

PULSES

May 15 - 20, 2006

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Burmese consignment carrying 3779 MT of tur, 7680 MT of Urad and 2925 MT of Moong arrived at Mumbai port on Saturday.
- Sentiments Weakening in Moong Markets Again
- Reports of Pakistani Demand for Chana Boost its Prices

Highlights - Futures Market

Position limit for Urad against near month for September 2006 expiry contract will be 2,400 tonnes for member and 600 tonnes for client. For lemon tur July 2006 expiry contract, the near month limit will be 5,000 tonnes for member and 1,000 tonnes for client. Also, NCDEX made it clear that under the quality specification for delivery, lemon tur (Myanmar origin) with damage exceeding 14 per cent would be rejected.

Fundamentals

URAD:

Fundamentally Urad markets are turning weak. Early onset of monsoon, increased inclination of farmers towards this crop and continuing import from Myanmar collectively set bearish outlook for urad in long term. Monsoon hit east of Bay and Andaman Island on May 17 far earlier than expectations of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). Monsoon is expected to hit Kerala two day before earlier expectation on June 1 and Karnataka also might see showers with in first week of June. Sowing of urad will start after arrival of monsoon only. Farmers in south would be keener in urad after good realization against last year crop. Further amendments in contract specifications for urad at NCDEX, traders feel would lead to rational price discoveries. In pursuant to FMC directives, NCDEX allowed deliveries of Indigenous urad with desired specifications.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2005 (Delhi)	Loyal Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2005 (Mumbai)
15.05.06	3600	-	3391
16.05.06	3600	-	3400-3411
17.05.06	3600	-	3325-3400
18.05.06	3525	-	3280-3325
19.05.06	3525	-	3280-3325

20.05.06	3525	-	3325
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Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	13.05.06	20.05.06
Akola	3400-3500	3425-3450
Indore	3000-3400	3000-3400
Vijaywada	3550	3600

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
13.05.06	660	700
20.05.06	660	700

TUR:

Sentiments remained weak in tur markets. Demand for the same in southern states remained confined from local mandis only. Weather is a key factor now. Sowing of tur in leading producing states like Karnataka and Maharashtra will start by first fortnight of June. Monsoon is expected timely this year. Traders in Maharashtra are expecting issuance of tenders from different government departments for purchase of tur shortly. Also, acceptance of desi tur with desired quality traits for delivery at commodity exchange

will help cutting Burmese monarchy in Indian futures market.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
15.05.06	2000	2050	1925
16.05.06	2000	2050	1925
17.05.06	1950	2050	1875-1925
18.05.06	NA	2075	1925
19.05.06	NA	2075-2100	1925-1950
20.05.06	NA	2100	1925

Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	13.03.06	20.05.06
Gulbarga - Red Tur	1925	1925
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	Closed	2030-2070
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	Closed	1950-2000
Jalna Red	Closed	1900-1925
Jalna White	Closed	1950
Jalna BDM	Closed	2000
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	2020-2025	1975-2000
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	1990-2015	2015-2020
Vijaywada Local	1800-1825	1800

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

DATE	Burmese (FAQ/lemon/ Shwebo)
13.05.06	380
20.05.06	365

MUNG:

Moong markets observed weak trend. Arrivals of small crop have started in MP and UP. Small crop of short duration is taken in spring season in some areas before arrivals of monsoon. Farmers are finding Moong very lucrative, as its prices have almost doubled on year basis. Sowing of kharif moong will start during first fortnight of June. Import of the moong has been irregular due to higher prices in international markets and increased volatility in domestic markets.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qt.)

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi)	Shekhawati -Bisao (Delhi)
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13.05.06	3600	3650
20.05.06	3450	3400

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
13.05.06	660	NA	NA
20.05.06	655-660	NA	NA

CHICKPEAS:

Sentiments weakened in chana markets following reports of early onset of monsoon and sustained lack of demand in physical markets at higher prices. Nervousness was high among those having long position against May futures at NCDEX, as majority would not be serious of taking deliveries, while penalty on defaulter is high (5%). Panicked selling by long against May month was also blamed for the weakness in the market. Also, trade sources informed that we might export some 1 lakh ton of chana this year to Pakistan. Production of chana in Pakistan is less than 5 lakh ton this year compared to unusually high of more than 10 lakh ton production last year. Pakistan conventionally import chana from Australia, Canada, Ethiopia etc. But prices of major exporting nation are high. Apart from competitive prices of Indian chana, proximity of source is another factor giving edge to Indian exporters

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

Date	Rajasthan (Delhi)	M.P. (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
15.05.06	2500	2450	2405-2410
16.05.06	2525	2500	2375-2420
17.05.06	2500	2475	2420-2425
18.05.06	2450	2400	2370-2375
19.05.06	2450-2460	2400-2410	2375-2380
20.05.06	2500	2450	2435-2440

Prices in Mandles of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	13.05.06	20.05.06
Gulbarga New	2175	2250
Latur (Gauran)	Closed	2200
Latur (Annagiri)	Closed	2300-2325
Jalna (Gauran)	Closed	2250
Jalna (Pila)	Closed	2300
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2350-2375	2420-2425
Akola new (Chapa)	2420	2450

motor cut		
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2425-2430	2435-2440

LENTILS:

Masoor markets featured mostly easy trend. Demand for the same remained subdued through the week due to higher prices. Also, monsoon reports created nervousness among stockists. Exporters also have turned silent due to higher prices. Traders, however, ruled out possibility of big ease in its prices, as crop was short this year.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
15.05.06	2100	2600
16.05.06	2100	2500
17.05.06	2100	2500
18.05.06	2100	2500
19.05.06	2100	2500
20.05.06	2100	2500

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qtt)

Date	Indore Masra	Indore Masoor	Indore Medium	Kanpur	Bareilly
15.05.06	1990	1980	1900	2015	2100
16.05.06	1980	1970	1900	2025	2120
17.05.06	1970	1960	1850	2010	2075
18.05.06	1970	1960	1850	2000	2060
19.05.06	1970	1960	1850	2000	2070
20.05.06	1980	1970	1850	1980	2040

FIELD PEAS:

There was no oomph in Pea markets. But stockists are confident of its promising outlook ahead, so, appeared reserved sellers. So, prices continued to hover high. Prices are lucrative in Indian markets. According to trade sources, one vessel carrying some 35,000 MT of yellow pea is expected to arrive early in June from Canada.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qtt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas
13.05.06	1325-1330	1351
20.05.06	1320	1321

NEWS

Finance Minister of Maharashtra Jayant Patil has made it clear that the state will have to bring in the value-added tax (VAT) regime in Maharashtra. Minister said that VAT has been put on hold in Maharashtra until all the major states in the country implement it. The state government had postponed the implementation of four per cent VAT until September 31 following strong protest from traders last month. The government had earlier delayed VAT until March 31.

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Glimpses - Future Markets (NCDEX)

Urad

Couple of good initiative taken by NCDEX is believed to bring rationality and curb unethical manipulation in commodity futures trading. NCDEX allowed delivery of domestic urad and tur with desired quality specifications. NCDEX also opened few more delivery centers for urad. Sentiments remained weak in urad markets during the week Nervousness arose after heavy selling intentions posted against May month. Futures improved later at weekend following firm cash basis.















Chana

Chana futures were mostly weak during the week. Though the starting was little bullish, bears soon come up taking command. Market was lacking conviction for most of the week and futures did not see the high set on the very first day again during the week. June and July months were equally active and volume increased in these months with the rolling over of position by trade participants towards expiry of May contract.

Tur

Lemon tur futures saw steady downtrend during the week. Reports of few consignments due from Burma and higher stocks of the same in leading market continued dampening the spirits. Hopes of likely issuance of tenders by government for purchase of tur helped underpinning values. Volume of trading in tur futures has declined, which traders felt was because of high margins.

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Weather	Impact
Urad	Andhra Pradesh	Clear 	Normal
	Karnataka	Clear 	Normal
	Maharashtra	Isolated Shower 	Normal
Tur	Maharashtra	Isolated Shower 	Normal
	Karnataka	Clear 	Normal
	MP	Clear 	Normal
Chana	Rajasthan	Isolated Shower 	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 23rd May Source-IMD

Latest Vessel Position

One vessel namely Yaad-e-Mustafa has arrived at Mumbai port. Vessel is carrying 3779 MT of tur, 7680 MT of Urad, 120 MT of Red Kidney beans and 2925 MT of Moong...

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	45.460
European Union	Euro	58.320
United Kingdom	GBP	85.940

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