

CHILLI

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SPOT MARKETS

Domestic red chillies markets remained on an average stable during Monday's trade. It was offered in previous price range in Guntur amidst higher arrivals as well as offtake. Market demand remained supportive for the prices. However, higher arrivals ahead can dampen the situation. Chilli export during April-February 2006-07 of current fiscal has increased by 9 percent to 1.12 lakh tonnes valued at Rs. 596.5 crore, up 65 percent over the same period of last fiscal. Export potential of Indian chillies has in turn minimized the bearish impact of 20 percent higher production estimates for this season.

FUTURES MARKETS

Chilli futures at NCDEX opened lower than previous settlement and tested an intraday low of Rs. 6011 at the early hours of trade. The futures traded upwards on increased buying interest and tested an intraday high of Rs. 6270. The futures settled with significant gains in final action. Most active June contract traded in the range of Rs. 6011-6270 during Monday's trade.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. Improved demand in the markets
2. India exported 1.12 lakh tonnes chilli during April-February 2006-07

Bearish:

1. Forthcoming crop is expected good due to higher acreage
2. Crop arrivals increasing in the markets

WEATHER

Rain/thundershowers are likely at many places over south Tamil Nadu, Kerala. Rain/thundershowers likely at a few places over north Tamil Nadu. Isolated rain/thundershowers likely over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Interior Karnataka. Mainly dry weather is likely over the rest region. Dry weather conditions are favourable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlesticks pattern indicates steady to firm opening and initial uptrend. Stochastic is moving upwards in the overbought region, leaving scope for further uptrend. MACD is moving indecisively in the positive territory. Prices closed above 9-day as well as 18-day EMA, hinting firm prices. Red chillies futures are likely to trade upwards following a steady to firm opening with possibility of downward movements later in the session.



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX June	5947	6091	6219	6400	6555

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX June Chilli near Rs. 6200 with a target of Rs. 6275 and then Rs. 6300 with a strict stop loss of Rs. 6150. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 40 to 45 Kgs
Guntur	LCA 334	4400-5200	125000-150000

■ BLACK PEPPER

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SPOT MARKETS

Domestic pepper markets extended previous advances further. Prices surged up by Rs. 600 per quintal in Kochi markets amidst arrivals as well as offtake of 20 MT. Apart from tight domestic supply situation, recent trend in global pepper markets in general and Vietnam in particular can be attributed to the sharp rise in domestic quotes. Vietnam's harvest is at its peak, yet no sign of selling pressure was visible. Farmers are in no hurry to sell their produce at any price lower than their expectations. However, buyers preferred to wait and watch for the prices to cool down.

FUTURES MARKETS

Black pepper futures at the NCDEX opened higher than previous settlement and traded downwards initially to test an intraday low of Rs. 15651 at the early hours of trade. Increased buying interest at the lower price levels supported the futures thereafter and the futures breached 4 percent upper circuit level to test an intraday high of Rs. 16650. Most active May contract traded in the range of Rs. 15651-16650 during Monday's trade.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. Global supplies expected to remain tight
2. Vietnam crop is likely to fall by 10-20 percent
3. Vietnam farmers not in a hurry to sell their produce

Bearish:

1. Profit taking likely at higher price levels

WEATHER

Rain/thundershowers are likely at many places over south Tamil Nadu, Kerala. Rain/thundershowers likely at a few places over north Tamil Nadu. Isolated rain/thundershowers likely over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Interior Karnataka. Mainly dry weather is likely over the rest region. Dry weather conditions are favourable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlesticks pattern indicates firm opening and initial uptrend. Stochastic is moving upwards in the overbought region, hinting further uptrend. MACD is also moving upwards in positive territory, supporting the firmness. Prices closed above 9-day as well as 18-day EMA, hinting firm prices. Black pepper futures are likely to trade upwards following a firm opening with possibility of some downward movements later in the session.

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SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX May	15761	16078	16650	17000	17316

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX May Pepper near Rs. 16600-16650 with a target at Rs. 16700 and then Rs. 16750 with a strict stop loss at Rs. 16525. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Tonnes)
Kochi	Garbled	14500	20
	Ungarbled	15100	

CUMIN

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SPOT MARKETS

Domestic jeera markets remained stable at the start of the week. It was quoted in previous price range in Unjha markets amidst higher arrivals as well as offtake. Concerns of crop output in this year continue to remain as major supportive feature for the markets. Production is projected lower this year owing to lower acreage in Gujarat and adverse weather conditions in Rajasthan. Meanwhile, jeera exports have increased by 154 percent in quantity at 24,250 tonnes worth Rs. 185.80 crore, up 158 percent in value during April-February 2006-07. Jeera markets are expected to show some weakness on likely increasing arrivals.

FUTURES MARKETS

Jeera futures at the NCDEX opened lower than previous settlement and the most-active May contract tested an intraday low of Rs. 13730 at the early hours of trade. The futures traded upwards thereafter on increased buying interest and tested an intraday high of Rs. 14065 only to retreat again. The futures finished in negative territory in final action. Most-active May contract traded in the range of Rs. 13730-14065 during Monday's trade.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. Estimations of lower acreage, lower production
2. India exported 24,250 tonnes of jeera during April-February 2006-07

Bearish:

1. Arrivals increasing in the market
2. Profit taking at higher price levels

WEATHER

Isolated duststorm/thunderstorm is likely over Rajasthan during next 24 hours and mainly dry weather thereafter. Dry weather is favourable at this stage of the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlestick pattern is indicating steady opening and initial downtrend. Stochastic is moving upwards in the overbought region, leaving scope for further uptrend. MACD is moving indecisively in the positive territory. Prices closed above the 9-day as well as 18-day EMA, supporting the firmness. Jeera futures are likely to trade downwards following a steady opening with possibility of some upward movements early in the session.



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX May	13343	13580	13865	14227	14464

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Sell NCDEX May Jeera near Rs. 13875-13900 with a target of Rs. 13800 and then Rs. 13750 with a strict stop loss of Rs. 13975. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Centers	Variety	Prices/20 Kg	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 55 to 60 Kgs
Unjha	F.A.Q	2300-2360	12000-13000
	Ganesh	2530-2630	
	Machine Cleaned	2630-2730	

TURMERIC

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SPOT MARKETS

Domestic turmeric markets witnessed some weakness during Monday's trade. It was offered in a lower price range amidst higher arrivals in Nizamabad. Prices were at the lower side in Erode as well, where trading resumed after week-long holidays. Turmeric fundamentals were more or less unchanged. However, arrivals are expected to increase further in the coming few days that may eventually dampen the market trend. Turmeric prices are expected to remain weak in the coming days.

FUTURES MARKETS

Turmeric futures at NCDEX opened lower than previous settlement and most-active May contract tested an intraday low of Rs. 2252 at the early hours of trade. The futures recovered to test an intraday high of Rs. 2289 only to retreat again. The futures registered some losses at close. Most active May contract traded in the range of Rs. 2252-2289 during Monday's trade.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bearish:

1. Higher production estimates
2. Fresh crop arrivals increasing in markets

Bullish:

1. Export crossed fiscal year target in quantity as well as value terms

WEATHER

Rain/thundershowers are likely at many places over south Tamil Nadu, Kerala. Rain/thundershowers likely at a few places over north Tamil Nadu. Isolated rain/thundershowers likely over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Interior Karnataka. Mainly dry weather is likely over the rest region. Dry weather conditions are favourable for the crop at this time.

TECHNICALS

Candlesticks pattern indicates steady opening and initial downtrend. Stochastic is moving downwards in the neutral region, leaving scope for further downtrend. MACD is also moving downwards in the positive territory, supporting the weakness. Prices closed below the 9-day EMA, hinting short-term weakness. Turmeric futures are likely to trade downwards following a steady to weak opening with possibility of some upward movements early in the session.



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX May	2180	2215	2265	2300	2320

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Sell NCDEX May Turmeric near Rs. 2270-2275 with a target of Rs. 2240 and then Rs. 2225 with a strict stop loss at Rs. 2298. Trade cautiously with intraday outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 90 Kgs
Nizamabad	Finger	1900-1950	20000
	Gattah	1800	
Erode	Finger	2075-2175	13000-14000
	Gattah	2150-2200	



■ C A R D A M O M

■ Mar 10, 2007

SPOT MARKETS

Scattered rains in Kerala cooled off the heated cardamom prices slightly. The average price of cardamom in Monday's auction at CPA (Bodi) stood at Rs 416 per kg. Arrivals of 15 tonnes were all sold. The crop received much needed drizzles in Kerala ending the long dry spell. Some more rains are expected in the region, which would be beneficial for the cardamom crop in the region. As the current harvesting has come to an end, the arrivals and supply is likely to shrink in the coming time, which will support the prices to some extent.

FUTURES MARKETS

MCX Cardamom futures witnessed a sharp correction on the first trading day of the week. Most active May contract opened slightly weak at Rs 510 and then it surged to the highs of Rs 513.3. However, the prices couldn't sustain the higher levels for long and came down to see the lows of Rs 491.50 on heavy selling pressure. The contract closed the session at Rs 493 a kg.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bearish:

1. Scattered rains in Kerala
2. Export demand still to pick up

Bullish:

1. Healthy domestic demand
2. Supply to tighten ahead
3. Poor production expected in Kerala

WEATHER

Rains in Kerala were beneficial for cardamom crop there. Some more scattered rains expected in Kerala would improve the crop condition.

TECHNICALS

Cardamom charts are giving bearish signals as depicted by long dark candle. The prices closed well below short term EMAs, indicating bearish sentiments in the market. MACD is in running downward in negative zone, which indicates increasing bearish momentum. Stochastic is also negative in neutral region. The contract is most likely to trade with bearish inclination.



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S1	S2	R1	R2
MCX May	480	475	500	507

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

SELL MCX May cardamom below Rs 495 with a target of Rs 588 and then Rs 582 with a strict stops loss at Rs 599. Trade cautiously with intra-day outlook.

Auction Centre

Prices/Kg (7mm)

Arrivals (Kg)

Bodi (CPA)

416

15,000

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