

PULSES

Feb05-10, 2007

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Pulses production expected to increase to acreage increase to 138.113 lakh ha against 133.093 lakh ha last year
- Chana production expected to increase to 83.24 lakh ha against 76.72 lakh ha last year
- Rains in Rajasthan are seen beneficial for Chana crop there
- Tur arrivals decreasing in Karnataka, whereas arrivals are healthy in Maharashtra, good demand is supportive for prices

Highlights

Futures Market

- As per FMC's directives, all contracts of Urad and Tur traded on the Exchange were delisted and all outstanding positions in all Urad and Tur contracts at the close of trading were closed out at the daily settlement prices (closing prices) as on January 23, 2007.

URAD:

Urad witnessed steady sentiments during the week starting February 5. Recent rains in Orissa is not likely to affect the prospect of the crop, though some impact can be seen on arrivals for some time. Harvest of another small crop of Urad in Orissa is expected to start in middle of this month. Thereafter, AP crop will start leaving the fields in March first week. So, supply side is likely to remain healthy in the coming time. Meanwhile, Burmese quotes for Urad has started falling now, which might pressure the domestic prices to some extent. Burmese FAQ Urad is being quoted at \$610-615 per ton against \$650 one week earlier. So, the Urad prices are likely to remain range bound with slightly bearish inclination.

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

Date	FAQ	SQ
03.02.2007	650-660	730-740
10.02.2007	610-615	680-690

TUR:

Tur prices ruled steady to slightly firm during the day as good demand for the commodity from stockists counterbalanced the pressure of higher arrivals. Interestingly, the prices are holding the higher levels in peak arrival season on aggressive buying by stockists. According to the trade estimates, Tur production is likely to come around 20-21 lakh tonnes this year against 23 lakh tonnes last year. Tur prices might hold the levels as increasing arrivals in Chana might contain the gains. Also, subdued demand for dal is also likely to play some role in containing the prices.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2006 (Delhi)	Local Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2006 (Mumbai)
05.02.07	3150	3300	3000
06.02.07	3100	3300	3000
07.02.07	3100	3300	3000
08.02.07	3150	3250-3300	3000-3200
09.02.07	3175	3300	3200-2500
10.02.07	3150	3300	3200

Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	03.02.07	10.02.07
Akola	3200	3350
Indore	3300	3400
Gulbarga	NA	NA

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
05.02.07	1900	2450	1900
06.02.07	1900	2400	1900
07.02.07	1925	2400	1900
08.02.07	1950	2500	1900-1925
09.02.07	1975	2550	1950
10.02.07	1950	2500	1950

Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	03.02.07	10.02.07
Gulbarga - Red Tur	2400	2450
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	2325	2350-2370
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	2300	2300-2350
Jalna Red	2200	2200-2250
Jalna White	2200-2300	2200-2300
Jalna BDM	2300	2300
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	NA	NA
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	2200-2225	2350

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

DATE	Tanzania Arusha	Burmese (Lemon Tur, Weeviled 15%)
03.02.2007	470-475	500-510
10.02.2007	NA	500-510

MOONG:

Moong market is witnessing firm trend in the peak off-season of the commodity. The stocks of the commodity are gradually depleting which is putting pressure on the prices. Imports are also costly; Pedishwar Moong of Burma origin is being quoted at \$785 per tonne against \$760 recently. As the acreage of the crop has increased this Rabi season to 4.76 lakh hectares from 4.2 lakh hectares last year, the prices might see some easing on the onset of harvest in Maharashtra and Gujarat in February.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qt.)

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi)	Medta(Delhi)
03.02.2007	3450	3400-3500
10.02.2007	3400	3500

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qt)

Centres	03.02.07	10.02.07
Gulbarga	NA	NA
Latur	3300	3400
Jalna	3300-3400	3300
Akola	3300-3400	3300-3400
Kanpur	3400	3400-3425
Indore	3400	3300-3500

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
03.02.2007	680	670	740-750
10.02.2007	650-670	630-650	720

CHICKPEAS:

Chana markets witnessed easing prices during first half of the week on increased arrivals at most of the centers. However as arrivals dipped slightly towards the end of the week on weather concerns, the prices again edged higher. Harvesting is gathering momentum in Madhya Pradesh and is in full swing in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Millers are however now hesitating to buy at higher prices as the harvesting is gathering momentum in MP. Recent rains in Rajasthan were very beneficial for Chana crop there. Northern part of MP is also expected to see some rains, which is not likely to affect the prospects of the crop, however it may affect arrivals to some extent. Further, according to Ministry of Agriculture, Chana production this year is expected to increase to 6.16 million tonnes from 5.6 million tonnes last year. The scenario seems slightly bearish for Chana in the coming time; however, firmness in Tur might support the prices to some extent.

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

Date	Rajasthan (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
05.02.07	2350	2225
06.02.07	2375	2200
07.02.07	2400	2250
08.02.07	2450-2500	2300
09.02.07	2525	2250
10.02.07	2590	2325

Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	03.02.07	10.02.07
Gulbarga New	2150	2250
Latur (Gauran)	2150	2200
Latur (Annagiri)	2250	2350
Latur (G-12)	2250	2300
Jalna (Gauran)	2200-2250	2200-2250
Jalna (Pila)	2250	2250
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2325	2275
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2350	2325
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2500	2500

MASOOR:

Masoor prices which saw some easing recently on the start of harvest in UP again bounced back on the stockist's activity. Good crop of Chana expected this year has diverted the attention of stockists towards Masoor, which is expected slightly lower on decreased acreage this year. However, recent scattered rains in Masoor producing belts of UP were beneficial for the thirsty masoor crop. The

prices might see some cooling off with progress of harvest, however good demand from stockists might contain the losses.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
05.02.07	1950	2450
06.02.07	1925	2450
07.02.07	1900-1925	2425
08.02.07	1900-1925	2425
09.02.07	1925	2450
10.02.07	1925	2450

FIELD PEAS:

Field peas prices in the domestic markets are following the movements in Chana prices. The prices eased initially in conjunction with Chana prices, which then surged following the later towards the end of the week. Harvesting of 'desi matar' has started in Up (Kanpur) and arrivals are increasing slowly. Recent rains towards the end of the week were beneficial for the pod filling peas in UP. The crop is in a good shape in major producer UP, though some fall in production is expected due to slightly lower acreage this year. So, it seems the prices might hold the levels until the harvest gets momentum. It is also likely to closely follow the Chana markets.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas(WC)
03.02.2007	1480-1500	1341
10.02.2007	1450	1351

NEWS

Acreage Increases in Pulses This Season to 13.65 Million Hectares

Acreage under rabi pulses increased to 13.6576 million hectares as compared to 13.1359 mln hectare last year on January 18. Gram added 0.7 mln hectares this year to acreage in 2005-06. Acreage has jumped to 8.2459 mln

hectares this year against 7.5672 mln hectares lakh ha last year.

Futures Market (NCDEX)

Chana

Chana futures shed all the initial gains towards the end of the week. The prices surged higher initially, however, increased selling interest then pressured the prices down. The most active March contract at MCX surged to the highs of Rs 2398 on Wednesday, however the prices couldn't sustain those levels and heavy selling pressure took the prices to the lows of Rs 2157 towards the end of the week. Similarly, most active March contract at NCDEX traded in the range of Rs 2157-2398 per quintal. The volumes traded were on higher side, open interest also edged marginally higher.

PRICE DRIVERS:

Weather is mostly favorable, Churu belt of Rajasthan need showers

Harvesting started in MP, the largest producer of Chana

Harvest is gathering momentum in Maharashtra, Karnataka and AP

Good stocks with exporters like Australia and Canada

Firmness in Tur and Urad might support the demand

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Slightly bearish on progressing harvest,

Medium Term (One Month): Bearish on harvesting in MP, AP and MH

Long Term (Three Months): Slightly improved on decreasing arrivals

Chana (NCDEX February Contract)

Support-1	2036	Support-2	1990
Resistance-1	2182	Resistance-2	2220
Strategy	Sell on rallies		

Urad

Urad futures have been temporarily delisted from the exchanges till next notification as per FMC's directives.

PRICE DRIVERS:

Rains in Orissa might affect arrivals

Harvesting of another small crop of Urad in Orissa to start in mid February

Burmese quote for Urad comes slightly down

Major crop of bold Urad is expected near 0.25 mln tonnes in March

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Steady to slightly bearish on sporadic arrivals in Orissa and AP, and lowering of quotes by Burma

Medium Term (One Month): Weak on harvesting of major crop of bold Urad in AP

Long Term (Three Months): Slightly firm in off-season

Tur

Tur futures have been temporarily delisted from the exchanges till next notification as per FMC's directives.

PRICE DRIVERS:

Arrivals are peaking in the major Tur producing states

Slightly weak crop is inducing stockists demand

Good crop of Chana might contain the gains to some extent

Stockists are buying despite higher prices

Importers quoting higher, Burmese lemon being sold at \$510 per ton

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Steady to slightly firm on healthy arrivals and good demand

Medium Term (One Month): Moderately firm on stockists activity and decreasing arrivals

Long Term (Three Months): Firm on off-season premiums and poor production

Latest Vessel Position

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 Freigh Agent will be handling the vessel.

Forex rate as on 03.02.07

*Valid till 17th February 2007

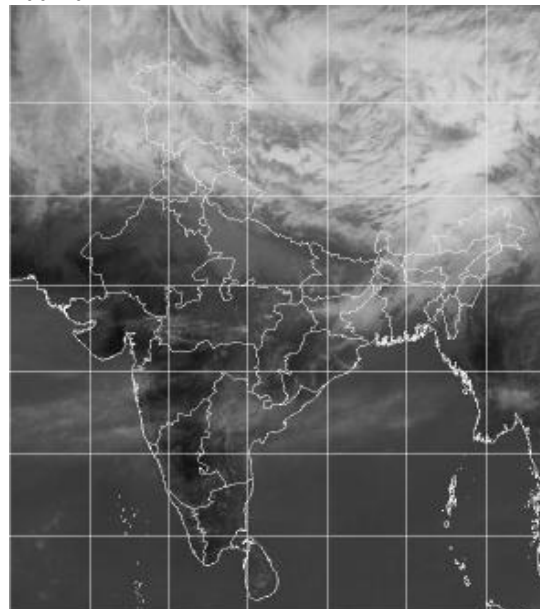
Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.18
European Union	Euro	57.54
Japan	100 Yen	36.27
United Kingdom	GBP	86.36

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Crop Stage	Impact
Urad (Kharif + Rabi)	Andhra	Maturity Stage	Mainly Dry Good
	Orissa	Harvesting	Scattered Rains Delay harvest
Tur (Kharif)	Maharashtra	Harvesting	Mainly Dry Good
	Karnataka	Harvesting	Mainly Dry Good
	MP	Harvesting	Mainly Dry Good
Chana (Kharif + Rabi)	Rajasthan	Pod Bearing	Scattered Rains Beneficial
	MP	Pod filling to maturity	Mainly Dry Good
	Karnataka	Harvesting	Mainly Dry Good
	Maharashtra	Harvesting	Mainly Dry Good

Weather Map

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International Highlight

India's Import Matrix for Burmese Pulses (Tonnes)

Pulses	March, 2006	April, 2006	May, 2006	June, 2006	July, 2006
Black Matpea	31,539	34322	54446	36146	43460
Mung beans	27,084	21545	16436	5237	5958
Black Eye Beans	1,928	2493	1554	380	156
Chickpeas	358	360	320	200	1946
Tur whole	12,039	6589	19465	6253	30075
Kidney Beans	2,057	594	795	704	2491
Total	75,005	67157	93379	48960	84302

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)

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