

SPOT MARKETS

Domestic red chillies markets in Guntur maintained previous weakness during Wednesday's trade. It was offered in previous price range amidst lower arrivals as well as offtake. Subdued demand, both domestic as well as overseas continue to dampen the market sentiments. Increased export of chilli from India in recent time, on the back of report of crop failure in China, has in turn minimized the bearish impact of 20 percent higher production estimates for the season. However, with supply offsetting demand, chilli prices are likely to witness some weakness in the coming days.

FUTURES MARKETS

Chilli futures at NCDEX opened lower than previous settlement and most active June contract tested an intraday high of Rs. 5605 at the opening session of trade. The futures traded sharply downwards thereafter to test an intraday low of Rs. 5391. The futures settled significantly lower after paring some of the losses in late action. Most active June contract traded in the range of Rs. 5391-5605 during Wednesday's trade.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. India exported 1.12 lakh tonnes chilli during April-February 2006-07
2. Report of crop failure in China

Bearish:

1. Domestic production is estimated higher due to increased acreage
2. Poor buying support in the markets

WEATHER

Isolated rain/thundershowers are likely over the region. Dry weather conditions are favourable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlesticks pattern indicates steady to weak opening and likely trend reversal. 14-day RSI is in neutral region and heading southwards, leaving scope for further downtrend. MACD is also supporting the weakness. Prices closed below the 9-day as well as 18-day EMA, hinting weak prices. Red chillies futures are likely to trade downwards following a steady to weak opening. However, reversal of the trend is on the card.

CHLL334GTR 0706(NCGTRM7)2007/04/18 - Daily B:5506.00 A:5511.00
O 5601.00 H 5605.00 L 5391.00 C 5515.00 V 22,315 I 13,085 -110
EMA(9) 5740.6 (18) 5679.6



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX June	5135	5327	5515	5762	5941

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Sell NCDEX June Chilli near Rs. 5550-5575 with a target of Rs. 5500 and then Rs. 5475 with a strict stop loss of Rs. 5625. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 40 to 45 Kgs
Guntur	LCA 334	3700-4500	50000

■ BLACK PEPPER

■ Apr 19, 2007

SPOT MARKETS

Domestic pepper markets remained on an average steady during Wednesday's trade. It was offered at an unchanged price range in Kochi markets amidst arrivals as well as offtake of 15 MT. Contradictory reports of Vietnam prices have dampen the market sentiments. All eyes are on Vietnam at present and any minute development is playing large on global prices. At the domestic front, lack of buying support has softened the prices in past few days. However, the long-term fundamentals continue to remain supportive for the markets.

FUTURES MARKETS

Black pepper futures at the NCDEX opened lower than previous settlement and most active May contract tested an intraday low of Rs. 15279 at the early hours of trade. The futures traded upwards thereafter on increased buying support and tested an intraday high of Rs. 15774 during late hours of trading. Most active May contract traded in the range of Rs. 15279-15774 during Wednesday'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 at higher price levels
2. Weak demand, both domestic as well as overseas

WEATHER

Isolated rain/thundershowers are likely over the region. Dry weather conditions are favourable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlesticks pattern indicates steady to firm opening and likely trend reversal. 14-day RSI moving flat in neutral region, leaving scope for both ways movement. MACD indicating bearish trend to continue. Price, though closed below the 9-day EMA, got supported at 18-day EMA. Volume as well as open interest has declined as compared to previous settlement. Black pepper futures are likely to trade upwards following a steady to firm opening with possibility of some downward movements later in the session.

Pepper 0705(NCPEPK7)2007/04/18 - Daily B:15700.00 A:15710.00
O 15525.00 H 15770.00 L 15280.00 C 15700.00 V 35,279 I 18,069 +167
EMA(9) 15766 (18) 15330



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX May	14952	15330	15700	16099	16405

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX May Pepper near Rs. 15650 with a target at Rs. 15775 and then Rs. 15850 with a strict stop loss at Rs. 15550. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Tonnes)
Kochi	Garbled	14200	15
	Ungarbled	14800	

CUMIN

■ **Apr 19, 2007**

SPOT MARKETS

Domestic jeera markets remained quiet during Wednesday's trade. It was quoted in an unchanged price range amidst lower arrivals. Traders reported presence of some demand at the lower price levels. Concerns of crop output in this year continue to remain as a supportive feature for the markets. Production is projected lower this year owing to lower acreage in Gujarat and adverse weather conditions in Rajasthan. Prices may consolidate near the present levels and witness some short-term uptrend if arrivals fail to improve further.

FUTURES MARKETS

Jeera futures at the NCDEX opened lower than previous settlement and the most active May contract slide to test an intraday low of Rs. 13556 at the early hours of trade. The futures recovered back and pared the early losses to test an intraday high of Rs. 13998.8. The futures finished near day's high. Most-active May contract traded in the range of Rs. 13556-13998.8 during Wednesday'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
3. Declining arrivals in the markets

Bearish:

1. Profit taking at higher price levels

WEATHER

Isolated duststorm/thunderstorm is likely over Rajasthan. Mainly dry weather is likely over the rest region. Dry weather is favourable at this stage of the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlestick pattern is indicating steady to firm opening and likely trend reversal. 14-day RSI has started moving upwards in the neutral region, leaving scope for further uptrend. MACD is indicating further weakness. Prices closed above the 9-day as well as 18-day EMA, hinting firm prices. Volume has increased, while open interest has declined as compared to previous settlement. Jeera futures are likely to trade upwards following a steady to firm opening.

JEERA 0705(NCJEEK7)2007/04/18 - Daily B:13985.00 A:13992.00
O 13811.00 H 13998.00 L 13560.00 C 13986.00 V 37,326 I 21,618 +164.5
EMA(9) 13981 (18) 13744



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX May	13246	13476	13986	14318	14575

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX May Jeera near Rs. 13950-13975 with a target of Rs. 14090 and then Rs. 14190 with a strict stop loss of Rs. 13830. Trade cautiously with intra day outlook.

Centers	Variety	Prices/20 Kg	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 55 to 60 Kgs
Unjha	F.A.Q	2280-2340	5000-6000
	Ganesh	2510-2610	
	Machine Cleaned	2610-2710	

TURMERIC

■ Apr 19, 2007

SPOT MARKETS

AP Markfed is planning to procure turmeric bulb from the Andhra Pradesh markets as soon as the good quality of bulb is available in the market, the price for the procurement of the same is not yet fixed. As per the Markfed officials till date they have purchased around 895 quintals on an average price at Rs.2090/quintal. The dematting of the turmeric at the Erode ware house will commence from 27th of April as per trade sources. On Wednesday, Turmeric prices at all the major spot markets were trading low by Rs.50-75 /quintal. At the Salem market in Tamil Nadu the prices at the beginning of the season were reported to be around Rs.3100-3200/quintal and currently it is at Rs.2700-2800/quintal with the daily arrivals of 5000 bags.

FUTURES MARKETS

In the NCDEX futures contracts for Turmeric we witnessed mixed openings for all the contracts but later on we observed that the selling pressure led the contracts to close in the negative zone. In the most active May contract we witnessed liquidation of the long positions as the contract closed at Rs.2187/quintal and made a low at 2165 after making an intraday high at Rs.2233/quintal the open interest also closed low as compared to previous trading session amidst fall in the volumes.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bearish:

1. Higher production estimates.
2. Arrivals to gain its momentum.
3. Low demand in the physical market.

WEATHER

Isolated rains and thunder showers is likely at the Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh region, this will not affect the crop as most of the harvest and post harvest activity have already been carried out in these areas.

TECHNICALS

Candlesticks pattern indicated a low opening selling pressure led the market to close at the lower levels. Stochastic is trading below the signal line downwards indicating a sell signal. MACD is also moving above the signal line steady in the positive territory. The short term that is the 6-day EMA has cut the (26 - day) EMA from above and is currently trading below the long term (26-day) and the short term (14-day) EMA indicating a bearish trend in the market. RSI is in the oversold zone. We can expect correction in the trend and fresh buying coming in next trading session however the overall trend still favours the bears.

Turmeric 0705(NCTMCK7)2007/04/18 - Daily B:2187.00 A:2190.00
O 2210.00 H 2210.00 L 2165.00 C 2187.00 V 19,990 I 26,420 -21
EMA(9) 2235.1 (18) 2240.1



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX May	2142	2164	2187	2209	2232

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Sell Turmeric May contract futures at Rs.2185-2187 or market open price with a target of Rs.2160 then 2155 and stop loss at 2210. Trade strictly on intraday basis.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 90 Kgs
Nizamabad	Finger	1850-1925	12000
	Gattah	1750-1825	
Erode	Finger	1900-2000	20000
	Gattah	1900-2000	



■ CARDAMOM

■ Apr 19, 2007

SPOT MARKETS

According to the local auction traders currently the climatic conditions is reported to be cloudy and rains are expected at the cardamom growing areas Kerala as well as IMD stated that thunder showers are expected at Kerala. The spot arrivals at the Kumily auctions were reported at 46000 kg and the prices were trading between the ranges of Rs.460-470/kg. The domestic demand was reported to be good in the market.

FUTURES MARKETS

MCX cardamom futures closed marginally on a higher side on account of fresh buying coming in and with a slight gain in the open interest. In the bench mark May contract initially we witnessed the market opened marginally firm at Rs.496.4/kg but made a low at Rs.491.3/kg however during the later trading session we witnessed that the fresh buying support pulled the prices up and the contract made an intraday high at Rs.501.9/kg. The volumes dropped down marginally did not support the price movement.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bearish:

1. Expected rains in Kerala.

Bullish:

1. Low arrivals in the spot
2. Good demand in the market
3. Supply to tighten ahead.

WEATHER

Isolated rain and thunder shower is likely at the Kerala, the major cardamom growing area in India for next two days. This will benefit the crop.

TECHNICALS

Cardamom charts are still not giving clarity on the trend we will have to wait for another trading close in order to determine a trend in the market as a doji candle has formed. The volume is however low and not supporting the price movement. The prices closed well below short term EMAs, indicating bearish sentiments in the market. MACD is in running downward in negative zone. RSI is also negative in neutral region. We can expect a correction in the next trading session contracts to trade on a positive note.

CARDAMOM 0705(MXCAMK7)2007/04/18 - Daily B:496.70 A:498.00
O 496.40 H 501.90 L 491.30 C 496.60 V 1,725 T 64,361 I 3,143 +1.5
EMA(9) 497.86 (18) 503.73



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
MCX					
May	486.	491.3	496.6	501.9	507.2

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

We recommend intraday buy for the MCX cardamom May contract at Rs.494-496 with a target of Rs.500 and Rs.502/kg with a stop loss of Rs.489

Auction Centre

Prices/Kg (7mm)

Arrivals (Kg)

Kumily

460-470

46000

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