

## PULSES DAILY

### URAD

#### FUNDAMENTALS

Urad prices remained steady to slightly weak today in most of the markets. With the start of harvest in Orissa the sentiments in Urad is turning bearish. During January to March, AP and Orissa are expected to come up with more than 2.5 lakh tonnes of Urad. So, from hereon the supply side is likely to remain easy till March and accordingly, the prices will remain on the softer side. There after the scenario in Urad will be determined by the bulk of duty free imports and import prices. The government might resort to imports in case of shortage of commodity to contain the prices within normal levels. So, forthcoming crop of Urad and imports are likely to keep the prices on the softer side in the coming time.

#### Futures Market Commentary

Urad futures at NCDEX traded upward today after initial firm opening. Most active January futures of Urad at NCDEX started the session at Rs 2865 then the prices dipped to lows of Rs. 2838. Speculative buying at lower levels took the prices to the highs of Rs 2959. Finally the future settled at positive territory at Rs 2955 with some gains. February contract traded in the range of Rs. 2652-2758 after initial weak opening at Rs 2687.

#### Price Drivers

NAFED to import 5000MT Urad in March-April  
Harvesting started in Orissa; AP crop is near maturity stage  
Production is expected to cross 2.5 lt in AP and Orissa

#### Weather

Weather is suitable for maturing Urad in Orissa and AP.

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#### TECHNICALS

##### NCDEX -February Contract

Urad charts are giving mixed signals. Close below EMAs shows weakness in the market. MACD is falling in negative zone, which is in favor of bears. Stochastics have given bullish signal in oversold zone. The trend in Urad prices is still bearish, however some attempts of prices to test higher levels cannot be ruled out.



#### Support / Resistances:

Contr act	S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
Feb	2696	2653	2749	2809	2835

#### Trade Recommendation:

Sell Feb Urad below 2777 with target towards 2723 and then 2700. Put SL at 2805.

#### Spot Market Prices of Urad

(Rs/mtl)

Origin/Grade	Center	29.12.06	28.12.06	Change
Burma Faq	Mumbai	3050	3050	-
Burma Faq	Delhi	3200	3200	-
Desi (UP)	Delhi	3100	3100	-
Desi (MH)	Delhi	3500	3500	-
Desi (new Crop)	Akola	3050-3100	3150-3200	-50
Desi (New Crop)	Gulbarga	3200	3200-3250	-
Desi (New Crop)	Latur	3250	3300	-50
Desi (New Crop)	Jalna	2900	2900	-
Desi (New Crop)	Indore	3100	3150-3200	-50

## CHANA

### FUNDAMENTALS

Chana prices are coming down gradually at most of the trading centers. Early start of harvesting in Maharashtra has surprised stockists anticipating higher prices in January. Desi Chana has started leaving the field in some patches of Maharashtra one month in advance. Though, the arrivals of fresh Desi Chana are very small at the stage, onset of harvest is signaling for the bearish harvesting season. Crop is expected to be 60 lakh tonnes this year according to the trade sources. If this comes true, the prices will find somewhat more realistic levels on lower side in the harvesting season. Import scene is lack luster and no activity is being seen these days in Chana import. The prices are most likely to remain on the softer side as the harvesting season has started.

#### Futures Market Commentary

Chana futures at NCDEX traded mostly upward after initial firm opening. January futures of Chana started the session at Rs 2475 a quintal and since then the prices moved in between Rs. 2463-2518 finally future settled with some gains at Rs 2500 a quintal. As the harvesting season is nearing, bearish sentiments are slowly stepping in to the commodity. The volumes traded remained healthy at 100,820 MT.

#### Price Drivers

##### Bullish

Depleting stocks

No fresh imports

Higher quotes by exporters

##### Bearish

Stockists offloading their stocks

Production this year expected 60 lt by trade sources

Harvesting of desi Chana started one month earlier in MH

#### Weather

Weather is congenial for the vegetative growth of the crop.

### TECHNICALS

#### NCDEX -February Contract

Charts are displaying a continued downtrend in Chana; however, doji formation of candlesticks shows indecision at lower levels. Prices closed below 9-days EMA, which is favoring bears. MACD is showing increasing bearish sentiments. Stochastic is falling in oversold region, which warrants some caution on the part of bears. The prices are most likely to remain weak.



#### Support / Resistances:

Contr act	S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
Feb	2243	2212	2274	2308	2330

#### Trade Recommendation:

Sell NCDEX Chana Feb contract below 2288 with target of 2255 Put SL at 2310.

### Spot Market Prices of Chana

Origin/Grade	Center	29.12.06	28.12.06	(Rs/qtl) Change
Rajasthan Desi	Delhi	2475	2500	-25
MP Desi	Delhi	2425	2450	-25
Kantewala	Indore	2475	2450	+25
Desi	Kanpur	2500	2550-2575	-50
Mixed	Akola	2550	2500-2550	-
Chapa	Akola	2575	2575	-
Gauran	Latur	2450	2450	-
Annagiri	Latur	2525	2550	-25
G-12	Latur	2600	2650-2700	-50
Gauran	Jalna	2450	2450	-
Pila	Jalna	2550	2600-2650	-50

## TUR

### FUNDAMENTALS

Tur prices remained steady to slightly bearish at most of the spot markets today. Arrivals are falling in Karnataka, whereas it is slowly picking up in MP and MH. Demand for fresh Tur is good from the millers at the stage, which is supporting the prices. As the production of Tur this year is expected to fall in MH and Karnataka, demand in these states are good. Whereas, production is expected to be normal in MP and thus stockists there are waiting for the prices to come down a bit. As the harvesting is gathering momentum in most of the states, it is likely to pressure the prices despite good demand from the millers. The prices will start picking up only after February onwards depending upon the import situation.

### Futures Market Commentary

Tur Futures at NCDEX retreated today after earlier gains and close the session at almost no change levels. January futures of Tur started the session firm at Rs 1875 and since then it has traded mostly upwards between Rs 1873-1890. Finally culminated the session at Rs 1877. February contract traded in the range of Rs. 1949-1972 after initial steady opening at Rs 1950. Arrivals from major producing areas amidst good demand from millers are underpinning the market sentiments.

### Price Drivers

#### Bullish

Good demand from millers

Production is expected to dip this year

Import prices are above the parity levels

#### Bearish

Arrivals increasing in MH and MP

### Weather

Weather is congenial for Tur harvest in major producing states.

### TECHNICALS

#### NCDEX -February Contract

Tur is showing tentativeness at higher levels. The prices managed to close above EMAs, which shows firmness in the market sentiments. However, long upper shadow of candlestick shows tentativeness at higher levels. MACD is showing decrease in bearish momentum. Stochastic is also positive in neutral territory. The prices might make some more attempts to test higher levels.



#### Support / Resistances:

Contr act	S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
Feb	1938	1898	1958	1975	1995

#### Trade Recommendation:

Sell NCDEX Tur Desi Feb contract below 1966 with target towards 1950 and then 1940. Put SL at 1977

### Spot Market Prices of Tur

(Rs/qrtl)

Origin/Grade	Center	29.12.06	28.12.06	Change
Burmese Lemon	Mumbai	1675	1650	+25
Burmese Lemon	Delhi	1700	1700	-
Maharashtra tur	Delhi	1850	1850	-
Karnataka tur	Delhi	NA	NA	-
Red tur(New)	Gulbarga	1950	1950	-
Fatka Dall	Gulbarga	2825	2850	-25
Red Tur	Latur	2000	1980	+20
White Tur	Latur	1950	1950	-
Red	Jalna	1750	1700-1750	-
White	Jalna	1850-1875	1900	-25
Red Tur	Indore	1950	1950	-
Vidharpatta	Akola	1880	1910	-30
Marathwada	Akola	NA	NA	-

## OTHERS

### Moong

With the start of harvesting season in other pulses, Moong markets are also witnessing easing sentiments these days. Moong prices remained steady at different domestic markets. Good quality Burmese Anneshwar Moong is being quoted at Rs 3000 per ton. Imports are not lucrative at the stage. The prices are likely to remain on the softer side during the harvesting season of pulses, however, due to poor stocks and imports, downside is also limited.

#### Spot Market Prices of Moong (Rs/qtt)

Origin/Grade	Center	29.12.06	28.12.06
Kekdi/kishangarh (Raj)	Delhi	3250	3250
Shekhavati (Raj)	Delhi	NA	NA
Medta (Raj)	Delhi	3350	3350
Desi	Indore	3150-3200	3250-3300
Desi	Gulbar ga		3200
Chamki	Jalna	3100	3100
Chamki	Latur	3050	3100
Chamki	Akola	3100	3150-3200

### Field Peas

Field peas prices are getting support from the good demand at the stage, however they are expected to come down in the coming time with the progress of harvest in Peas. Further, as the harvesting has started in Chana in some states, the bearish sentiments in Chana can spill over to peas also. However, as the momentum has not picked up in Chana harvesting, peas prices has some scope on the higher side. Acreage of the crop has dropped this year, which is also supporting higher prices as guided by imported counterpart.

#### Spot Market Prices of Pea (Rs/qtt)

Center	Variety	29.12.06	28.12.06
Mumbai	White.Can	1300	1300
Mumbai	White American	1350-1375	1375
Mumbai	Green Can	1425	1425
Mumbai	Green American	1500	1500
Kanpur	Desi	1500	1500

### Masoor

Masoor markets are witnessing slight weakness in conjunction with the other pulses. As export has still not opened by the government, the prices are not finding much support from the domestic demand. Acreage of Masoor this year is seen 7.95 lakh hectare as compared to 7.0 lakh hectares in the previous season. The market is keenly eying the decision of CCP on export of Masoor. If CCP allows export of masoor the prices might increase to some extent until then the prices are likely to remain steady to slightly weak.

#### Spot Market Prices of Masoor (Rs/qtt)

Center	29.12.06	28.12.06
Delhi-MP/kota Line	1900	1900
Delhi- UP/Sikari	2500	2500
Kanpur local mill delivery	1925-1930	1925
Kanpur new- Braeilly Delivery	2000	1980-2000
Kanpur- new Malka Dal	2125-2150	2150
Indore- Masra	1800	1780
Indore- Masoor New	1790	1770
Indore- Medium New	1725	1700
Bahraich-Masoor	2875	2875
Bahraich-Export Chanti	3450	3450
Kolkata (Truck delivery)	3775	3775
Masur Dal	3150	3150

### Port Watch

- Navios Astra has arrived at Mumbai port to discharge 51800MT peas. Lake Maja has also arrived at Mumbai port to offload 22415MT of peas. Vessel IVS Kwela has reached at Mumbai port to offload 19082 MT peas. Eid-E-Mostafa-VI is expected to reach Mumbai port to discharge 2000MT of Pulses. Sai Freight Agent will be handling the vessel.

#### Forex rate as on 29.12.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.23
European Union	Euro	58.26
Japan	100 Yen	37.21
United Kingdom	GBP	86.91

#### International Prices

(\$/ton) (CNF 90 days)

Quality	Latest
Burmese new Lemon (15% or 20% Weeviled) Tur Mumbai/Chennai	370
Burmese FAQ new Tur Mumbai/Chennai	345
Burmese Shwebo Tur Mumbai/Chennai	345
Tanzania Matwara Tur Mumbai/Chennai,	335
Tanzania Arusha Tur Mumbai/Chennai,	380-385
Burmese FAQ Urad Mumbai/Chennai	700-710
Burmese SQ Urad Mumbai/Chennai	825
Burmese Pedishwa Mung Chennai/Mumbai	Finished
Burmese Anneshwar Mung Mumbai	615-620
Burmese Pokako Mung Mumbai/Chennai	650
Chinese above 3.5 mm grade Chennai	790-795
Tanzanian Chickpea Chennai/Mumbai/	625

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