

PULSES

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Highlights

Spot Markets

- Slowed Import due to Increased Volatility in Domestic Markets
- Sentiments Improving in Moong Markets Again
- Good stock of Tur and Chana in major markets

Highlights - Futures Market

UK Sinha (MD and CEO of UTI) has resigned from the 4-member committee set up by the National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX), which was set up to investigate the matter of manipulation (if there's any) in the futures and spot prices of urad and chana for the January contract. SM Datta, ex-chairman HLL has taken charge at his place. Reason for his resignation was mentioned personal. Committee will likely to give report by end of this month. NCDEX has formed this committee taking outside members to ensure fair and unbiased investigation.

Fundamentals

URAD:

Fresh demand from the consumer end helped keeping Urad markets firm. There had been long pause from the retail end, as buyers were waiting for ease in its prices with the picking up of its import from Myanmar. Burmese however appeared adamant still quoting higher prices. According to traders, more than 50% of the fresh crop (rabi) in AP had been sold out and stockists there are betting on weather for their leftover stocks. Sowing of urad will start in AP, Maharashtra and Karnataka next month with the onset of monsoon. Importers however are cautious after big fall fortnight ago. So, big import is unlikely to be regular unless prices stay stable at higher levels. Traders are expecting its prices in the existing range in medium term.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2005 (Delhi)	Loyal Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2005 (Mumbai)
08.05.06	3600	-	3325
09.05.06	3600	-	3400-3450
10.05.06	3600	-	3425
11.05.06	3600	-	3441
12.05.06	3625-3650	-	3425-3441

13.05.06	3650	-	3425
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Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	06.05.06	13.05.06
Gulbarga New	-	NA
Latur loose New	Closed	NA
Akola New	NA	3400-3500

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
06.05.06	630	660
13.05.06	660	700

TUR:

Fundamentals in tur markets were relatively weak compared to other pulses. High stocks in key markets and less aggressive demand for the same kept the market tone down. In Gulbarga, stock of tur still is more than 7 lakh bags. Since, millers are finding it hard to sell processed dall from imported lemon tur at consumer end due to quality problem, local stockists are expecting demand for domestic cargos will improve from northern India ahead. Also, narrowing difference between imported and domestic

cargos will likely result in increased interest of stockists for domestic cargos, as quality of local produce comparatively remains good.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
08.05.06	2075	2075	1900
09.05.06	2050-2075	2100	1940
10.05.06	2050	2100	1925
11.05.06	2050	2100	1950
12.05.06	2050	2100	1950-1960
13.05.06	2050	2100	1925

Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	06.03.06	13.05.06
Gulbarga - Red Tur	1910-1915	1925
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	Closed	Closed
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	Closed	Closed
Jalna Red	1900-1925	Closed
Jalna White	1950-2000	Closed
Jalna BDM	2000-2025	Closed
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	1980-1985	2020-2025
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	1975-1980	1990-2015
Vijaywada Local	1850	1800-1825

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

DATE	Burmese (FAQ/lemon/ Shwebo)
06.05.06	380
13.05.06	380

MUNG:

Sentiments are improving in Moong markets. Import of the same has been slowed due to increased volatility in the markets. Prices in domestic markets though are well matching with import parity, importers are little nervous about increased volatility in the markets. Sowing of moong will start with onset of monsoon. There were reports of rains in some areas of Shekavati region of Rajasthan. Traders informed that if rains intensity remains above 5 cm in areas having irrigation facilities, farmers there might think of taking 'Saathi' (crop duration- 60 days). So far, rains remained below 1 cm in these areas.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qtt.)

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi)	Shekhawati -Bisao (Delhi)
06.05.06	3250-3300	3550
13.05.06	3600	3650

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
06.05.06	660	NA	NA
13.05.06	660	NA	NA

CHICKPEAS:

Nervousness was seen increasing in chana markets at higher prices. NCDEX issued list of brokers/firms/individuals having involvement in alleged manipulations while trading on commodity exchanges. So, people in general appeared suspicious against sharp rise in its prices in last 10-15 days. According to traders, stock of chana is higher in Delhi and interior markets. People are waiting for bubbles to settle and trying to assess true fundamentals in this market. Besides, later months are getting traded at premiums; so, people having stocks are still reserved sellers.

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

Date	Rajasthan (Delhi)	M.P. (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
08.05.06	2500	2425-2450	2400-2440
09.05.06	2475-2500	2450	2380
10.05.06	2575-2600	2500	2400-2425
11.05.06	2500-2525	2500	2425-2430
12.05.06	2475-2525	2450-2475	2380-2400
13.05.06	2450	2400	2370-275

Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	06.05.06	13.05.06
Gulbarga New	2000	2175
Latur (Gauran)	Closed	Closed
Latur (Annagiri)	Closed	Closed
Jalna (Gauran)	2125-2150	Closed
Jalna (Pila)	2175	Closed
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2200	2350-2375
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2250	2420
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2300	2425-2430

LENTILS:

Masoor markets also featured firm trend through the week. Stockists are adamant at higher prices despite subdued demand for the same on export front. According to traders, crop this year was short, so stockists are in no haste to empty out their inventories. Demand for the same was reported routine from eastern markets.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
08.05.06	2100	2600-2650
09.05.06	2100	2600
10.05.06	2100	2600
11.05.06	2150	2650
12.05.06	2150	2650
13.05.06	2150	2650

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qtt)

Date	Indore Masra	Indore Masoor	Indore Medium	Kanpur	Bareilly
08.05.06	2000	1990	1900	2040	2125
09.05.06	2010	2000	1900	2075	2170
10.05.06	2000	1990	1900	2070	2140
11.05.06	2025	2010	1900	2050	2130
12.05.06	2010	2000	1900	2040	2110
13.05.06	2010	2000	1900	2030	2120

FIELD PEAS:

Sentiments remained firm in peas markets. Though demand curtailed at higher prices, stockists appeared optimistic about its long-term perspectives. Demand for the same is expected to remain good from besan manufacturing units for mixing, as chana prices are very high and highly volatile this year. According to sources, one more deal has finalized for its import from Canada next month. This vessel is expected to bring some 35,000 MT of yellow peas.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qtt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas
06.05.06	1270	1275
13.05.06	1325-1330	1351

NEWS

Rajasthan government has cut value added tax on all pulses from the 4% to 1%. Rajasthan government has implemented VAT this year only. VAT Panel has given liberty to the state government to completely waive off or levy 4% tax on cereals and pulses during first year of implementation of VAT. Rajasthan government had earlier levied 4% tax on pulses, but withdrew its decision after strong protest from the traders/millers. Trade source informed that most of the chana from the Rajasthan moved to other states, where VAT is Zero.

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Glimpses - Future Markets (NCDEX)

Urad

Urad June futures extended the bullish trend started last weekend. There was strong resistance at 3418, which futures could breach once during, but could not hold levels above this level long. Open Interest against May month fell, while steady increase in Open Interest against June was seen all through the week, which shows hasty rollover of positions ahead expiry of front month. This month too, no new contract was opened for urad at NCDEX.














Chana

Chana June contract set new highs almost each day during the week. There was strong resistance at 2740, which futures could not infringe during the week. Volume in June contract was all time high on Monday. Volume though decreases with the progress of the week, but steady rise was seen in Open Interest against June contract. Prices of chana have appreciated substantially in June contract during the week. All the later months however were traded at premiums.

Tur

Though starting of the week was bit bullish, bulls, however, appeared losing ground later in the week. Though futures remained shy moving higher, futures also did not come below to the levels set early on Monday. June remained the most active contract during the week in Lemon tur futures.

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 9^h May Source-IMD

Latest Vessel Position

No pulses vessel reported..

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
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	44.050
European Union	Euro	57.980
United Kingdom	GBP	84.960

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