanilla at present, buys green beans at Rs 250 a kg, the global market is stagnant, making exports difficult. Market sources are of the opinion that the present average price of processed beans at \$25-30 is not reasonable. However, according to Paul Jose, managing director, Vanilco, the company is receiving trade enquiries from the US, Germany and Mexico. As and when the market looks up, the price should settle at \$40, which could be the floor price in the present market situation, he said. The average price fetched last year was \$60-70. The company has already procured 60 tonne of fresh beans and

the average daily flow 5 tonne. The main reason for the demand decline globally was an increased in supply of synthetic vanilla, vanillin. Vanillin cheaper as it is just half the price of natural vanilla. Vanilco aims to procure 250 tonne of beans from its 2500 member farmers. It is to be noted that the company had procured 60 tonne of beans in the whole of last season. This year, it has already bought the same quantity within four weeks. The production season will continue till the end of March 2006. Mr. Jose told that the marketing of vanilla-based products, such as vanilla extracts, vanilla powder and vanilla tea, would not be a problem as the domestic market was capable of absorbing the total production. Companies from Germany, Japan and the US have taken samples of super critical fluidextract from India and will be placing orders shortly. The major hindrance in marketing natural vanilla products was the lower prices of vanillin. The average price of 10 ml synthetic vanilla extract is Rs 20 and that of natural vanilla is Rs 30. However, to counter vanillin, Vanilco is trying to reduce the prices to Rs 25. They expect the new price will woo consumers, as the difference was only Rs 5. He added as far as the quantity used, natural vanilla has an advantage as users will have to use double the quantity of vanillin to match natural vanilla's effect. Another advantage is the stagnant global production. Total production in Madagascar, the world's largest producer of vanilla is estimated at 1400-1500 tonne and that of Indonesia is 300-400 tonne. So overall there is no need to worry about export, even without export prices would not fall further.

Cardamom Prices Declined on Supply Pressure

Cardamom prices declined on supply pressure and continual rains disrupting movement of consignments.

Arrivals at the auction conducted by the Cardamom Processing and Marketing Company (CPMC) at Kumily on Wednesday stood at 93 tonnes, the highest ever in its 20 year history, reported by Mr P.C. Punnoose, General Manager, CPMC. There is a selling pressure because of Diwali and there won't be any auctions next week. This would help the dealers to release the huge stocks held by them in the major trading centres such as Bodinayakannur in Tamil Nadu and Kumily in Kerala. Due to the selling pressure, prices dropped by Rs 10 a kg at the CPMC auction in Kumily on Wednesday. The average price was Rs 245 a kg. The 8 mm bold variety fetched Rs 407 - 410 a kg, while 6.5-7.5 mm capsules were sold at Rs 265 - 285. Price of average bulk was Rs 235 - 245, while the sick variety was available at Rs 160-175 a kg. Exporters bought 12 tonnes. Meanwhile, market sources at Bodinayakannur told that the dealers were facing problems in getting the bulk cardamom sieved and cleaned for want of adequate number of labourers as they were holding huge stocks. Second, movement of consignments to markets in the other parts of the country has come to a standstill due to disruption in rail and road traffic following heavy rains in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and other States. These factors might bring down the price in the coming days, they feared. Total cardamom arrivals up to October 25 was 2942 tonnes of which 2751 tonnes were sold, while the arrivals and sales during the corresponding period last year were 1585 tonnes and 1498 tonnes respectively. The weighted average price as on October 25 was Rs 233.93 a kg as against Rs 312.35 a kg during the same period last season. Prices of graded varieties were: AGEB Rs 295-305; AGB Rs 220-230; AGS Rs 200-210 and AGS1 Rs 190-200 a kg. Meanwhile, at the local market in Bodinayakannur prices were: AGEB Rs 290-300; AGB Rs 210-220; AGS Rs 190-200 and AGS1 Rs 185-190. Bulk Prices were: Rs 190-250 depending on the colour of the capsules. The cardamom prices would see some more decline after festivals.

Pepper Prices Shoot Up as Exports Subsidy Scheme Announced

Black Pepper Prices today increased by Rs 100 per quintal in spot market at Kochi and shoot up by 300 points in future markets as The Government announced today a scheme for grant of WTO-compatible subsidy on exports of pepper from India at the rate of Rs.5.00 per kg (or the actual cost incurred, whichever is less) for international freight and Rs.2.00 per kg for internal transport. The subsidy will be permitted for the export of a maximum of 20,000 metric tonnes of pepper. The subsidy will be provided to exporters on a first-come-first-served basis. This will be strictly a one-time measure and the scheme will end on 31 March 2006. The scheme is intended to give boost to pepper exports and help growers to get remunerative returns, Shri Kamal Nath, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, said. The subsidy will also cover value-added products of pepper provided value addition is done exclusively from domestically produced pepper. Value added products obtained from imported pepper will not be eligible for subsidy. Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and units under the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) will also not be eligible for the subsidy. The scheme will be implemented by the Spices Board, which is being directed to work out the modalities for implementation of the scheme. The prices would see more improvement in coming days.

Spices Export Drop Slightly

Spices export registered a slight decline in the last six months ending September 2005 mainly due to chillies. The

spices exports touched 166683 tonnes valued at Rs 1050.13 crores as compared to 186493 tonnes valued at Rs 1195.11 crores in the same period of the previous year. The main difference has been the fall in the export of chillies, which has been the single largest export earner among the spices. Besides a decrease in prices, the sluggish off-take from the neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh etc has adversely affected the export of chillies, according to Spices Board sources. The chillies exports reached 59500 tonnes valued at Rs 201 crores as against 75997 tonnes valued at Rs 277.78 crores in the previous year. The year 2004-05 saw all-time high record for chillies with a quantity of around 1.38 lakh tonne and Rs 499 crore. Oils and oleoresins continued their dominance with 3025 tonnes valued at Rs 246 crores as against 2884 tonne worth Rs 237.87 crores. Pepper, the top spices export earner till a few years ago, has slipped drastically. However, it is higher than the previous year so far at 7400 tonnes valued at Rs 62.89 crores. The emergence of Vietnam and the rising domestic demand have been the causes for its decline. Among other major spices while turmeric showed a marginal change, ginger is riding on higher prices this year. Cardamom prices too have come down from a level of Rs 400 to Rs 330 per kg. The country exported 225 tonne of small cardamom for Rs 7.56 crore. The target for the current year has been fixed at Rs 2100 crore, which is less than Rs 2200 crore achieved last year, discounting the bumper export of chillies last year.

Chilli Prices Bullish over Crop loss due to Heavy Rains

The chilli prices in spot as well as futures seeing significant bullish sentiments due to heavy and continuous rains in major chilli producing areas of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamilnadu. The chilli prices which started falling last week again going to touch new high levels in coming days. The Chilli prices, which fell badly last week bounced back on Wednesday and continued today too. Chilli was the winner of the day and closed out strongly posting an overall gain of more than 6%. Chilli prices shooting up today too with recording a gain of about 5 percent from today's opening price at NCDEX. Prices would see some more improvement in coming days.

Black Pepper Export increase by 16 per cent

Indian black pepper exports increase by more than 16 per cent to 9835 tonnes in the first five months of '05-06 compared to 9300 tonnes in the corresponding period last year. Until early this year, the average ASTA-grade black pepper originating from India had been ruling at \$1750-1800 per tonne in international markets. Compared to this, the same grade pepper originating from Vietnam had been ruling at \$1300-1350 per tonne. The upswing in Indian prices had been mainly triggered by lower production of the spice in '04, which declined to about 60000 tonnes in the year. Such a huge price differential of \$450 a tonne between Indian pepper and that coming from Vietnam has forced global importers to lean more on Vietnam to meet their domestic requirements. The gap between Indian and Vietnamese black pepper prices narrowing down over the past six months in international markets, traditional buyers of Indian black pepper like Canada, Australia, Japan and the US have again turned back to India. Though Indian black pepper, even of the ASTA grade, is a much sought after item in the world market for its superior quality and special flavour than what is available from other countries. Though tight supply has made Indian pepper costlier than the Sri Lankan varieties. Price differential with Vietnam,

which mainly matters to India. Vietnam with a huge production of 115000 tonnes is the main competitor of India in the global pepper market. However, with the spice production bouncing back to 70000 tonnes in 2005, Indian pepper price started softening from February this year. The slow decline in its price has gradually brought down the price differential between Indian pepper and Vietnamese pepper to around \$150-175 per tonne by August this year. These sentiments of black pepper export showing improvement in domestic prices in near future.

Arecanut Prices Increasing over Quality Areca short supply

Arecanut Prices increased after a gap of five years. The price of white variety of arecanut, which is predominantly grown along coastal Karnataka and some parts of Kerala, is increasing gradually in the market. The arecanut market, which crashed in 2000, has been recovering this year. The white variety of arecanut has seen an average increase of Rs 20 a kg in the last 15 days. White variety of arecanut was running now a days at Rs 83 a kg in the Mangalore market. Lack of quality arecanut in the market is one of the reasons for the increase in price. Nearly 90 per cent of the growers of the white variety are small and medium farmers. Most of them sell the commodity by the end of June to meet their monetary requirements. Following this, many of the small and medium farmers have not got the benefit of price hike. The remaining growers, who own large holdings of arecanut plantations wait for the price to increase. In such a case, there will not be flow of arecanut in the market. Sources in Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Cooperative (Campco) said all the old stocks of arecanut have been cleared in the market. (In the case of white variety, old stock gets good price compared to the new stock.) According to them, this year there is a good demand for Campco's arecanut in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar markets. They attributed the Government's action in curbing the 'illegal' import of arecanut as another reason

Domestic Prices For the week ending 22.10.2005:

Spice	Grade/Variety	Market	Price (RS/KG) For The Week (22.10.05)	Price (RS/KG) For The Week (15.10.05)	Last Month (RS/KG)Same Week (23.09.05)	Last Year Same Week (RS/KG) (23.10.2004)
Black pepper*	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	Cochin	63.50	63.00	63.80	64.00
Cardamom	(Small) Ungraded	Vandanmettu	241.46	233.59	259.29	276.70
Cardamom	Cardamom (large)	Gangtok	96.25	98.75	90.00	90.63
Chilli	Non -cold storage Cold storage	Guntur	12.60 25.00	12.67 20.33	12.00 18.00	32.33 22.33
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	33.25
Coriander	Indori 5%	"	18.63	18.38	18.88	18.06
Cumin	4%	"	60.63	61.25	66.50	68.13
Clove	Grade 1	Cochin,	220.00	227.50	230.00	250.00
		Nagarcoil	240.00	230.00	230.00	285.00
Cinnamon		Delhi	46.50	46.50	46.50	50.50

for the price hike. If the big farmers, who constitute 10 per cent of total arecanut growers, should release their stock to the market. This will control the entry of poor quality 'imported' arecanut in the market. Market sources reported that the Market will be steady for another 18 months. The market witnessed a crash in 2000 with the prices of white variety of arecanut reaching Rs 40 a kg, which is below the cost of production. The average cost of production of white variety of arecanut is Rs 65 a kg. However, the prices went up to Rs 175 a kg during 1999. So this is good news for arecanut growers of India in coming days.

Turmeric Prices Increased significantly

The Turmeric prices in spot as well as futures seeing significant bullish sentiments due to heavy and continuous rains in major Turmeric producing areas of Andhra Pradesh specially Duggirala and Warangal area and some parts of Tamilnadu. The Turmeric prices, which were firm and moving range, bound from last fortnight. The Turmeric price shave seen a Rs 50 increase in Erode mandi and Rs. 100 in Nizamabad mandi but future market jumped by 200 points from last week. Turmeric prices would see some more improvement in coming days.

Cumin Prices Bullish over Improved Demand

Cumin prices showing bullish trend as the news of improvement in demand and closure of Unjha mandi for one week from 30th October to 6 the November. Prices improved slightly in spot market but significant increase was seen in future market. At Unjha today prices are Rs 1150-1550 per bag (20kg) of Kisanmal grade, Ganesh grade at Rs. 1310-1315 per bag, Machine cleaned in the range of Rs.1400-1600 per bag, which was just improved by Rs. 15-25 per bag in each grade. Demand was also increased by1500-2000 bags per day in comparison to last week. Prices would remain bullish in coming week.

International Spot Prices for the week ending 21.10.2005:

Spice	Origin/Grade	Market	Price For The Week (21.10. 05) (US\$/TON)	Price For The Week (14.10. 05) (US\$/TON)	Last Month Same Week (23.09.05) (US\$/TON)	Last Year Same Week (22.10.04) (US\$/TON)
Black pepper	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	New York	1720	1720	1720	1632
Cardamom * (small)	Fancy green Indian Asta (8 mm)	New York	8820	8820	8820	9592
		Saudi Arabia	7730	8620	9370	8920
Chillies	Indian sannm-4 (stem less)	New York	1257	1257	1213	1300
Ginger	India cochin	New York	3484	3484	3484	5181
		New York	3462	3462	3462	2756
Turmeric	Chinese peeled	New York	1213	1213	1213	1213
	Indian ground India Alleppey finger	New York	2050	2050	2050	1985
Garlic	Chinese	New York	2822	2822	2822	1566
Coriander	Canada	New York	772	772	770	816
Cumin	Syrian		1830	1808	1808	1896
	India	New York	2029	2029	2029	1962
Fennel	Indian	New York	1455	1455	1455	1234
	Asta Egyptian		1411	1411	1411	1300
Fenugreek	India/turkey	New York	750	750	750	750
Clove	Mad/zanz/com/	New York	3815	3859	3859	4079
	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

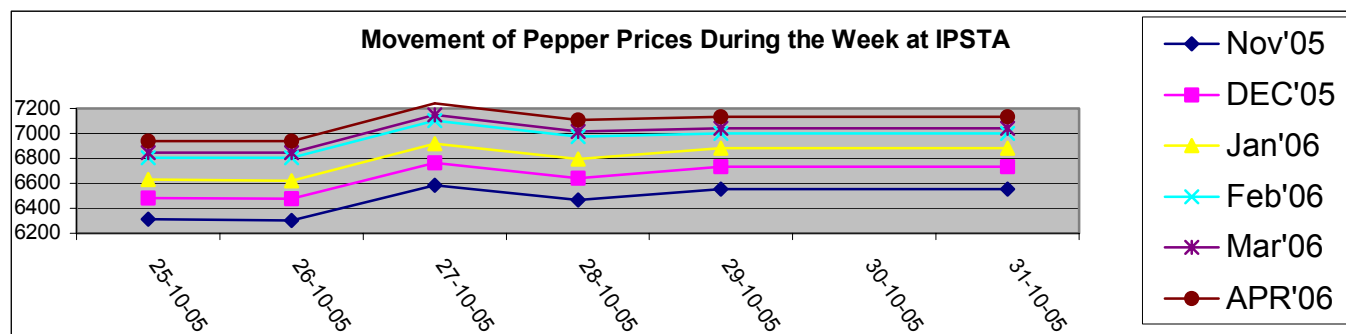
Market Analysis:

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. A final

notification on export subsidy was main reason for upward movement of prices. Prices taken significant jump on Wednesday and then slight decrease on fourth day of the week in every contract, then taken steady trend upto Monday.



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

Pepper	25.10.05	26.10.05	27.10.05	28.10.05	29.10.05	31.10.05
Ungarbled	6000	6000	6100	6100	6100	6100
Garbled	6400	6400	6500	6500	6500	6500

The prices of garbled and ungarbled varieties of pepper improved Rs.100 per quintal on Thursday in Kochi market during the week after official notification on approval of export subsidy on 20000 tonnes @ Rs. 7 Per Kg (Rs 14 crore total) from Union Ministry. 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 in the range of 9-30 tonnes per day except Saturday and Monday, when arrivals were nil. Market sources reported that prices started picking up with domestic buying support. 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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
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 remain firm in comparison with previous week level. Arrivals of turmeric in the Erode were reported between 2500-3500 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 improvement in near future.

DATES	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Loose Finger	2750-2800	2750-2825
Bilty	2900-2950	2900-2950
Loose Gattah	2750	2775
Bilty	2900	2900
Loose SP Gattah	2800-2850	2800-2850
Bilty	3050-3100	3050-3100
Loose DP Gattah (Salem)	2950-3000	2950-3000
Bilty	3250-3300	3250-3300
Kolkata Quality Bilty (75 kg)	2125-2150	2150

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

Nizamabad Mandi

Prices increased in finger as well as 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 some more improvement due to festive demand in coming week.

DATES	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Nizamabad Gattah	2925	3000
Nizamabad Finger	2850	3000

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

Warangal mandi: Market demand and prices improved due to festival demand i.e. 150 bags daily. Prices for turmeric in the market continued to hold steady levels. Prices of gattah and finger were quoted at Rs 2900-2950 per qtls.

Delhi Mandi: Demand for turmeric was slightly declined due to improper demand even during 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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Nizamabad finger	3200-3300	3000-3200
E.Finger mini Selam	3600-3700	3500-3600
E. Single polish Gattah	3200	3100-3200
E. Double polish Gattah	3500-3600	3500-3600
Warangal polish	2950-3050	2950-3000
Selam Finger	4100-4200	4000-4100

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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
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 demand seen some improvement following firm demand from the retail end. Indonesian clove grade was offered at Rs. 189-195per kg. While Colombo grade was traded at Rs. 179-182per kg. The price of Zanzibar was recorded at Rs 196 per Kg.

Cumin:

Unjha Mandi: Cumin market seen slight improvement demand and Prices and arrivals are still seeing sluggish trend. Average trade of cumin in Unjha were reported at 10000-11000 bags daily with average arrivals of 2500-3000 bags per day. Stock of cumin is about 4.5lakh bags and 1.7 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 picked up significantly and one week market closure from 30th October to 6th November, so there are maximum chances of some upward movement in demand and prices in next week.

DATES	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Kisan Mal-FAQ	1150	1175-1550
Ganesh	1250	1325
M/c. Cleaned	1250-1300	1450-1525
Sup. M/c. Cleaned	1400	1625

Note: Prices are in Rs/20 Kg

In **Hyderabad mandi** the rates of Kisan mal-FAQ grade was reported between Rs.1220-1300/20kg.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 increase in demand due to coming festivals.

Grade	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Chalu	62	62
Ganesh	66-67	66-67
M/Cleaned	67-80	67-80
Best	83-91	83-91

Red Chillies:

Guntur Mandi: Daily average arrivals were in the range of 20 thousand with same off take per day. Arrivals decrease drastically due to continuous heavy rains at Guntur during the week. 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.400-500 per quintal from the previous week. Market sources reported that prices would remain steady in coming week as market will remain closed due to festivals.

DATES	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
COLD	2700-2800	3200
UNCOLD	1400-2000	NR
WHB	2700-2750	3200
Byadgi	3000	3100
Sannam Best	2700-2800	3200-3500
Sannam Med. Best	2400-2500	3200-3300
Namdhari	2700-2800	3200
273	2200-2300	3100-3200
Guntur Fullcut	4000	4300-4500
Ankur	3000-3200	3400-3500
Phatki	1200	1500
Indo5	2900-3000	3200-3300
Tejaseed	3000-3200	3600-3700
Roshni	2600-2700	3100-3200

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

Delhi Mandi:

Delhi market on demand of chilly prices improved s by Rs.100-200 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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Guntur Pala	2800-3100	2900-3100
Guntur Fullcut	4500-4800	4600-4800
Guntur Packing (new)	3200-3800	3400-3800
Nagpur Pala	2500-3000	2900-3000
Nagpur Fullcut	3400-3600	3500-3600
Nagpur Packing	3300-3500	3400-3500

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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
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 5-10 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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Colour Robin	180	185
C Bold 6.5mm	190	197
Extra Bold 7mm	260	270
Ex Bold 7.5mm	280	290
8.00 mm	400	410

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

Coriander:

Delhi Mandi

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

Coriander Grade	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
FAQ (Chalu)	1900-2000	1900-2000
Medium	2100-2600	2100-2600
Green	2800-3600	2800-3600
Extra Green	4000-5500	4000-5500

Note: Rate Per Quintal

Rajasthan Mandi

Demand for coriander started picking up in Rajasthan markets. Prices improve by Rs 100-150 per quintal in loose grades. Arrivals of coriander in Ramganj, Kota and Baran mandi were reported about 1500-1700 bags daily. Arrivals in Guna mandi remained 500-700 bags daily. Prices would see some improvement after Diwali, as demand will also improve in coming week.

DATES	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Kota Badami (40 kg)	720	750-760
Kota Eagle (40 kg)	760	780-800
Ramganj Badami (loose per qtls)	1450	1500-1550
Ramganj Eagle (loose per qtls)	1550	1600-1650
Kota Badami (loose per quintal)	1450	1500-1550
Kota Eagle (loose per quintal)	1550	1600-1650

Methi

Kota mandi:

Methi markets remain steady in prices this week. Daily average arrivals were in the range 200-250 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 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Methi (Uncleaned)	1150-1275	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 was no change observed in prices of each grade. The prices would remain firm on positive side in coming week.

Methi price at Delhi Mandi

Methi Grade	Oct 18 - 24	Oct 25 - 31
Chalu	1500-1600	1500-1600
Jabara	2350-2800	2350-2800
Better	2750-3100	2750-3100

Note: Rate Per quintal

Prices of Major Spices available in Major Rajasthan Mandi as on 31st 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 significant increase of Rs 500 per quintal and Chilly dry steady trend throughout the week. Arrivals of Chilli (dry) remain nil except 36 quintal on Tuesday. Arrivals of cumin also remain nil in Jaipur mandi except 6 quintals on Monday. Arrival of Methi was also recorded nil during the week except 30 quintals on Tuesday with Rs.100 per quintal increase in prices.

Prices of Major Spices

Name of Spice	Place	Rate (Rs. qtls)
Chilly Dry	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	2750-3000
Jeera (Cumin)	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	6500
Methi	Jaipur (Grain) Mandi	1175-1275

Other Minor Spices during week at Delhi Mandi

At the Delhi mandi the prices of other minor spices remained steady with some improvement in prices 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:

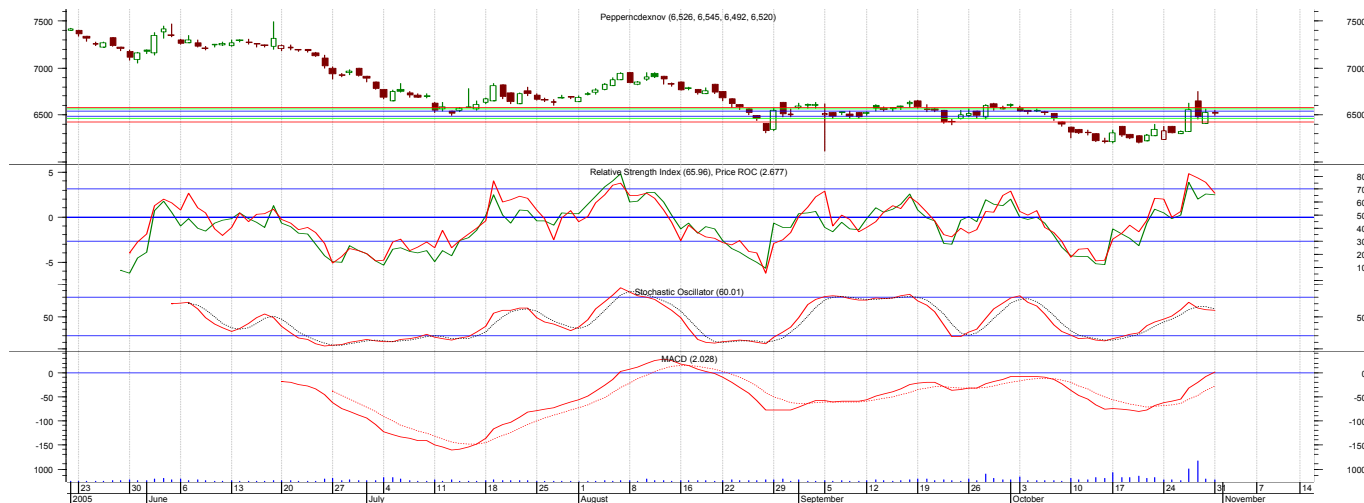
Commodity: Black Pepper

Contract Month: November 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

The all indicators are showing declining trend in the market, candlesticks are showing bearish sentiment. Stochastic oscillator in neutral region moving downward also signs of bearish sentiment. RSI is in neutral zone and taken

downward movement. MACD is only bullish showing strength in the market. Overall there are chances of downward movement on the basis of technical analysis but fundamentally prices are likely to go up in this week.



Recommendation: As all the indicators showing bearish sentiment in the week in prices, but fundamental showing bullish sentiment. So on the basis of both prices

would move downward then maximum chances of positive correction on 4-5 day of the week. The prices would be in the range of 6425-6583 in this week.

Commodity: Turmeric

Contract Month: November 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

Candlesticks showing Bearish sentiments in the market. Prices would see more decrease in the coming days. Stochastic oscillator is in neutral region and moving downward movement sign of bearish sentiment. MACD is bullish and at 60.42 points showing the strength in the

market. RSI and PROC also showing upward movement but in over bought region with maximum chances of negative correction in coming 1-2 days. So overall bearish sentiment prevails in prices.



Recommendation: As market is overall bearish in coming week. Go for Short term as well as intra day

selling in the week. The prices would be in the range of 2812-3100 in this week.

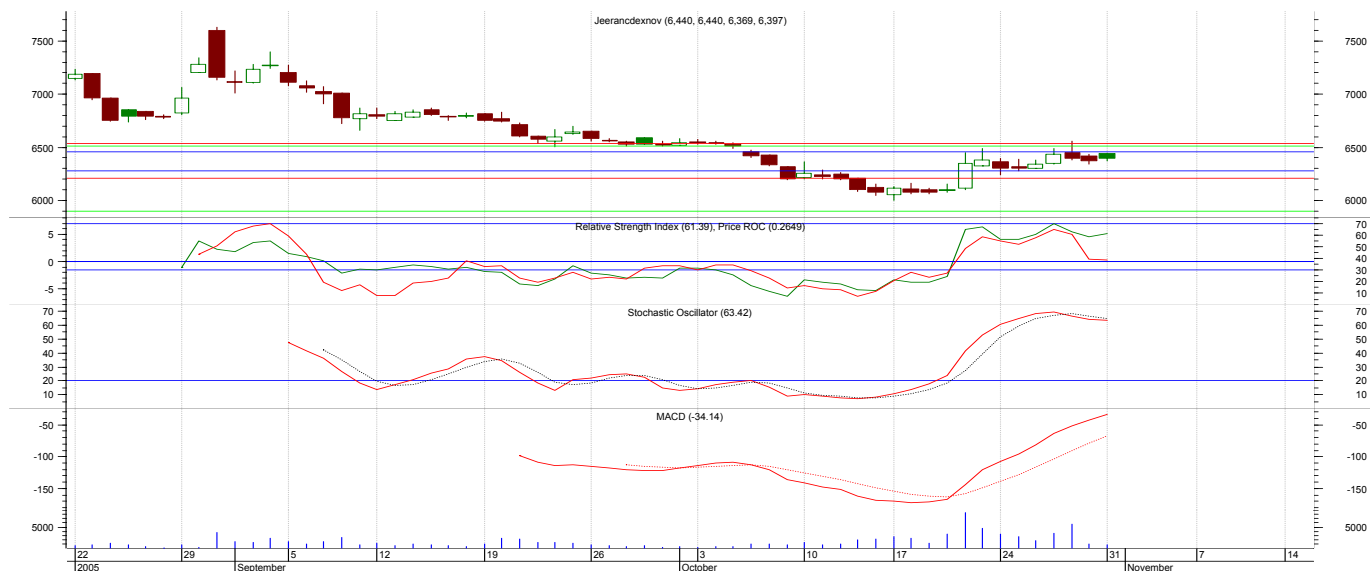
Commodity: Cumin (Jeera)

Contract Month: November 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

All the indicators are showing slight bearish sentiment in the market. Candlesticks are showing weakness in market. RSI is bullish and PROC is showing bearish sentiments in the prices. Stochastic oscillator at 63.42 point is also in

neutral region and bearish. MACD is already in Negative zone showing the weakness in market also bullish. Overall all the technical indicators showing bearish sentiments in the prices.



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

may go for short term and intra day positions. Market would move downward. Market would move in the range of 6210-6538 in this week.

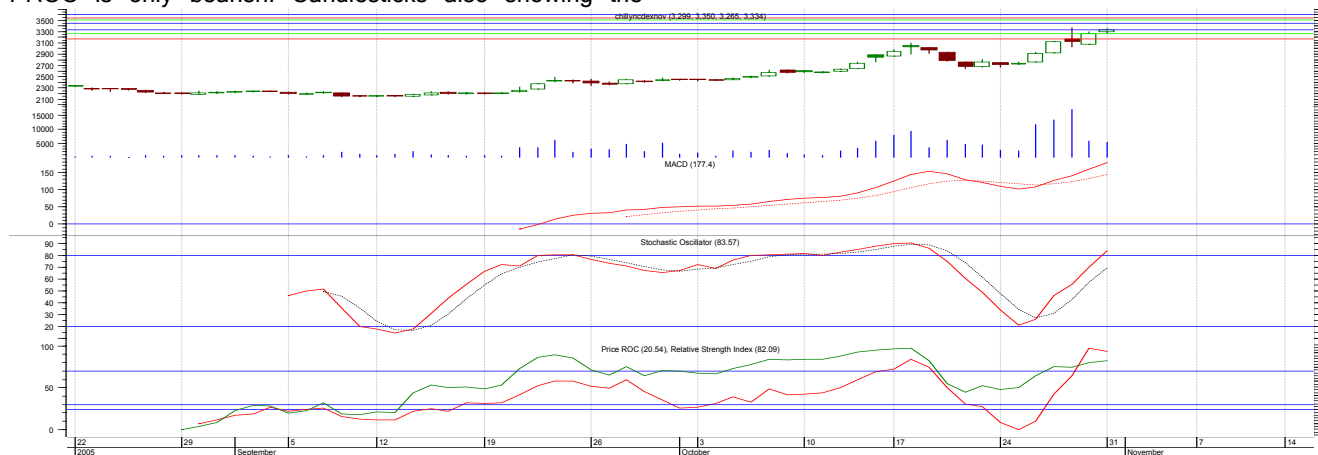
Commodity: Red Chili

Contract Month: November 2005

Exchange: NCDEX

Stochastic Oscillator, %K line is above the % D line at 83.57 point cutting it from below and in overbought region there shows the bullish sentiments. RSI is bullish and PROC is only bearish. Candlesticks also showing the

bullish sentiment. Overall technical and fundamentals showing the bullish sentiments in the prices coming week.



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

can go for making positions long at support levels. Prices would be in the range of 3168-3601 in this week.

WEATHER WATCH (As on 31.10.05)

ALL INDIA WEATHER FORECAST BULLETIN VALID FOR NEXT 5 DAYS

Weather Outlook

NE monsoon rainfall activity is expected to remain subdued during next 2-3 days with light to moderate rains over south peninsular India till 2nd November, 2005. The rainfall activity is expected revive over Tamil Nadu and adjoining south coastal Andhra Pradesh thereafter with the formation of an east-west shear zone across extreme south peninsular India around this period. Yesterday's feeble low-pressure area over south Coastal Andhra Pradesh and neighbourhood has become less marked. However, the associated upper air cyclonic circulation persists and extends upto 3.1 km a.s.l. A weak western disturbance is likely to affect J&K and Himachal Pradesh during 1-3 November, 2005.

NORTH & NORTH NORTH-WEST INDIA [J&K, HP, UTTARANCHAL, PUNJAB, HARYANA, DELHI, WEST UP] Isolated snow/rains are expected over J&K, H.P. and Uttaranchal during next 2-3 days. Mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over rest areas of the region.

EAST AND NE INDIA [EAST UP, BIHAR, JHARKHAND, WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, NE STATES] Isolated to scattered rainfall activity is expected over Orissa, North-eastern States, Sub- Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim. Isolated rains may occur over rest areas of the region except over East UP and Bihar where mainly dry weather may prevail during next 3 days.

CENTRAL INDIA [MP, CHATTISGARH, VIDARBHA] Mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over the region except over Chhattisgarh where isolated rains are expected during next week.

SOUTH INDIA [TAMILNADU, AP, KERALA, KARNATAKA, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS, LAKSHADEEP] Isolated to scattered rainfall is likely over the region during next 2-3 days. The rainfall activity over Tamilnadu & Pondicherry and south coastal AP may increase after 2nd November.

WEST INDIA [MAHARASHTRA OTHER THAN VIDARBHA, GUJARAT, RAJASTHAN] Mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over the region.

Source: GOI (NCMRWF& IMD)

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