

PULSES

Feb 26-March03, 2007

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Government floats import tender for pulses
- Government opened export of Dollar Gram
- Harvesting of Chana gathering momentum in MP
- Harvest of Urad in AP in progress, crop expected 2.5 lakh tonnes
- Stockists under pressure after recent action of government on stock limits

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:

Urad markets witnessed feeble action during the week. Poor demand in most of the markets kept the prices on the softer side. Start of harvest in Andhra Pradesh, where crop is expected to the tune of 2.5 lakh tonnes also added some bearish sentiments to the urad markets. Further, after recent government action in the state on stock limits, the stockists are cautious and are not likely to buy aggressively when the fresh harvest in AP gathers momentum. Importers are also not taking much interest looking at the harvest in AP. So, the scenario in Urad seems slightly bearish at the moment and the prices are expected to remain on the softer side.

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

Date	Burma FAQ 2006 (Delhi)	Local Grade-UP/Bihar (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ 2006 (Mumbai)
26.02.07	2950	3100	2975
27.02.07	2950	3100	2950
28.02.07	2950-3000	3100	2950
01.03.07	2900-2850	3100	2900
02.03.07	2775	3100	2800
03.03.07	2775	3050	2800

Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	24.02.07	03.03.07
Akola	3000	2900
Indore	3350	3200
Gulbarga	NA	NA

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

Date	F A Q	S Q
24.02.2007	590	640
03.03.2007	590	640

TUR:

Tur prices ruled steady during the period under review, as activity in the markets were poor. Arrivals in northern Maharashtra are still healthy, whereas other regions are witnessing gradual fall as harvesting season is coming to an end. With the shrinking supply, the prices are expected to get support in the coming time, as the demand for the commodity is still healthy. However, easing sentiments in Chana might check the gains to some extent. So, the prices are expected to remain range bound with slight bullish inclination in the coming time, as the supply side would gradually weaken.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Maharashtra Line (Delhi)	Burma Spot Mumbai
26.02.07	1960	2250	1875
27.02.07	1925	2250	1900
28.02.07	1925	2250	1900
01.03.07	1900	2250	1875
02.03.07	1900	2250	1875
03.03.07	1900	2200	1875

Tur Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY AND CENTRE NAME	24.02.07	03.03.07
Gulbarga - Red Tur	2400	2300
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	2325-2350	2300-2330
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	2300	2200-2250
Jalna Red	2200	2100
Jalna White	2250	2200
Jalna BDM	2250	2225
Akola Red Marathwada Line (motor cut)	NA	NA
Akola Red Vidharbha Line (motor cut)	2180-2200	2175

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

DATE	Tanzania Arusha	Burmese (Lemon Tur, Weeviled 15%)
24.02.2007	NA	480
03.03.2007	NA	480

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)
24.02.2007	3450	3500
03.03.2007	3450	3500

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qt)

Centres	24.02.07	03.03.07
Gulbarga	NA	NA
Latur	3300	3150-3200
Jalna	3200	3150-3200
Akola	3250-3350	3100-3150
Kanpur	3400	3350
Indore	3400	3300

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

Date	Burmese Pokako	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
24.02.2007	690	610	720-725
03.03.2007	690	610	720-725

CHICKPEAS:

Chana shed earlier gains on improved supply position towards the end of the week starting February 26. The prices remained initially firm on good demand from millers ahead of Festival and weather interrupted poor arrivals. Arrivals are expected to increase after Holi in improved weather conditions. Further, rains benefited Rajasthan Chana suggests increased production in the state, which in conjunction with increased overall acreage of Chana, promises healthy supply position this year. Meanwhile, cautious stockists on stock limits are not being seen hopping on the fresh arrivals at this stage. The entire scenario seems slightly bearish for Chana in the coming time with expected increase in supply from MP.

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

Date	Maharashtra (Delhi)	Indore (Kantewala)
26.02.07	2350	2040
27.02.07	2375	2090
28.02.07	2300	2000
01.03.07	2250	1975
02.03.07	2200	1950
03.03.07	2150	1925

Prices in Mandies of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	24.02.07	03.03.07
Gulbarga New	2150	2100
Latur (Gauran)	2000-2050	1900
Latur (Annagiri)	2150	1950-1975
Latur (G-12)	2100	1950
Jalna (Gauran)	2000	1950
Jalna (Pila)	2075	2000
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2050-2075	1950
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2100	2000
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2150	2000

MASOOR:

Masoor prices edged higher during the week on the back of healthy demand from millers. Poor weather conditions affected the harvesting pace and arrivals in MP and UP during the week, however the crop prospects were not seen affected. Production of masoor this year is expected to fall as the acreage according to Ministry of Agriculture reports has fallen by 8% to 15.46 lakh hectares, which would keep the demand strong for the commodity. The prices might see some cooling off with progress of harvest, however they might get support from strong demand at lower levels.

So, expect some range bound action in Masoor in a short run.

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

Date	MP/Kota Line (Delhi)	UP/Sikari (Delhi)
26.02.07	1950	2510
27.02.07	1950	2525
28.02.07	2000	2500
01.03.07	2000	2500
02.03.07	2000	2500
03.03.07	2000	2500

FIELD PEAS:

The prices of imported field peas remained steady in Mumbai on sluggish demand from the millers. Whereas, domestic field peas prices at Kanpur witnessed gradual rise amidst steady arrivals and improved demand. The prices remained subdued in the early phase of harvest on some quality issues. However, the demand from millers and stockists increased once the good quality produce started hitting the market yards. Some easing in the prices can be seen with the progress of harvest. However, the downside potential seems limited as demand is expected to remain vibrant on expected lower production on reduced area under crop this season. The acreage of desi peas has fallen by 10.3% to 8.25 lakh hectares this year according to Ministry of Agriculture reports.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas(WC)
24.02.2007	1450	1451
03.03.2007	1550	1451

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 hectares 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.

Govt Floats Tender for Import of Pulses

An agency of the government the PEC Ltd. has floated a global tender for the import of 18,000 tonnes of pulses in

April and May, to help tide over a shortage in the domestic markets where prices are ruling firm. It would buy 6,000 tonnes each of Urad (black gram), Moong (green gram) and Tru (red gram) through the latest tender, which would close on March 8. Further MMTC Ltd. has also floated a global tender in late February to import 3,000 tonnes of Urad, 2,000 tonnes of Moong, 5000 tonnes of Tur and 25,000 tonnes of dun peas.

Futures Market (NCDEX)

Chana

Chana futures slipped sharply during the sellers dominated week. The prices extended the previous week's firmness on Monday and heavy selling thereafter pressured the prices to wash away all the gains of the previous week. The most active March contract at MCX surged to the highs of Rs 2198 initially, which then traded as low as Rs 2031 late this week. Similarly, most active March contract at NCDEX dipped after witnessing Rs 2148 levels on Tuesday to the lows of Rs 2006 late this week. The volumes traded and open interest edged higher during the period.

PRICE DRIVERS:

Harvesting in MP to gather momentum in the coming week

Stockists under pressure on government stand on stock limit

Recent rains not seen affecting the prospects of the crop

Production expected to increase on increased acreage and favourable weather so far

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Slightly bearish on harvesting pressure

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 March Contract)

Support-1	1970	Support-2	1950
Resistance-1	2085	Resistance-2	2100
Strategy	Sell on rallies		

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.49
European Union	Euro	58.53
Japan	100 Yen	38.46
United Kingdom	GBP	85.71

Forex as on 05.03.2007

Latest Vessel Position

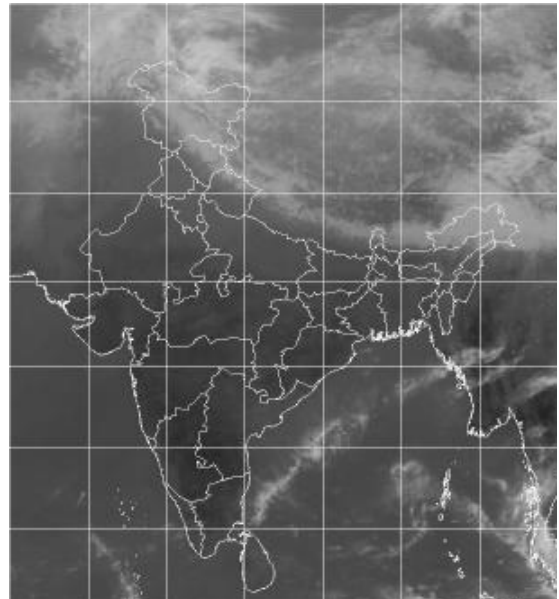
New Flame has arrived on 19th February at Kolkata port to discharge 32900 tonnes peas. Another New Flame (ex S.A.C) has also arrived on 21st at Kolkata port to offload 28165 tonnes of peas.

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Crop Stage	Impact	
Urad (Kharif + Rabi)	Andhra	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good
	Orissa	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good
Tur (Kharif)	UP	Pod filling	Mainly Dry	Good
Chana (Kharif + Rabi)	Rajasthan	Pod filling	Mainly Dry	Good
	MP	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good
	Karnataka	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good
	Maharashtra	Harvesting	Mainly Dry	Good

Weather Map

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Source-IMD

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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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