

## PULSES

May 29 - June 03, 2006

### Highlights

#### Spot Markets

- Unconfirmed reports of TCP issuing tender for chana import
- Monsoon Advancement Turns Slow
- Dollar Prices Appreciating Versus INR

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#### Futures Market

- Open Interest against June contract fell to 44,110 MT by Saturday versus 54,360 MT a week ago
- Open Interest against July month increased to 161,510 MT from 137,260 MT a week ago

## Fundamentals

### URAD:

Urad markets observed weak trend through the week. Swift movement of monsoon this year crushed all the bullish equations. Early advancement of monsoon this year has happened together with increased frequency of its import. According to traders, Burmese, who had been reserved sellers, so far might be soon rushing to get good deals with India. Sowing of urad is likely to start in first fortnight of June. Farmers this year are highly inclined towards this crop, as realization was good for last year crop. Crop duration is three month. So, Burmese got little nervous, where stock of urad is assumingly high. About 90% of Burmese urad export find destination in India.

#### Urad Prices in Delhi and Mumbai (Rs/qtt.)

Date	Burma FAQ 2005 (Delhi)	Loyal Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2005 (Mumbai)
29.05.06	3300	-	3150
30.05.06	3250-3275	-	3131
31.05.06	3250-3275	-	3025-3100
01.06.06	3200	-	2975-3000
02.06.06	3200	-	3025
03.06.06	3250-3300	-	3125-3150

#### Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	27.05.06	03.06.06
Akola	NA	3200-3250
Indore	Closed	2700-3100
Vijaywada	3600	1780

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
27.05.06	660	700
03.06.06	660	690

### TUR:

Tur markets featured weak trend. Stock of domestic cargo is good. According to traders, preference for domestic produce is increasing due to decreasing differential between cost of imported and domestic produce. Quality of imported produce also is not good. Since, off take for the same has not been good in domestic markets, importers would be keener in giving deliveries at commodities exchanges. Burmese are now desperate seller. Owing to sluggish domestic situation, Indian importers would not like to take chance further ahead. Monsoon has reached in Karnataka and Maharashtra, which are leading producing state

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
29.05.06	NA	1975	1801
30.05.06	NA	1975	1750
31.05.06	NA	1975	1725
01.06.06	NA	1950-1975	1725-1750
02.06.06	NA	1950-1975	1675
03.06.06	NA	2000	1750

**Tur Prices in secondary markets**

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	27.03.06	03.06.06
Gulbarga - Red Tur	Closed	1800
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	Closed	1870-1900
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	Closed	1850-1900
Jalna Red	Closed	1800
Jalna White	Closed	1850
Jalna BDM	Closed	1950
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	1960-1965	1900
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	1930-1935	1870
Vijaywada Local	1775	1780

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

DATE	Burmese (FAQ/lemon/ Shwebo)
27.05.06	365
03.06.06	365

**MUNG:**

Moong markets also observed weak trend. According to traders, increased availability with summer harvest in sporadic areas has resulted in bearishness in the moong market. Harvest of small crop is continuing in some areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Also, imported moong has been coming from Burma at irregular interval. Sowing of moong is to start shortly in southern states. Farmers also are highly interested in this crop because of good realization against last year crop. Also, carry-forward of last year is short. Progress of Monsoon is satisfactory so far.

**Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qtt.)**

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi)	Shekhawati -Bisao (Delhi)
27.05.06	3400	3350
03.06.06	3400	3350

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
27.05.06	660	NA	NA
03.06.06	665	NA	NA

**CHICKPEAS:**

Chana markets featured range-bound trading through the week. Stockists appeared little nervous for satisfactory progress of monsoon and reports from overseas markets suggesting likely increase in acreage under chickpea and pea in major exporting nations. However, stockists with big pockets are least bothered about such reports. This year production is drastically low in neighbouring nation Pakistan. Voracious demand for the same from Pakistan this year has boosted chana prices in international markets. Australians this year are quoting Chickpea prices (CNF Mumbai) for shipment in October-November at \$475 per ton, up against \$350-360 per ton for the same during corresponding period last year.

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

Date	Rajasthan (Delhi)	M.P. (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
29.05.06	2400-2425	2375-2380	2300-2330
30.05.06	2370-2375	2365	2270-2275
31.05.06	2400	2380	2315-2320
01.06.06	2375-2400	2365-2370	2270-2300
02.06.06	2400	2370-2380	2270-2275
03.06.06	2420	2400	2300

**Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka**

Centres	27.05.06	03.05.06
Gulbarga New	Closed	2200
Latur (Gauran)	Closed	2100
Latur (Annagiri)	Closed	2200-2225
Jalna (Gauran)	Closed	2200-2225
Jalna (Pila)	Closed	2250
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2335-2340	2300
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2375	2350
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2425-2430	2375-2400

**LENTILS:**

Sentiments improved in masoor markets with the emergence of fresh demand for export to Bangladesh.

According to traders, some 50 trucks had been sold out to Bangladesh from Bahraich. Also, eastern buyers (from Assam) were seen covering actively in UP and Delhi markets.

#### Prices in Delhi/ UP/ Indore (Rs/qrt.)

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
29.05.06	1825-1900	2475
30.05.06	1900-1950	2425-2450
31.05.06	1900-1950	2425
01.06.06	2000	2450-2475
02.06.06	2000	2450-2475
03.06.06	2000	2450-2475

#### Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qrt)

Date	Indore Masra	Indore Masoor	Indore Medium	Kanpur	Bareilly
29.05.06	1930	1910	1800	1960	2030
30.05.06	1900	1890	1800	1950	2025
31.05.06	1875-1880	1875	1800	1960	2020
01.06.06	1870	1860	1775	1975	2050
02.06.06	1870	1860	1775	1970	2030
03.06.06	1860	1850	1775	1960	2030

#### FIELD PEAS:

Peas prices eased substantially during the week with increased availability of imported peas. According to sources, couple of big consignments reached at different port this week. Demand for the same is good in domestic markets, which helped offsetting import factor.

#### Peas Price Movement (Rs/qrt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas
27.05.06	1330	1271-1281
03.06.06	1240	1290-1300

#### NEWS

Burma's bean and pulse exports in March hit a record high in recent history, with 127,220 metric tons, an increase of 78 percent over the same period in 2005. Trade sources reported that sales to India are likely to increase tremendously following its decreased production. India remains the major importer in March, accounting for 60 percent of total exports, followed by China, accounting for 31 percent.

Source- USDA

#### Pakistan Traders Oppose Import of Pulses by TCP

Traders in Pakistan have started protesting against proposed import of lentil and pulses by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP). Prices of essential commodities this year in Pakistan had skyrocketed as production of almost all the crop was affected due to unfavorable weather situation. Pakistan used to import pulses from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Syria, Egypt and other African countries while lintels are being imported from Australia. Traders doubt whether additional effort of TCP to control domestic prices will help much, rather feel that prices of the desired commodity might rise in exporting nation on news of TCP demand like what happened with sugar. Exporting nations also have not much exportable surplus left this year.

#### Glimpses - Future Markets (NCDEX)

##### Urad

Starting of urad futures was bearish and this bearishness prevailed for most of the week. Weather played crucial in pulling urad futures down. However, suspicion for symmetrical moves of monsoon further helped markets to recover from the bearish mode later in the week. Decision by NCDEX calling for removal of special margins of 15% on all contracts of urad and tur does not seem to have much impact. Volume still is thin in urad contracts. Retail investors probably do not see urad as safe bet due to high volatility. .

##### Chana















Chana June futures featured roller coaster trend during the week. Zigzag movements depict lacking conviction in the market. Report of early onset of monsoon though had negative impact on chana prices; stockists obstinately started holding back at lower prices in physical markets, which helped checking decline in futures soon. Also, suspicion over smooth monsoon ahead helped chana futures to recover from the bearish mode.

##### Tur

Volume of tur futures remained low at NCDEX. Millers/genuine traders are less satisfied with the contract specifications of Lemon Tur. Quality norms as described in contract specifications for lemon tur, limit for damaged otherwise (including immature, shriveled, heated fungi and discoloured grains), Broken and Weeviled Seeds given is very high i.e. 10%. Serious millers obviously would not be interested in taking deliveries of produce with such quality

specifications. So, apart from high margin, quality is the major concern checking active participation of genuine traders/millers in future trading of tur.

### Crop -Weather Impact

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

\*Valid till 8<sup>th</sup> June Source-IMD

### Latest Vessel Position

- Kolkata Port is receiving 22,000 MT of peas from the vessel 'African Protea'. B Ghose agents is handling the vessel.
- 'Dragonis' from Yangon has berthed at Mumbai Port and continues to deliver 14,800 MT of pulses. Mumbai Port is receiving 14,500 MT of pulses from the vessel 'Yaad E Mostafa'. The cargo was loaded from Yangon. Able Marine agents is handling these vessels. The port is expecting 'Bounty 7' to deliver 8,500 MT of pulses. The cargo was loaded from Yangon. Able Marine agents will be handling the vessel. Delivery of 5,198 MT of peas is expected at the port from the vessel 'Aston Prelude'. The vessel will be handled by Sahi Oretrans agents.
- Delivery of 10,000 MT of peas is expected at New Mangalore Port from the vessel 'Best Marine'.

Forex- 1USD= INR 45.680

### International Highlight

#### India's Import Matrix for Burmese Pulses (Tonnes)

Pulses	Nov, 05	Dec, 05	Jan, 06	Feb, 06	March, 06
Black Matpea	12,628	9,979	24,427	14,973	31,539
Mung beans	5,998	8,774	13,472	12,608	27,084
Black Eye Beans	-	-	1,947	3,223	1,928
Chickpeas	407	-	-	-	358
Tur whole	11,127	10,135	12,067	5,951	12,039
Kidney Beans	1,883	138	161	1,103	2,057
Total	32,043	29,026	52,074	37,858	75,005

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#### 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)

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