

## PULSES

Aug 14 - 19, 2006

### Highlights

#### Spot Markets

- Weather Turns Friendly Mostly Across Western India
- Agri Trade India Allowed to Export to India
- Demand of Pulses Weakens at Higher prices

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#### Futures Market

- Delivery of Chana against August contract totals at 3760 MT
- Delivery of Urad against August contract totals at 550 MT
- Delivery of Lemon Tur against August contract totals at 2050 MT

## Fundamentals

### URAD:

Sentiments remained firm in Urad markets following reports of troublesome weather in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Majority feels that weather factor is overly hyped and unlikely to cause big cut in production on year basis. As per official sources, acreage of urad has been increased in almost all the major growing areas. So, weather factor is likely to be offset by expanded area this year. Also, traders are little cautious about extended intervention by the government. Nafed has bought substantial amount of Burmese urad, which it's offering with modest margins in Tamilnadu. Few big consignments of Nafed are expected later this month. Also, harvest of urad has started in some areas of Karnataka and South Maharashtra, which is expected further to gain momentum by end of this month.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2006 (Delhi)	Loyal Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2006 (Mumbai)
14.08.06	3550	NA	3250
15.08.06	Closed	Closed	Closed
16.08.06	3550-3575	NA	3250
17.08.06	3650	NA	3350-3400
18.08.06	3725	NA	3350-3400

19.08.06	3700	NA	3350
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#### Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	12.08.06	19.08.06
Akola	3300-3400	3400
Indore	2800-3200	3000-3300
Vijaywada	3650	3975-4025

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
12.08.06	680	740
19.08.06	670-680	730-740

### TUR:

Sentiments improved in Tur markets as well on the back of concerning weather situation in some parts of Maharashtra and Gujarat. Gujarat although is not a leading producing state, but accounts for 9-10% of total kharif production. Also, excessive rains in Marathawada were considered unfriendly. Since, crop is in initial stage (mostly germination or vegetative crop growth stage), possibility of big damage is ruled out. Increased acreage is another conciliating factor. According to official sources, acreage of tur in Maharashtra increased by 25.1%, in Karnataka by 51.3%,

MP by 13.8% and Gujarat by 45.1%. Also, beginning of other kharif pulses harvest had mildly bearish impact. Carry-forward stock of last year crop is comfortably good in most markets.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
14.08.06	1780-1790	1850-1875	1551
15.08.06	Closed	Closed	Closed
16.08.06	1850	1925	1551-1561
17.08.06	NA	1950	1621
18.08.06	NA	1950	1631
19.08.06	NA	1975	1600

#### Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	12.08.06	19.08.06
Gulbarga - Red Tur	1850-1860	1925
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	1860-1880	1950
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	1825-1900	1950
Jalna Red	1725	1875
Jalna White	1750-1800	1900
Jalna BDM	1825-1850	1950
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	1835-1840	1925-1930
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	1840	1911
Vijaywada Local	1650	1725

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

DATE	Burmese (FAQ/lemon/ Shwebo)
12.08.06	330
19.08.06	330

#### MOONG:

Harvest of moong has started in most areas of major producing state like Karnataka and Maharashtra. However, harvest is expected to gain momentum by early September. Its harvest in some areas of Rajasthan like Kekdi, Kishangarh etc is expected in couple of weeks. Also, few consignments bought by Nafed are due shortly. Only Nafed could afford to import at present, otherwise import prices are running far above of parity levels.

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

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh	Shekhawati (Delhi)
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	(Delhi)	
12.08.06	3050	3000
19.08.06	3050	3000

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
12.08.06	620	NA	NA
19.08.06	620-630	NA	NA

#### CHICKPEAS:

Chana prices continued hovering higher on good festival demand all through the week. Since, prices of chana also are lucrative and perspective of kharif pulses look friendly, selling by the stockists scaled high in most markets. Current high prices will also attract good deals on import front for shipment in later months this year. Prices are well up against import parity levels in domestic markets. Overseas reports suggest modest fall in its production in Australia, which grows desi chickpea mostly for export to Asian continents. Production of chickpea in Australia this year is expected to remain slightly lower than one lakh ton against average annual production of 1.25-1.30 lakh ton. Harvesting of chana in Australia starts in second fortnight of September.

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

Date	Rajasthan (Delhi)	M.P. (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
14.08.06	2550	2525-2530	2480-2485
15.08.06	Closed	Closed	Closed
16.08.06	2560-2565	2550	Closed
17.08.06	2600	2550	2530-2535
18.08.06	2610-2625	2550	2525-2530
19.08.06	2575-2610	2550-2575	2550

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

Centres	12.08.06	19.08.06
Gulbarga New	2350-2400	2450-2500
Latur (Gauran)	2200-2250	2500
Latur (Annagiri)	2500	2650
Latur (G-12)	2400-2450	2650
Jalna (Gauran)	2400	2550
Jalna (Pila)	2450	2600-2625
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2475	2625
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2530-2535	2650

Kanpur (mandi rates)	2580	2665-2670
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### MASOOR:

Masoor markets also observed firm trend. Demand for the masoor usually increases in rainy season in eastern consumption centers. However, harvest of other kharif pulses continued checking abrupt rise in its prices. Supply of pulses will increase in September after picking up of harvest in all the producing states. National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), however, has estimated its pulses production estimates slightly low at 4.5-4.6 million ton versus 4.7 million ton a year ago.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
14.08.06	1925	2500-2525
15.08.06	Closed	Closed
16.08.06	1975-2000	2600
17.08.06	1925-1950	2525-2550
18.08.06	1975-2000	2550-2575
19.08.06	1975-2000	2550-2570

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

Date	Indore Masra	Indore Masoor	Indore Medium	Kanpur	Bareilly
14.08.06	1840	1830	1750	1970	1990
15.08.06	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
16.08.06	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
17.08.06	1870	1860	1750	1975	2015
18.08.06	1880	1870	1800	1990	2040
19.08.06	1880	1870	1800	1985	2040

### FIELD PEAS:

Field Pea prices skyrocketed following firm trend in chana markets. Also, import of the same has come to standstill, as importers stayed away than taking chance near harvest of kharif pulses. So, the domestic demand is fulfilled by stocks of already imported cargos.

### Peas Price Movement (Rs/qtt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas
12.08.06	1410-1425	1401
19.08.06	1440-1450	1451-1475

before issuance of official notification by DGFT, Delhi high court has given final verdict in favor of Mumbai based Agri Trade India Services Pvt Ltd allowing it to export 30,000 MT chickpea to Pakistan. Entreaty by the central govt suggesting for embargo effective from June 22 as was reported by the media got rejection from the court. Court said that this should be considered effective from the date, when govt officially notified it in accordance with Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 on June 27. Agri Trade India had won the contract issued by TCP for supply of 30,000 MT of chickpea at \$650 per ton in June. TCP had opened two irrevocable letters of credit (LCs) in favor of Agri Trade on June 24. Agri Trade India is subsidiary of Singapore-based Agrocrop International Pte Ltd

Source- ANAS

### Glimpses - Future Markets (NCDEX)

#### Chana

September Chana contract featured steady to firm trend during the day. Ideas that market already has gained enough since June 30 put cap on bullish dispositions. Futures leveled the gains posted in midweek by weekend. Front three contracts were traded actively during the week.

#### Urad

Sharp retreat was seen in September Urad contract in the beginning of the week after modest fall last weekend. However, upside momentum in September futures did not last long. Thursday and Friday was doom day for bulls as futures shed more than 60% of what it gained from Monday till peaking on Thursday. Trading of imported urad is falling at NCDEX. Stock of urad in accredited warehouses of NCDEX, as on September 17, was only 1720 MT. Also, Open interest against August contract its expiry fell to 570 MT, which was slightly up against the delivery intentions of 550 MT earlier posted by sellers.

#### Tur

Big gains posted early this week was related to fresh weather concern in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Market seemingly overdone this factor and retreat was seen in the second half of the week. However, trend is still less supported by the volume. Trading is thin in all the available contract of tur. Open interest against August contract after its expiry fell to 2280 MT, while stock of lemon tur in accredited warehouses of NCDEX as on Sept 17 was at 9180 MT.

### NEWS

In a long pending issue of embargo on pulses export for the contracts having irrevocable letter of Credits (LCs) opened

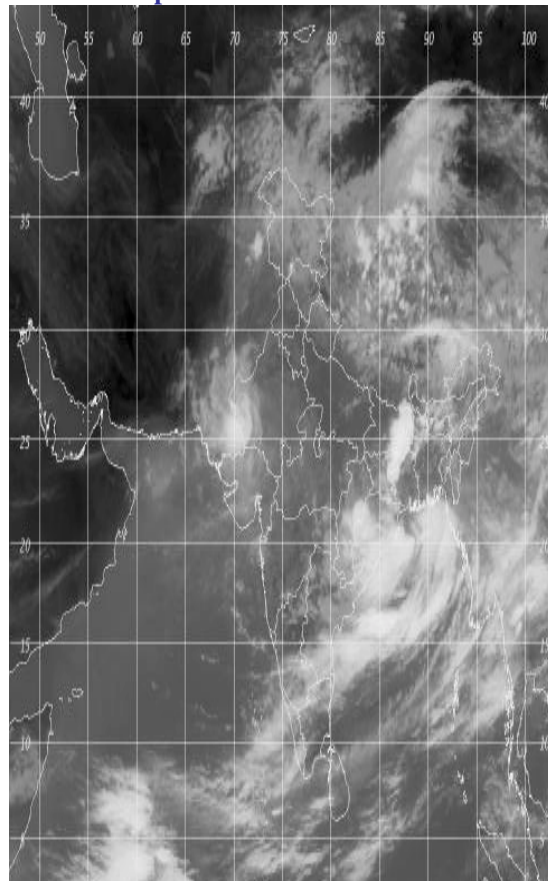
### Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Crop Stage	Weather Forecast	Impact
Urad (Kharif + Rabi)	Andhra Pradesh	Harvesting	Isolated rainfall	No Impact
	Karnataka	Pod Setting + Harvesting	Isolated rainfall	Not Concerning
	Madhya Pradesh	Flowering+ Pod setting	Isolated rains	Not concerning
	Uttar Pradesh	Flowering+ Pod setting	Isolated rains	Not concerning
	Maharashtra	Flowering+ Pod Setting	Rainfall/ thunder shower	Good
Tur (Kharif)	Maharashtra	Vegetative growth	Rainfall/ thunder shower	Not Concerning
	Karnataka	Vegetative growth	Isolated rainfall	Not Concerning
	MP	Vegetative growth	Isolated rains	Not Concerning
Mung (Kharif + Rabi)	Rajasthan	Sowing	Isolated rains	Good
	Maharashtra	Flowering+ Pod-setting	Mostly Dry	Not Concerning
	Karnataka	Pod-setting + Harvesting	Isolated rainfall	Not Concerning

\*Valid till 24<sup>th</sup> August

Source-IMD

### Weather Map



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Source-IMD

### Latest Vessel Position

- Delivery of 17,688 MT of peas is continuing at Kolkata Port from the vessel 'Mikhail Strelakovsky'. 'Macho' has berthed at the port and continues to discharge 15,997 MT of peas. Multinode agents is handling these vessels. The port is receiving 14,000 MT of peas from the vessel 'Full City'. The vessel is being handled by B Ghose agents. Delivery of 1,250 MT Of pulses continues to deliver at the port from the vessel 'Solomon'. The cargo was loaded from Yangon. ITT agents is handling the vessel.
- Delivery of 14,500 MT of pulses is continuing at Chennai Port from the vessel 'Yaad E Mohammed'. Imperial agents is handling the vessel.
- Mumbai Port is receiving 7,000 MT of pulses from the vessel 'Al Muztuba'. The cargo was loaded from Yangon. Sai Freight agents is handling the vessel. Mumbai Port is receiving 12,450 MT of pulses from the vessel 'Leonis'. The cargo was

loaded from Yangon. Able Marine agents is handling the vessel. Delivery of 12,500 MT of pulses is continuing at the port from the vessel 'Krabinaevee'. The vessel is being handled by Samsara agents.

### 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

USDA

#### 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)

#### Forex

##### Forex rate as on 19.08.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value In Rupees
USA	Dollar	46.450
European Union	Euro	59.780
Japan	100 Yen	40.060
United Kingdom	GBP	87.560

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