

PULSES

Feb 13th -18th, 2006

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Moong Prices Skyrocket on Good Demand
- Urad Prices Soar on Fake Reports of Weather Problems in Burma
- Maharashtra Chana Reaching Delhi Markets
- USD Up INR 0.335 During the Week

Highlights

Futures Market

- OI at NCDEX against February Contract in Chana as on Feb 18th, 2006 stands at 31,510 Ton Versus 35,380 ton of outstanding after Expiry of January Contract
- OI at NCDEX against February Contract in Urad as on Feb 18th, 2006 stands at 13,520 Ton Versus 20,780 ton of outstanding after Expiry of January Contract

Fundamentals

URAD:

Rumors over crop losses in Myanmar caused turbulence in the urad markets early this week. However, weather is conducive for crop in Myanmar and such rumors in fact had no ground. There were rains in extreme north and south of Myanmar, which are not the major producing areas of urad. Another bullish factor was reports of exhausted stocks in domestic markets. Both these reports collectively attributed bullish impact in the market. Market candidly ignored the reports of just arrived big cargo from Burma and its due harvest in Rabi season. According to traders, harvest of urad will likely to pick up in March and weather is favorable for crop.

Urad Prices in Delhi and Mumbai (Rs/ctl.)

| Date | Burma FAQ 2005 (Delhi) | Loval Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi) | Burma spot FAQ 2005 (Mumbai) |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 13.02.06 | 2925 | - | 2750 |
| 14.02.06 | 2950 | - | 2775 |
| 15.02.06 | 3100 | - | 3000 |
| 16.02.06 | 3150 | - | 3025 |
| 17.02.06 | 3200 | - | 2950 |
| 18.02.06 | 3200 | - | 2900 |

Urad Prices in secondary markets

| QUALITY | 11.02.06 | 18.02.06 |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Gulbarga New | NA | NA |

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| Latur loose New | 2750 | Closed |
| Akola New | 2850 | 3000-3100 |

International Price Offer For Urad, FAQ, SQ New: \$/MT CNF (Mumbai/ Chennai) 90 Days

| Date | F A Q | S Q |
|----------|---------|-----|
| 11.02.06 | 520-525 | 570 |
| 18.02.06 | 535-550 | 600 |

TUR:

Tur markets turned bullish on multiple factors. Reserved selling by farmers and higher quotes for imported cargos were couple of factors responsible for firming up of tur prices. Farmers are just not dumping their produce in the markets. To bargain better, farmers are smartly bringing in their produce to the markets intermittently. Further, transportation has become costly affair. Traffic control department is taking strict action against over-loaded trucks. Vehicles usually put up more than some 30% of their capacity covering cost of one vehicle on loading of every three motors. Sudden rise in its prices, however, slowed the interest of stockists.

Tur Prices at Delhi / Mumbai (Rs/ctl.):

| Date | Burma Spot Delhi | Maharashtra Line (Delhi) | Burma Spot Mumbai |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 13.02.06 | 1750 | 1900 | 1640-1650 |
| 14.02.06 | 1800 | 1925 | 1651 |

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|----------|------|------|-----------|
| 15.02.06 | 1800 | 1925 | 1681 |
| 16.02.06 | 1850 | 1950 | 1750 |
| 17.02.06 | 1825 | 1925 | 1810 |
| 18.02.06 | 1800 | 1900 | 1710-1725 |

Tur Prices in secondary markets

| QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME | 11.02.06 | 18.02.06 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Gulbarga - Red Tur | 1650 | 1675 |
| Latur Red tur (Mh Line) | 1700-1800 | Closed |
| Latur White tur (Mh Line) | 1800 | Closed |
| Jalna Red | 1625-1650 | 1750 |
| Jalna White | 1650 | 1700 |
| Jalna BDM | 1800 | 1800-1850 |
| Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut) | 1680-1700 | 1680-1690 |
| Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut) | 1700-1711 | 1700 |
| Vijaywada Local | 1710 | 1650 |

International Price for Tur USD/MT CNF (Mumbai) 90 Days

| DATE | Burmese (FAQ/lemon/ Shwebo) |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| 11.02.06 | 330 |
| 18.02.06 | 310-330 |

MUNG:

Sentiments remained firm in Moong markets. Demand for the same is good in northern markets, while stock is short. Increase in its prices in domestic markets has paved the way for its import. Small cargos have been coming in from the Burma to help filling shortage in domestic markets. Harvest of rabi crop is due shortly in some areas of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, where weather is favorable for the crop. Situation of crop is good. Traders are expecting fresh harvest to pick up in these areas in a week or so.

Latest prices in Mumbai and Delhi (Rs/qt.)

| Date | Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi) | Shekhawati -Bisao (Delhi) |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11.02.06 | 3250 | 2950-3000 |
| 18.02.06 | 3400 | 3250 |

International Price Offer for Moong USD/MT CNF (Mumbai) 90 Days

| Date | Burmese Pokako | Burmese Annashewa | Burmese Pedishewa |
|----------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.02.06 | 560 | 535 | 570 |
| 18.02.06 | 560 | 535 | 570 |

CHICKPEAS:

Chana posted big gains on spurious reports of weather problem in Rajasthan. Further, howl over lacking momentum in harvest pace in Madhya Pradesh also attributed bullishness early this week. However, both the factors are embellished and do not stand close to the facts. People are concerned over lack of wide spread rains in chana producing areas in Rajasthan during January. However, concerns have no valid scientific ground. Chana is grown as a dry crop in areas having low to moderate rainfall. Chana is nearing maturity in Rajasthan. Harvest in Rajasthan starts in March. Similarly, it would be too early to cry over delayed harvest in Madhya Pradesh. Harvest has started in most of the key producing state and will pick up pace in due course of time.

Desi Chickpea Price Change in Delhi and Indore (Rs/qt.)

| Date | Rajasthan (Delhi) | M.P. (Delhi) | Indore (Kantewala) |
|----------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 13.02.06 | 1925-1950 | 1900 | 1770 |
| 14.02.06 | 1950 | 1850-1900 | 1740 |
| 15.02.06 | 1950 | 1850 | 1700 |
| 16.02.06 | 1950-1960 | 1850 | 1735-1740 |
| 17.02.06 | 1960-1990 | 1850 | 1725-1730 |
| 18.02.06 | 1910-1950 | 1810-1815 | 1665-1670 |

Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

| Centres | 04.02.06 | 18.02.06 |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Gulbarga New | 1700 | 1675 |
| Latur (Gauran) | 1625 | Closed |
| Latur (Annagiri) | 1750 | Closed |
| Latur Vijay | 1700 | Closed |
| Jalna (Gauran) | 1650 | 1650 |
| Jalna (Pila) | 1800 | 1700-1750 |
| Akola (Mixed) motor cut | 1680 | 1575 |
| Akola new (Chapa) motor cut | 1735 | 1625 |
| Kanpur (mandi rates) | 2050 | 2000 |

LENTILS:

Reports of lower acreage under 'chotti' grade masoor helped improving sentiments in the market. Stock of this grade is already short. Harvest of other grades, which are being consumed locally, has started. Harvest of export grade will start by middle of March. Weather is perfect for crop and fieldwork.

Prices in Delhi/ UP/ Indore (Rs/qtt.)

| Date | MP/Kota Line (Delhi) | UP/Sikari (Delhi) |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 13.02.06 | 1590 | 2000 |
| 14.02.06 | 1650 | 2000 |
| 15.02.06 | 1500 | 1800 |
| 16.02.06 | 1550 | 1800 |

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| 17.02.06 | 1550 | 1800-2000 |
| 18.02.06 | 1525 | 1975 |

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qr)

| Date | Indore Masra | Indore Masoor | Indore Medium | Kanpur | Bareilly |
|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| 13.02.06 | 1580 | 1570 | 1500 | 1620 | 1665 |
| 14.02.06 | 1580 | 1570 | 1500 | 1660 | 1700 |
| 15.02.06 | 1580 | 1570 | 1500 | 1715 | 1925 |
| 16.02.06 | 1620 | 1615 | 1500 | 1750 | 1950 |
| 17.02.06 | 1630 | 1620 | 1500 | 1710 | 1760 |
| 18.02.06 | 1610 | 1600 | 1500 | 1690 | 1730 |

FIELD PEAS:

Field pea markets also see steady to weak trend. Demand for the same remained subdued. Harvesting of the same has started. Stock of imported field pea also is good. Long term perspective of field pea does not seem promising.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qr)

| Offers | Kanpur New | Mumbai Peas |
|----------|------------|-------------|
| 11.02.06 | 1090 | 965 |
| 18.02.06 | 1080-1090 | 980 |

Glimpses - Future Markets (NCDEX)

Urad

Urad futures featured firm trend right from beginning of the week. Gains initially were shy on Monday and Tuesday. Prices moved up astonishingly on Wednesday. March contract peaked to 3035 on Thursday. However, drying up of buyers interest above 3000 levels pulled it down. This downward correction, which started late on Thursday, continued on Friday and Saturday. Open Interest was seen coming down against February contract, as people started switching their positions to the later month well in time before expiry of February.

Chana













Chana futures though started the week in a bit bullish fashion, but were seen losing steam soon. Being both bullish and bearish factors equally weighing, March contract got locked in a defined range of 1700-1770 during the week. Traders are expecting big decline in its prices till expiry of the February contract.

Tur

Tur future started the week in bullish fashion extending the firm trend started early last week. This week also Lemon Tur saw abrupt movements at NCDEX through the week

and March contract touched its high at 1874 on Thursday. However, corrections were seen by weekend.

Crop -Weather Impact

| Commodity | States | Weather | Impact |
|-----------|----------------|---------|---|
| Urad | Andhra Pradesh | Clear |  Favorable |
| | Karnataka | Clear |  Favorable |
| Tur | Maharashtra | Clear |  Favorable |
| | Karnataka | Clear |  Favorable |
| | MP | Clear |  Favorable |
| Chana | Rajasthan | Clear |  Favorable |
| | MP | Clear |  Favorable |
| | Haryana | Clear |  Favorable |
| Lentil | UP | Clear |  Favorable |
| | MP | Clear |  Favorable |
| Field Pea | UP | Clear |  Favorable |
| | MP | Clear |  Favorable |

*Valid till 21st Feb

Source-IMD

Latest Vessel Position

Mumbai Port is expecting 'Noora' to deliver 16,354 MT of pulses. The cargo was loaded from Yangon. Able Marine agents will be handling the vessel. Delivery of 4,000 MT of pulses is continuing at the port from the vessel 'Al Muztuba'. The vessel is being handled by Sai Freight agents.

India's Import Matrix for Burmese Pulses (Tonnes)

| Pulses | Jan, 05 | Feb, 05 | Mar, 05 | April, 05 | May, 05 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Black Matpea | 13,113 | 14,376 | 26,256 | 26,472 | 31,598 |
| Mung beans | 1,390 | 1,832 | 3,051 | 3,317 | 1,749 |
| Black Eye Beans | 48 | 477 | 2,336 | 2,382 | 1,331 |
| Chickpeas | - | 48 | 3,296 | 631 | 5,582 |
| Tur whole | 10,949 | 13,852 | 18,571 | 5,603 | 11,165 |
| Kidney Beans | 319 | 46 | 275 | 1,032 | 1,752 |
| Total | 25,819 | 30,849 | 54,785 | 39,720 | 53,273 |

International Highlight

Monthly Total Exports of Burma (qty. in tonnes)

| Months | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| January | 43,885 | 59,450 | 37,528 |
| February | 65,471 | 85,062 | 51,171 |
| March | 70,011 | 131,179 | 71,433 |
| April | 88,772 | 129,001 | 56,153 |
| May | 51,591 | 139,895 | 62,878 |

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|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| June | 100,893 | 98,906 | 92,430 |
| July | 107,520 | 68,992 | 64,063 |
| August | 87,198 | 47,786 | 75,578 |
| September | 100,575 | 30,748 | 44,082 |
| October | 99,008 | 34,080 | 46,235 |
| November | 36,638 | 45,107 | 35,959 |
| December | 38,493 | 35,584 | |
| Total | 8,90,055 | 9,05,790 | 635,710 |

(Source: Commerce Ministry, Myanmar)

Latest FOREX Rates

| Country/ Continent | Currency | Value in Rupees |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| USA | Dollar | 44.460 |
| European Union | Euro | 53.937 |
| United Kingdom | GBP | 77.463 |

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