

PULSES

March 10-17, 2007

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Government frees exports of Kabuli Chana of all restrictions
- Improved demand of Tur from millers
- Weather is concerning in Rajasthan
- Harvest of Urad in AP is going on and crop expected 2.5 lakh tonnes
- NAFED is purchasing Chana from MP
- Rabi Moong acreage increased by 18 %

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.

Fundamentals

URAD:

There was not much action seen in Urad, as supply and demand both remained subdued during the week. The supply position however is not very tight at the stage after the kharif harvest. Fresh Urad crops in AP started hitting the market yards and harvest in the state is likely to increase in coming days, which then might put pressure on the prices. As per latest reports, Rabi Urad acreage increasing by 3.2 % to 8.11 lakh ha as compare to 7.8 lakh ha last year. In AP area under Urad increased by 24 % this year than last year. Further, government is also trying hard to bring down the prices of pulses and in the same line it is planning to import Urad along with other pulses in the coming months. The prices are likely to move downwards in ongoing harvest and good supply expected from AP and Orissa crop.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2006 (Delhi)	Local Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2006 (Mumbai)
12.03.07	2925	3150	2900
13.03.07	2925	3150	2900
14.03.07	2925	3125	2925
15.03.07	295	3100	2925
16.03.07	2950	3150	2925
17.03.07	2925	3150	2925

Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	17.03.07	10.03.07
Akola	3000-3100	2850-2900
Indore	3100-3200	3000-3100
Jalna	2900-3000	3000-3100

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
10.03.2007	580-590	610
17.03.2007	590	610

TUR:

Tur prices also enjoyed slight firmness during the period as gradually declining arrivals from major producing states with the closing of harvesting season supported the prices. Arrivals, especially in Maharashtra dipped slightly, as the farmers are said to be holding Tur in looking at the shortage of the commodity. Millers continue to buy Tur aggressively from terminal markets. The prices are likely to see some firmness as the production of the commodity this year is expected to be lower than previous year. However, some pressure might come to Tur market from the easing of Chana prices.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
12.03.07	2000	2300	2000
13.03.07	2010	2350	2025
14.03.07	2050	2400	2025
15.03.07	2050	2400	2000
16.03.07	2050	2400	2000
17.03.07	2050	2400	2025

Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	17.03.07	10.03.07
Gulbarga - Red Tur	2350	2400-2450
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	2350-2400	2450
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	2400	2350-2400
Jalna Red	2100-2200	2150-2200
Jalna White	2250-2325	2150-2225
Jalna BDM	2300	2250
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	NA	NA
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	2270-2300	2300

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

DATE	Tanzania Arusha	Burmese (Lemon Tur, Weeviled 15%)
10.03.2007	NA	490
17.03.2007	NA	490

MOONG:

Moong prices remained steady at major markets during last week. The stocks of the commodity are gradually depleting which is putting pressure on the prices. As per latest report, Rabi Moong acreage increased by 18 % to 6.69 lakh ha as compare to 5.67 lakh ha last year. Acreage increased in AP, Orissa and Tamilnadu. In AP, currently Moong is harvested from different regions and the total crop has been estimated at 5-6 lakh quintals there. The prices are likely to remain rangebound and the gains will be limited by due to harvesting season of other pulses and import of different pulses.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qt.)

Date	Kekdi/ Kishangarh (Delhi)	Medta(Delhi)
10.03.2007	3450	3500
17.03.2007	3400-3450	3500

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qt)

Centres	17.03.07	10.03.07
Latur	3200	3100-3150
Jalna	3200-3300	3150-3250
Akola	3100-3250	3100-3300
Kanpur	3300	3300-3350
Indore	3200-3300	3200-3300

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
10.03.2007	620	NA	675-680
17.03.2007	610-620	NA	675-680

CHICKPEAS:

Chana prices remained firm all across the board during the week starting March 10 on lower arrivals. Arrivals in major producing states, MP, UP and Maharashtra couldn't gather momentum as expected in adverse weather conditions during the beginning of week. However, the weather is now improved in MP and UP and the situation of weak supply is not going to last long in the harvesting season. The recent unexpected rains in Rajasthan and UP might affect the crop, but according to the local traders, the crop still assures healthy production when compared to the previous season. With the production expected on higher side on increased acreage, stockists might wait for the prices to come down but demand from millers remains strong at this stage. Further, NAFED is purchasing Chana from MP but they are waiting for some easing in prices. Chana prices are likely to move downwards with the increasing arrivals on improved weather in coming week.

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

Date	Maharashtra (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
12.03.07	2275	2075
13.03.07	2325	2100
14.03.07	2350	2190
15.03.07	2375	2170
16.03.07	2500	2200
17.03.07	2450	2150

Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	17.03.07	10.03.07
Gulbarga New	2150	2200
Latur (Gauran)	2100	2000
Latur (Annagiri)	2250	2150
Latur (G-12)	2150	2050
Jalna (Gauran)	2100	1975-2000
Jalna (Pila)	2150	2040
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2150	2125
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2200	2150
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2320	2180-2200

MASOOR:

Masoor market saw some firmness in prices during the last week on lower arrivals and concerns of crop damage. According to trade sources, recent rainfall in last couple of days in UP and MP slightly damaged the crop as harvesting of the crop still going on. However weather conditions improved now and arrivals increased towards the end of the week. The stockists were away from the markets at these

levels, they are still waiting for lower prices but demand from millers remains healthy. Harvesting is likely to hit the highest point by first week of April and at that time some easing in prices is likely. But somewhat lower production is expected this year on 8% decline in acreage. The firmness in Masoor prices were not likely to last long due to increasing arrivals in coming days, however they might get supportive demand at lower levels.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
12.03.07	2375	2550
13.03.07	2375	2550
14.03.07	2400	2600
15.03.07	2500	2650
16.03.07	2500	2700
17.03.07	2500	2700

FIELD PEAS:

Field peas prices remained firm during the period on the back of improved demand from millers and lower arrivals. The recent rains in UP and MP raised fear of crop damage as it is harvesting time there. However, the arrivals are increasing recently in UP on improved weather conditions. In Mumbai market imported peas quoted higher towards the end of the week on reports of crop damage in UP and MP. Harvesting has not gathered momentum yet and is expected to peak in first week of April. Prices are likely to move downwards in coming week on increasing arrivals. However, sharp down fall the prices in peak harvesting season is unlikely as lower production expected this year on 10.8% decreased in acreage.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qrt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas(WC)
10.03.2007	1620	1461
17.03.2007	1700	1625

NEWS

Acreage Increases in Pulses This Season to 14.12 Million Hectares

Acreage under Rabi pulses increased to 14.12 mln hectares as compared to 13.63 mln hectares last year on March 09. Gram acreage added 0.9 mln hectares this year

to acreage in 2005-06. Acreage has jumped to 8.4 mln hectares this year against 7.7 mln hectares last year. Area under Moong increased by 18 % to 6.69 lakh hectares whereas Lentils acreage decreased by 8 %.

Futures Market (NCDEX)

Chana

Chana futures witnessed roller coaster movements with positive biasness during most part of the week. The futures started the week on bearish note, however they recovered thereafter on buying support at lower levels. The most active April contract at MCX surged to the highs of Rs 2169 on Wednesday and next day also after touching the lows of Rs 2047 on Monday. Similarly, most active April contract at NCDEX surge to highs of Rs 2160 on Friday after witnessing the lows of Rs 2018 on the very first day of the week. The volumes of trade as well as open interest increased during the period.

PRICE DRIVERS:

Arrivals increasing in MP

Maharashtra Govt. proposed to implement VAT on essential commodities

Improved demand from millers

Govt. freed exports of Kabuli Chana of restrictions

Harvesting in Maharashtra gathering momentum

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Slightly weak on increase in arrivals

Medium Term (One Month): Bearish on peaking harvest in some of the major producing states

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

Chana (NCDEX April Contract)

Support-1	2030	Support-2	2000
Resistance-1	2195	Resistance-2	2225
Strategy	Sell on major rallies		

Forex as on 17.03.2007

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.17
European Union	Euro	58.67
Japan	100 Yen	37.71
United Kingdom	GBP	85.58

Latest Vessel Position

Vessel Yang An-3 has reached on 13th March at Kolkata port to offload 27,000 MT of peas. LAKE MAJA has expected to arrive on 17th March at Tuticorin port to offload 23,200 tonnes of Peas (Dunpeas). Krateros has arrived at Kolkata port to discharge 34,000 tonnes of peas.

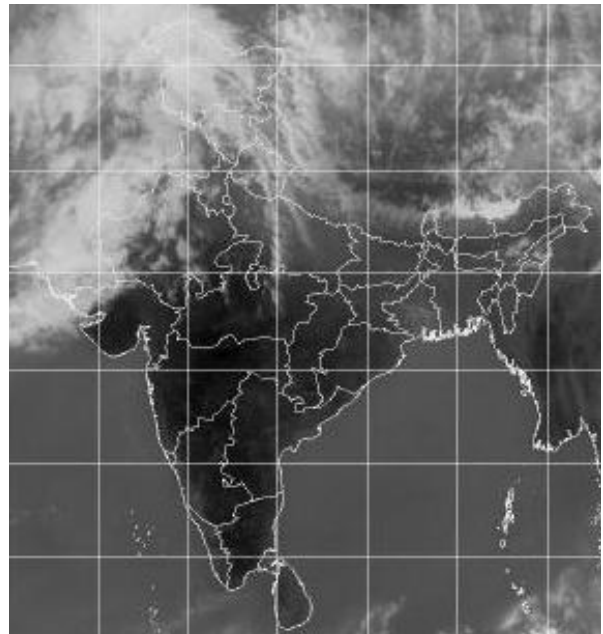
Weather Outlook For The Week Ending On March 21st 2007

- Scattered light to moderate precipitation likely to continue over North Eastern States.
- Isolated hailstorm/squall is likely over northwest India and Rajasthan during the same period.
- Scattered to fairly widespread precipitation likely over Western Himalayan region from 17th night onwards for next 3-4 days. Isolated rain/thundershowers also likely over the adjoining plains of Punjab and north Haryana from 18th onwards.

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Crop Stage	Impact	
Urad (Kharif + Rabi)	Andhra	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good
	Orissa	Harvesting	Scattered Rains	Uncongenial for harvest
Peas (Kharif)	UP	Harvesting	Isolated rain	Uncongenial for harvest
Chana (Kharif + Rabi)	Rajasthan	Pod filling	Rains	Not beneficial
	MP	Harvesting	Mainly dry	Good
	Karnataka	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good
	Maharashtra	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good

Weather Map **19-03-2007**



Source-IMD

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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