

SPICES

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TURMERIC

Fundamentals

Nizamabad Mandi:

At Nizamabad prices of turmeric for most of the grades traded steady today. Fresh crop arrivals were of around 2500 bags as against yesterdays 4000 bags and all were sold. The market didn't see old crop arrivals today. The demand for fresh turmeric is more as it has better aroma and colour. According to trade sources the demand for turmeric has increased particularly from Uttar Pradesh and local demand is also high. Also foreign buyers visited market today. The prices may improve slightly for about 2-3 days.

Erode market:

Turmeric in Erode market for both the grades traded Rs 50 to Rs. 100 per quintal lower today. Inflow of turmeric increased and was of around 3000 bags of turmeric comprising of 1500 bags of fresh crop and offtake was around 60 to 70 percent. The demand for new turmeric is more. Peak arrivals of turmeric are expected in the month of March. The prices may remain steady to weak for few days.

NCDEX Futures Market:

Technical Analysis:

Candlesticks are reflecting indecisiveness among bulls and bears and are likely to see reversal. MACD is in neutral zone and recovering and stochastic is in neutral region. The prices may remain may open firm but thereafter may decline.

Spot Market Prices

Turmeric Prices at Nizamabad (Rs. Per quintal)

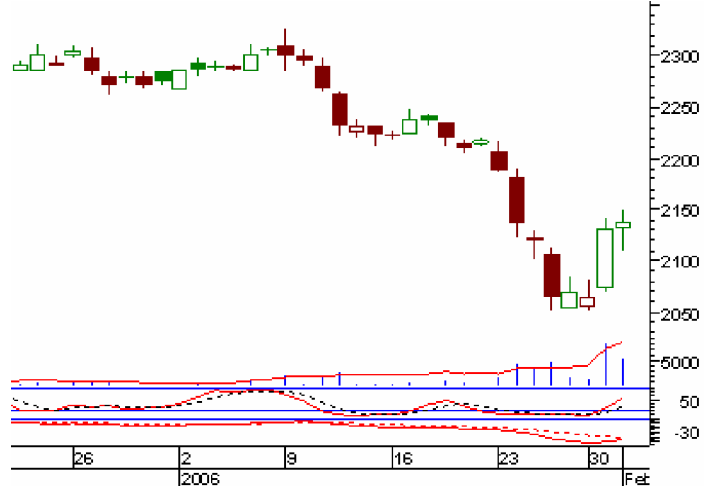
| Grades | 01.02.06 | 31.01.06 | Change |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Finger (New) | 2100-2450 | 2100-2400 | +50.00 |
| Gattah (New) | 1900-2050 | 1900-2050 | - |

Futures Prices

NCDEX FUTURES (April 2006) (Rs Per Quintal)

| Last Traded Price | Previous Closing | Change |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|
| 2138 | 2131 | +7.00 |

Technical Chart



Market Advice:

Turmeric APRIL NCDEX: The prices may most likely be mixed i.e. are likely to open firm and fall lately. Sell at 2150 with take profit of 2125 and a strict stop loss at 2168. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Supports & Resistances

| Particulars | 02.02.06 |
|----------------|----------|
| Support-1 | 2113 |
| Support-2 | 2084 |
| Previous Close | 2138 |
| Resistance-1 | 2150 |
| Resistance-2 | 2172 |

BLACK PEPPER

Fundamentals

Market Commentary: Pepper prices at Kochi spot market traded firm today. The prices improved due to non-arrival of fresh crop in Kochi market as at current prices producers are unwilling to sell their produce. According to market sources stocks of black pepper are depleting and there were no arrivals today in the market. This if continues may bring in slight improvement in prices later. The prices are expected to remain steady to slightly firm in coming days.

Price Drivers:

No arrivals at Kochi

Traders expecting export demand to come in near future

Heavy stocks of inferior quality of pepper with commodity exchanges

Indian pepper prices not in parity with other major exporting nations

Release of stock by stockiest of North India

NCDEX Futures Market: NCDEX February contract opened above previous days close and traded strongly bullish throughout the day and settled at Rs. 6796. The prices moved in the range of 6819-6614

Spot Market Prices

Black Pepper Prices at Kochi (Rs. Per quintal)

| Grades | 01.02.06 | 31.01.06 | Change |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Ungarbled | 6400 | 6300 | +100.00 |
| Garbled | 6800 | 6700 | +100.00 |

Futures Prices

NCDEX FUTURES (February 2006) (Rs Per Quintal)

| Last Traded Price | Previous Closing | Change |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| 6796 | 6624 | +172.00 |

Outlook: The prices at domestic spot market are expected to be steady to firm and at NCDEX futures market may trade bullish tomorrow.

Technical Analysis:

Candlesticks are indicating bullish sentiments. MACD is in negative zone and has crossed and stochastic is in neutral region. The prices may most likely to remain bullish.

Technical Chart



Market Advice:

Pepper February NCDEX:

Prices are most likely expected to trade bullish. Buy above 6798 with a take profit of 6840 with a strict stop loss at 6765. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Supports & Resistances

| Particulars | 02.02.06 |
|----------------|----------|
| Support-1 | 6743 |
| Support-2 | 6663 |
| Previous Close | 6624.00 |
| Resistance-1 | 6864 |
| Resistance-2 | 6947 |

RED CHILLIES

Fundamentals

Guntur Mandi

Red chilli at Guntur market traded steady today. Fresh crop arrivals increased and were of around 700 - 800 bags and total arrivals including cold storage were around 30000 to 40000 bags. Demand for Chilli is high and Offtake was of 35000 - 40000 bags. Fresh crop has more moisture and is lighter in colour thus demand for it is less. The demand for superior quality of crop i.e. rich in colour is high. The crop is continuously arriving in other major markets of Warangal and Khammam. The prices may remain stable in coming days.

Spot Market Prices

Red Chilli Prices (loose) at Guntur (Rs. Per quintal)

| Grades | 01.02.06 | 31.01.06 | Change |
|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| LCA 334 | 2600-2650 | 2600-2650 | - |

Futures Prices

NCDEX FUTURES (March 2006) (Rs Per Quintal)

| Last Traded Price | Previous Closing | Change |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|
| 3135 | 3086 | +49.00 |

Technical Analysis:

Candlesticks are showing bullish sentiments. Stochastic is in neutral region, 3 MA are indicating slight firmness to continue however MACD is indicating that prices may decline. The prices are most likely to improve.

Technical Chart



Market Advice:

Chilli March NCDEX:

Prices are expected to be firm. Buy above 3135 with take profit at 3152 and a strict stop loss at 3121. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Supports & Resistances

| Particulars | 02.02.06 |
|----------------|----------|
| Support-1 | 3115 |
| Support-2 | 3087 |
| Previous Close | 3135 |
| Resistance-1 | 3155 |
| Resistance-2 | 3191 |

CUMIN (JEERA)

Fundamentals

Unjha Mandi

Jeera at Unjha market traded slightly firm to range bound today. Arrivals were of around 1200 bags and around 3500-4000 bags were sold today. Traders are expecting arrivals to increase by 5000 bags in coming days. The Demand from North India is moderate and expected to improve in coming days. The demand for old jeera is low. The crop is in seed formation stage and climate is suitable for its growth. The fresh crop may come in market after 15 - 20 days. The prices are expected to remain steady to range bound in coming days.

Spot Market Prices

Cumin (Jeera) Prices at Unjha (Rs. Per 20 Kg)

| Grades | 01.02.06 | 31.01.06 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| FAQ | 1366 | 1364 |
| Ganesh new | 1200-1180 | 1180 |
| Machine cleaned | 1310-1450 | 1350-1450 |

Futures Prices

NCDEX FUTURES (February 2006) (Rs Per Quintal)

| Last Traded Price | Previous Closing | Change |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| 5971 | 5707 | +264.00 |

Technical Analysis:

Candlesticks are showing bullish sentiments. MACD is in negative zone and is recovering. MA, stochastic are indicating recovery in prices. The prices are most likely expected to be bullish. However in later trading hours may recover slight bearishness.

Technical Chart



Market Advice:

Jeera February NCDEX:

The prices are most likely to be bullish. Buy above 5975 with take profit at 6020 with a strict stop loss at 5942. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Supports & Resistances

| Particulars | 02.02.06 |
|----------------|----------|
| Support-1 | 5918 |
| Support-2 | 5796 |
| Previous Close | 5971 |
| Resistance-1 | 6081 |
| Resistance-2 | 6134 |

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