

PULSES DAILY

URAD

FUNDAMENTALS

Urad trade remained subdued at most of the trading centres. Ports activities are also lack lustre as the Burmese quotes are still higher and not in parity. Harvesting in AP and Katak will start in mid of next month; the crop is expected to be good. Some arrivals of fresh crop were seen in Gulbarga today. There is no stocking activity being seen in Urad due to higher prices this year, even trading activity is subdued in the commodity. Further, weaker demand and good expected production of forthcoming Andhra crop are also putting pressure on the prices. Costly Burmese Urad has no takers. The prices might get some support from festive demand; otherwise the scenario is mostly bearish for Urad.

Futures Market Commentary

Urad futures at NCDEX traded upward today. January futures of Urad started the session slightly firm at Rs 3112 then dipped to the lows of Rs 3075. However, increased buying interest at lower level push the prices to the highs of Rs. 3141 before finally closing the session with moderate profits of Rs. 20 at Rs 3132 a quintal. The volumes and open interest both decreases slightly today.

Price Drivers

Poor stockists activity
Imports almost dried up
Demand to revive ahead of Pongal
Healthy crop of AP and Orissa lining up for harvest

Weather

Weather is suitable for maturing Urad in Orissa and AP.

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TECHNICALS

NCDEX -January Contract

Urad charts continue to project bearish sentiments in the market, however some hesitation at lower levels is being seen as depicted by long lower shadow of candlestick. Prices closed below EMAs, which shows weakness in the market. MACD is running flat in negative territory. Stochastic are negative in neutral region. The prices are likely to show tentativeness at lower levels.



Support / Resistances:

Contr act	S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
Jan	3052	3000	3132	3168	3222

Trade Recommendation:

Sell Jan Urad below 3159 with target towards 3100 and then 3085. Put SL at 3196.

Spot Market Prices of Urad

(Rs/qtl)

Origin/Grade	Center	19.12.06	18.12.06	Change
Burma Faq	Mumbai	3230	3250	-20
Burma Faq	Delhi	3250	3250	-
Desi (UP)	Delhi	3150-3200	3200	-
Desi (MH)	Delhi	3550-3600	3550	-
Desi (new Crop)	Akola	3250	3250	-
Desi (New Crop)	Gulbarga	3350	3400	-50
Desi (New Crop)	Latur	3600	3600	-
Desi (New Crop)	Jalna	3200	3200	-
Desi (New Crop)	Indore	3300	3300	-

CHANA

FUNDAMENTALS

Chana markets witnessed mostly weak sentiments today. Poor demand in the season of green vegetables is putting pressure on the prices, despite shrinking supply. Though arrivals of desi Chana will start only after mid February, harvesting of early varieties like G-12 and Annagiri will support the supply in case of any distress. In the same line, start of small arrivals of G12 in Latur is imparting some bearish sentiments to the market. The same might force stockists to gradually release their stocks keeping in mind the size of forth coming crop. In the futures markets, the prices of expiring December contract on NCDEX dipped sharply to Rs 2832 to catch the spot prices in Delhi markets, which is at Rs2800.

Futures Market Commentary

Chana futures at NCDEX traded mostly on the negative side continuing its recent bearish trend. Chana futures at NCDEX started the session on a weak note. However, increase-selling pressure took the prices Rs 2610 before finally closing the session with moderate losses at Rs 2620. Open interest dipped on a voluminous day shows weekend position closure.

Price Drivers

Bullish

Depleting stocks
No major fresh import deals
Higher quotes by exporters

Bearish

Price elastic demand

Weather

Weather is congenial for the vegetative growth of the crop. Cloudy weather in southern part of the country might attract the pod borers in Chana, if it persists for long.

TECHNICALS

NCDEX -January Contract

Chana charts are portraying bearish picture of the market. MACD is showing increase in bearish momentum. Whereas, Stochastic are negative in neutral zone. The prices are likely to see movements with bearish inclination; some tentativeness at lower levels can be seen as contract is reaching its lifetime lows.



Support / Resistances:

Contr act	S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
Jan	2640	2625	2620	2712	2744

Trade Recommendation:

Sell NCDEX Chana Jan contract below 2634 with target of 2600 and then 2585 Put SL at 2656.

Spot Market Prices of Chana

(Rs/qtl)

Origin/Grade	Center	19.12.06	18.12.06	Change
Rajasthan Desi	Delhi	2800	2800	-
MP Desi	Delhi	NA	NA	-
Kantewala	Indore	2700	2750	-50
Desi	Kanpur	2800-2850	2900	-50
Mixed	Akola	2650	2650	-
Chapa	Akola	2700	2700	-
Gauran	Latur	2500	2500	-
Annagiri	Latur	2650	2700	-50
G-12	Latur	2650-2675	2650	-
Gauran	Jalna	2600	2650	-50
Pila	Jalna	2700	2700	-

TUR

FUNDAMENTALS

Tur markets continue to witness steady to slightly weak sentiments in the most of the spot markets. Activity in ports continues to remain lacklustre, thanks to higher quotes by exporters. As the domestic crop has started leaving the fields, there is some obvious pressure on the prices. As the production of Tur is expected to fall this year by about 15 -20% according to the trade estimates, demand for the commodity is healthy right from the start of the season. The stockists as well as millers are grabbing fresh arrivals at the stage. However, some big players are still waiting for the prices to ease a bit with the increase in harvesting momentum. We are of the opinion, that there is some scope for the prices on down side in near term in the peak-harvesting season.

Futures Market Commentary

Tur Futures at NCDEX retreated most of the earlier losses to close the session with slightly profits. January futures of Tur started the session week at Rs 1912 and then prices fall to the lows of Rs. 1902. Speculative buying at lower levels took the prices to the highs of Rs 1922 before finally closing the session at Rs 1915. The volumes and open interest both decreases slightly today.

Price Drivers

Bullish

Demand from stockist

Production is expected to dip this year

High import cost

Bearish

Fresh arrivals in all major producing states

Big industrial houses are not seen buying

Weather

Weather is congenial for Tur harvest in major producing states, slightly cloudy weather in southern part of the country is not likely to affect much the Tur crop there.

TECHNICALS

NCDEX -January Contract

Tur futures are looking slightly weak, however, doji formation of candlestick shows indecision in the market sentiments. Prices closed below EMAs, which show weakness in the market. MACD is showing some decrease in bullish momentum. Stochastic are also negative in the neutral region. The prices might show volatility with bearish bias.



Support / Resistances:

Contr act	S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
Jan	1910	1897	1915	1953	1983

Trade Recommendation:

Sell NCDEX Tur Desi Jan contract below 1930 with target towards 1900 and then 1890 Put SL at 1950.

Spot Market Prices of Tur

(Rs/qtl)

Origin/Grade	Center	19.12.06	18.12.06	Change
Burmese Lemon	Mumbai	1660	1670	-10
Burmese Lemon	Delhi	1800	1800	-
Maharashtra tur	Delhi	2000	2000	-
Karnataka tur	Delhi	NA	NA	-
Red tur(New)	Gulbarga	1800-1850	1800-1850	-
Fatka Dall	Gulbarga	2750	2750	-
Red Tur	Latur	2000	2050	-50
White Tur	Latur	1975	2000	-25
Red	Jalna	1650	1650-1675	-
White	Jalna	1950	1950	-
Red Tur	Indore	1900	1900	-
Vidharpatta	Akola	1980-2000	1980	-
Marathwada	Akola	NA	NA	-

OTHERS

Moong

Moong saw steady prices at different markets. The commodity is in short supply these days due to off-season and lower production. Orissa crop is the only major crop in the coming time, which in conjunction with small crop of UP be fulfilling the market demand to some extent. As the stocks are not good in the commodity due to lower production this year on account of poor acreage. Further, quote for Burmese Anneshwar and Pokako Mung increased to \$620 and \$680 respectively preventing any import deals. Thus, supply side of the commodity is weak; at the same time some improvement in demand due to coming festivals is likely to underpin the prices. However, there is not much scope for the prices on the higher side as harvesting season in other pulses in the coming time might contain them.

Spot Market Prices of Moong (Rs/qtt)

Origin/Grade	Center	19.12.06	18.12.06
Kekdi/kishangarh (Raj)	Delhi	3200	3200-3300
Shekhavati (Raj)	Delhi	NA	NA
Medta (Raj)	Delhi	3300-3350	3350
Desi	Indore	3400	3400
Desi	Gulbar ga	3200	3200
Chamki	Jalna	3000-3200	3100
Chamki	Latur	3100	3100
Chamki	Akola	3200-3250	3200-3250

Field Peas

Field peas prices are getting some support from the good demand. Demand for field peas is good as it is proving to be a good substitute for scarce Chana and other pulses. Despite slight increase in prices of imported peas (green and white), it is the most lucrative option among the pulses with the Indian importer. 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	19.12.06	18.12.06
Mumbai	White.Can	1271	1271
Mumbai	White American	1291	1291
Mumbai	Green Can	1321	1321
Mumbai	Green American	1350	1350
Kanpur	Desi	1490	1490

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

Masoor

Masoor markets are witnessing steady prices these days. The market is keenly eyeing the decision of CCP on export of Masoor. It is election time in Bangladesh and after that some enquiries are expected from the country for Masoor. If CCP allows export of the masoor prices might find wings to fly on. Until then the prices are likely to remain steady to slightly weak. Acreage of Masoor this year is seen 7.95 lakh hectare as compared to 7.0 lakh hectares in the previous season. But, as the crop is quite sensitive to the climatic conditions, it will be too early to say anything about the production.

Spot Market Prices of Masoor (Rs/qtt)

Center	19.12.06	18.12.06
Delhi-MP/kota Line	1925-1950	1925
Delhi- UP/Sikari	2500-2550	2550
Kanpur local mill delivery	1975	1980
Kanpur new- Braeilly Delivery	2050	2040
Kanpur- new Malka Dal	2175	2175-2180
Indore- Masra	1870	1850
Indore- Masoor New	1860	1840
Indore- Medium New	1775	1800
Bahraich-Masoor	2900	2900
Bahraich-Export Chanti	3450	3450
Kolkata (Truck delivery)	3800	3800
Masur Dal	3100-3200	3100-3200

19082 MT peas. Eid-E-Mostafa-VI is expected to reach Mumbai port to discharge 2000MT of Pulses. Sai Freigh Agent will be handling the vessel.

Forex rate as on 13.12.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.83
European Union	Euro	59.52
Japan	100 Yen	38.31
United Kingdom	GBP	88.30

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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