

PULSES

Apr 17 - 22, 2006

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Pulses exempted from VAT in Maharashtra till September 30
- Sentiments Weak in Urad Markets
- Burmese Urad, Moong & Tur Reaching Mumbai/Chennai Port

Highlights

Futures Market

As per notification by NCDEX, fresh position was not allowed in April 2006 contracts during last 5 days before expiry in the commodities listed therein. NCDEX clarified that violation of this directive would attract a penalty of Rs.1000/- commodity wise per day and would be collected from the members.

Fundamentals

URAD:

Urad markets were driven by domestic factors in absence of fresh leads from Burma. Myanmar markets were closed till Wednesday for water festival. Local stockists lowered their quotes due to sustained lack of demand from the retail end. Also, production of urad is good in AP, TN and Orissa in rabi season. Slight ease in its prices triggered additional selling from stockists. Central India (MP) is sourcing urad from Orissa and local stocks of last kharif crop. Demand for the same has gone down in retail markets due to still higher prices. Importers in Mumbai only are active buyer for urad from Burma. Conventionally urad in India is imported at three major ports namely Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai. Importers in Kolkata are least interested in urad this year due to increased volatility and reduced margins, while Chennai importers are quiet for some time as their own (local) harvest is in progress. Importers in Mumbai are left the only active buyer for Burmese urad in recent months. Mumbai is a major trading hub for pulses, which feed to northern and central India. Apart from its access to the terminal markets in northern and central India, it has got more channel i.e. delivery centers of commodity exchanges for its importers to sell out imported urad. Burmese also have lowered their quotes as demand dried up from India at higher prices. CNF prices for FAQ urad at Mumbai were last quoted at \$660 per ton.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2005 (Delhi)	Loval Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2005 (Mumbai)
17.04.06	3650	-	3200-3250
18.04.06	3600	-	3275-3300
19.04.06	3550-3600	-	3300
20.04.06	3500	-	3300
21.04.06	3500	-	3200-3225
22.04.06	3500	-	3250

Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	15.04.06	22.04.06
Gulbarga New	NA	NA
Latur loose New	NA	NA
Akola New	NA	3300-3350

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
15.04.06	650-670	710-715
22.04.06	665	700

TUR:

Stock of tur is comfortable in leading producing states of tur i.e. Maharashtra and Karnataka. In Gulbarga alone, stock of tur as reported by traders is more than 18 lakh bags. According to traders, stock of tur is also high in Latur markets, where farmers of Karnataka came preferentially to sell out their crop due to difference in market tax between these two states. APMC levy 1.5% mandi tax in Karnataka, while there is no such tax in Maharashtra. Though Maharashtra markets lost its attraction for some time after imposition of 4% tax under VAT regime from April 1st 2006, but state government withdrew its decision soon after strong protest from traders. VAT was implemented in Maharashtra last year, but pulses and food grains were exempted from this system for one year. This exemption period came to end on March 31st, 2006, after which pulses came under taxable items attracting 4% tax. After strong protest from traders, Maharashtra government has extended this exemption till September 30th, 2006.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
17.04.06	2075	2100	1900
18.04.06	2050	2100	1875
19.04.06	2050	2100	1875
20.04.06	2000-2025	-	1875
21.04.06	2000-2025	-	1850
22.04.06	2050-2075	-	1850

Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	15.03.06	22.04.06
Gulbarga - Red Tur	1875	1930
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	Closed	2000-2060
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	Closed	2050
Jalna Red	Closed	1900-1925
Jalna White	Closed	2050
Jalna BDM	Closed	2150
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	1975	1980
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	1975	1985
Vijaywada Local	1800	1800

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

DATE	Burmese (FAQ/lemon/ Shwebo)
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15.04.06	400
22.04.06	390

MUNG:

Moong markets featured lackluster trading through the week. Routine demand for the same has been affected due to its higher prices in recent weeks. Further, ease in other major pulses like urad, chana etc has caused nervousness among moong stockists. Import from the Burma also has started rising steadily. Prices for the moong are higher in the international markets, but are well in parity for Indian importers.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qtt.)

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi)	Shekhawati -Bisao (Delhi)
15.04.06	4050	4200
22.04.06	3400	3325

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
15.04.06	NA	NA	690-700
22.04.06	NA	NA	685

CHICKPEAS:

Chana markets continued to see firm trend despite the fact harvest of the same is continuing in northern states and Rajasthan. Traders blame this to implementation of VAT, which made chana in Rajasthan little costlier i.e. by some Rs 50/qtt. So, farmers have avoided bringing their produce in market yards in Rajasthan, where there is less realization due to this tax system. They in fact are selling their produce through capable traders in the states, where pulses are exempted from taxes. Less arrival in the interior markets of Rajasthan gives impression of shortage therein. While sustained arrivals in other states like Delhi has resulted in substantial rise in inventories. According to trade sources, stock of chana in Delhi must be higher than 6 lakh bags. Stockists had been the major buyer for chana in recent. Prices for the same has already been very high, traders see slight correction in its prices ahead

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

Date	Rajasthan (Delhi)	M.P. (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
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17.04.06	2215	2170	2090-2100
18.04.06	2190-2225	2150	2100
19.04.06	2150-2190	2150	2070-2085
20.04.06	2185-2200	2175	2100
21.04.06	2150-2165	2130-2135	2080-2090
22.04.06	2180	2135	2100

Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	15.04.06	22.04.06
Gulbarga New	2000	2025
Latur (Gauran)	Closed	1950
Latur (Annagiri)	Closed	2100
Latur Vijay	Closed	2025
Jalna (Gauran)	Closed	1940
Jalna (Pila)	Closed	2100
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	Closed	2075-2080
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	Closed	2125
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2070-2075	2090-2100

LENTILS:

Lentil markets also observed weak trend. Demand for the same remained subdued from both domestic as well in international markets. Exporters do not seem keen in this market, as they do not see big margins in this trade due to very high prices on year basis. Demand for the same is weakening from eastern states, where traders are looking for other cheaper alternatives.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
17.04.06	1925	2550
18.04.06	1925	2550
19.04.06	1900	2450-2500
20.04.06	1875	2475
21.04.06	1875	2475
22.04.06	1950	2450

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qrt)

Date	Indore Masra	Indore Masoor	Indore Medium	Kanpur	Bareilly
17.04.06	1885	1865	1750	1950	2015
18.04.06	Closed	Closed	Closed	1925	2000
19.04.06	1910	1900	1800	2030	2300
20.04.06	1900	1890	1800	2040	2275
21.04.06	1900	1890	1800	1960	2040

22.04.06	1890	1880	1800	1930	2000
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FIELD PEAS:

Field pea markets continued to see steady trend. Import of the same at Kolkata port has come to halt after accumulation of huge stock therein. Demand for the same has been good, so are the prices, which helped keeping importers' interest alive. Traders are expecting few vessels from Europe at Mumbai port shortly.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qrt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas
15.04.06	1260	1281
22.04.06	1230-1235	1265

NEWS

Burma exported 57,603 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses in January 2006, up by 53 percent from the same period in 2005, due mainly to increased demand from India and Pakistan. Exports to Japan, which is a regular importer of Burmese beans and pulses, continued to drop in January. Matpe accounted for 48 percent of the total exports, followed by Mung bean (30 percent) and Toor Whole (17 percent). India remained a major importer India, accounting for 63 percent of total bean and pulse exports.

- USDA

Glimpses - Future Markets (NCDEX)

Urad

Bullish phase is over in Urad markets. May urad Futures at NCDEX though touched 3335 levels on Tuesday during the week ended on April 22, 2006, but could not hold levels above 3300 for long, which has become strong psychological resistance. Lack of support in the physical markets curbed any kind of bullish tendencies.

Urad














Chana futures also seem to have attained its peak. Since, the later futures are on premium at commodity exchanges, justifications of spread between months did not let front month to fall despite poor support from the physical markets. Having inspired with trend in other pulses like Urad, moong etc bulls have set big targets for chana for later months. But such aspirations do not have enough

support from fundamentals. Stock of chana is good in terminal markets and prices have come to the higher levels too fast, stockists are simply losing their interest in this commodity. Might be real crop is not that short as had been hyped. However, furor over its crop size resulted in slowed farmer selling initially giving impression of real shortage.

Tur

Bulls are losing strength in the tur markets. Some traders blame increased margin on long by commodity exchange, which has curbed upside movement of its prices. Also, there is little support of fundamentals for bullish activities.

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Weather	Impact
Urad	Andhra Pradesh	Clear 	Normal
	Karnataka	Clear 	Normal
Tur	Maharashtra	Clear 	Normal
	Karnataka	Clear 	Normal
	MP	Clear 	Normal
Chana	Rajasthan	Clear 	Normal
	MP	Clear 	Normal
	Haryana	Clear 	Normal
	Punjab	Clear 	Normal
Lentil	UP	Clear 	Normal
	MP	Clear 	Normal
Field Pea	UP	Clear 	Normal
	MP	Clear 	Normal

*Valid till 25th Apr

Source-IMD

Latest Vessel Position

'Yaad E Mohammed' is expected at Mumbai Port to deliver 13,000 MT of pulses. Delivery of 6,700 MT of pulses is expected at the port from the vessel 'Al-Muztuba'. The cargo was loaded from Yangon. Sai Freight agents will be handling these vessels.

India's Import Matrix for Burmese Pulses (Tonnes)

Pulses	Jan, 05	Feb, 05	Mar, 05	April, 05	May, 05
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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
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	32,159
Total	8,90,055	9,05,790	667,869

(Source: Commerce Ministry, Myanmar)

Latest FOREX Rates

Country/Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	45.09
European Union	Euro	55.40
United Kingdom	GBP	80.15

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