

PULSES

Aug 04 - Aug 11, 2007

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Acreage of Kharif pulses has increased to 104.34 lakh ha.
- 2.43 lakh tonnes pulses already reached the country
- MMTC invited tenders to import 18,000 tonnes of pulses

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Futures Market

- 3,380 MT Chana was delivered for the NCDEX July contract
- NCDEX and MCX combined stock of Chana reached more than 34,582 MT

Fundamentals

URAD:

A bearish sentiment was witnessed in Urad spot market during the week. Prices dipped in almost all the market around the board. Prices in Delhi and Mumbai market eased by Rs.25-50 per quintal and Rs.50-75 per quintal respectively against the last week's Rs.2475-2500 per quintal and Rs.2400-2410 per quintal. Prices also decreased in other major centres like Indore, Jalna and Akola. Fall in prices was mainly attributed to the lower demand in the market. At the same time, on good monsoon, the acreage of Kharif crop has increased over last year as according to the data from the state's Commissioner of Agriculture, up to August 04, Urad acreage in Maharastra rose by 19 per cent at 4,51,167 hectares. Up to July 26, Urad acreage in the country increased to 18.92 lakh hectares compare to last year's 16.85 lakh hectares. So, higher production is expected in the country this time. Stockists are also releasing their stocks in the market due to expected arrivals from the fresh crop. Thus, Urad prices are expected to remain slightly bearish in coming days due to lower demand and expected increase in arrivals in the market.

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

Date	Burma FAQ (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ (Mumbai)
06.08.07	Closed	2391
07.08.07	2450	2361
08.08.07	2425	2331
09.08.07	2475	2331
10.08.07	2470	2351
11.08.07	Closed	2351

Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	11.08.07	04.08.07
Akola	2350	2400
Indore	2350	2550
Jalna	2400	2400

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

Date	F A Q (Mumbai)	S Q(Mumbai)
04.08.07	580	665
11.08.07	540	640

TUR:

A weak sentiment was seen in Tur spot market during the week due to lower demand as PEC invited tender last week to sell 5,342 tonnes of Whole Tur. An expected correction in the market also put the prices down after continuous rises in prices in recent days. The prices of Burmese Lemon Tur increased in Delhi market were down by Rs.20-25 against the last week's average prices of Rs.2500-2525 per quintal, whereas in Mumbai market average prices during the week decreased to Rs.2375-2380 compare to previous week's Rs.2450-2460 per quintal due to very lower demand in the market. Prices also eased in Latur, Jalna and Akola market due to expected correction and lower demand in the market. But arrivals in Jalna market were steady at 100-150 bags, whereas it decreased to 500-600 bags in Latur against the last week's 600-700 bags. But, According to the data from the state's Commissioner of Agriculture, up to August 04, Tur acreage was still down by 19 per cent to 8, 66,230 hectares in Maharastra. The present arrival status in the market is not so satisfactory. The imported Tur is also not enough to match the demand. Thus, prices are likely to remain range bound with slight firm inclination in the coming week due to lower arrivals in the market.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Burma Spot Mumbai (New)
06.08.07	Closed	2411
07.08.07	2500	2361
08.08.07	2450	2351
09.08.07	2525	2381
10.08.07	2475	2375
11.08.07	Closed	2371

Tur Prices in secondary markets

Centres and Grade	11.08.07	04.08.07
Gulbarga - Red Tur	2630	Closed
Latur Red tur (Mh Line)	Closed	2650
Latur White tur (Mh Line)	Closed	2650
Jalna Red	2400-2500	2400-2500
Jalna White	2500-2550	2500-2600
Jalna BDM	2550	2600
Akola Red Vidharbha Line	2585	2560

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

DATE	Burmese FAQ new	Burmese (Lemon Tur, Weeviled 15%)
04.08.07	590-600	610-620
11.08.07	555-560	580

MOONG:

Moong spot prices also remained weak during the week due to lower demand in the markets. Prices of Pedishewa Moong in Mumbai and Delhi decreased by Rs.50 per quintal and Rs.50-75 per quintal respectively from the last week's prices of Rs.2750 per quintal and 2900 per quintal respectively. Prices in Indore market eased by Rs.150-200 per quintal against the previous week's prices of Rs.2500-2600 per quintal. Continuous decrease in prices of Moong in recent days is mainly due to lower buying interest in the market. On good monsoon, the acreage of Moong has increased in the country. According to the data from the state's Commissioner of Agriculture, up to August 04, the area under Moong cultivation in Maharashtra increased by 22.5 per cent to 5,31,495 hectares and national acreage is also in higher side. It is making a bearish impact over the market. According to the trade sources, in some centres, little arrivals from the fresh crop have also started. So, prices are expected to remain slightly weak in coming days due to lower demand and expected increase in arrivals.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qt.)

Date	Pedishewa(Delhi)	Indore
04.08.07	2900	2500
11.08.07	Closed	2300

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qt)

Centres	11.08.07	04.08.07
Latur	Closed	2100
Jalna	2400	2400
Akola	2350	2300
Kanpur	2200-2350	2200-2300
Indore	2300	2550

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

Date	Ethiopian	Burmese Annashewa	Burmese Pedishewa
04.08.07	680	565-570	700-710
11.08.07	NA	570	NA

CHICKPEAS:

Chana spot markets remained steady to slightly firm across the country during the week starting from 6th August. Little improve in demand in the market supported against further fall in prices in the line of recent trend. The average arrivals in Delhi market were slightly better at 25-30 motors against the last week's 20-25 motors, whereas arrivals in Bikaner market were more or less steady at 300-400 bags in the same period. The prices of Rajasthan origin Chana in Delhi market were steady to slightly firm at Rs.2300-2310 per quintal against the last week's prices of Rs.2275-2300 per quintal. In Bikaner market prices increased to Rs.2140-2150 per quintal against the previous week's prices of Rs.2130-2135 per quintal. Still a sense of volatility exists in the Chana spot markets due to deterioration in quality over last couple of weeks. But, most encouraging fact is that demand is gradually picking up in markets as festival season is approaching. Millers are showing interest over buying for the forthcoming festival season. At the same time, supply status is also very poor in the market. At the same time, Government is continuously importing pulses in the country. According to the statement, up to July 31, public sector agencies have already imported 2.43 lakh tonnes of pulses to the country of the total contract of 10.38 lakh tonnes. But in the present context, Chana spot markets are expected to show some positive movement in coming days on gradual increase in demands from the millers before festival season.

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

Date	Delhi (Rajasthan)	Indore (Kantewala)
06.08.07	2300	2325
07.08.07	2300	2340
08.08.07	2290	2325
09.08.07	2310	2335
10.08.07	2320	2340
11.08.07	2325	2350

Prices in Mandis of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	11.08.07	04.08.07
Bikaner (Desi)	2135	2100
Latur (Gauran)	Closed	2400
Latur (Annagiri)	Closed	2600
Latur (G-12)	Closed	2500
Jalna (Gauran)	2275	2250
Jalna (Pila)	2400	2350
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	2425	2375
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2511	2350
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2300	2260

MASOOR:

Masoor spot market remained weak during the week due to lower demand in the market. The prices eased by Rs.20-25 per quintal in Indore and Rs.50-60 per quintal in Delhi against the last week's prices of Rs.2820-2830 per quintal

and Rs.2860-2870 per quintal respectively. Prices also softened by Rs.10-15 in Kanpur and came down at Rs.2910-2915 per quintal. But, the arrivals in Indore market were also lower at 500-600 bags against the previous week's 1000-1500 bags. The demand from the flood affected eastern part of the country was very poor during the week, which pushed the prices down. Thus, prices are expected to remain slightly bearish until the demand improves.

Prices in UP/ Indore (Rs/qrtl.)

Date	Kanpur	Indore
06.08.07	2910	2810
07.08.07	2900	2810
08.08.07	2910	2790
09.08.07	2915	2785
10.08.07	2910	2775
11.08.07	2900	2780

FIELD PEAS:

A steady slightly weak sentiment was witnessed in Peas spot market during the week during higher arrivals in the market as more than 1 lakh tonnes of imported Peas reached the country in last few weeks. Thus, in present scenario, prices are expected to remain range bound with slight bearish bias due to heavy import of the commodities.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas(WC)
04.08.07	1900	1671
11.08.07	1900	1681

NEWS

Acreage of Kharif Pulses Has Increased to 104.34 lakh ha.

Up to August 09, the acreage of Kharif pulses increased to 104.34 lakh hectare against 95.45 lakh hectare during the same period last year.

The Acreage of Kharif Urad and Moong in Maharastra Was Up, While Tur Down

According to the data from the state's Commissioner of Agriculture, up to August 04, the area under Moong cultivation in Maharastra increased by 22.5 per cent to 5,31,495 hectares, while Urad acreage rose by 19 per cent to 4,51,167 hectares. But Tur acreage was still down by 19 per cent to 8, 66,230 hectares.

2.43 lakh tonnes Pulses Already Reached the Country

According to the statement, up to July 31, public sector agencies have already imported 2.43 lakh tonnes of pulses to the country of the total contract of 10.38 lakh tonnes. The imported pulses are Urad, Moong, Dun Peas, Masoor, Chickpeas, Yellow Peas and Chana.

MMTC Invited Tenders to Import 18,000 tonnes of Pulses

MMTC invited tender on Friday to import 18,000 tonnes pulses by November. According to the tender document, 9,000 tonnes Masoor (Red Lentil) from Australia or Canada and 9,000 tonnes Tur (Pigeon Peas) from Myanmar or Africa have been sought by MMTC. The delivery of Tur is expected by September-October period while for Masoor the expected arrival is October-November this year.

Futures Market (NCDEX)

Chana

A slight firm sentiment was witnessed in Chana futures during the week in comparison to last week's prices. Prices opened firmly at the beginning of the week, but profit booking at higher level pushed the prices down again for couple of days. After that continuous increase in prices was observed in the market. The most active NCDEX September contract traded in the range of Rs.2344-2282. The MCX August contract traded in the range of Rs.2326-2280. Volumes decreased marginally, while Open Interest increased slightly.

PRICE DRIVERS:

- Demand is gradually increasing due more participation of millers over buying.
- Demand is expected to be higher in coming days due approaching festival season.
- Weak supply status of Chana in the market
- Increase in acreage of Kharif pulses to 104.34 lakh hectare against 95.45 lakh hectare last year up to August 09
- MMTC invited tender to import 18,000 tonnes pulses (Tur and Lentil) by November.
- The MCX and NCDEX combined stock decreased to 34,582 tonnes

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Slightly firm on increasing buying interest the market.

Medium Term (One Month): Slightly firm on forth coming festival demand

Long Term (Three Months): Bullish on off-season premiums

Chana (MCX September Contract)

Support-1	2282	Support-2	2271
Resistance-1	2365	Resistance-2	2374
Strategy	Buy on dips.		

Chana (NCDEX September Contract)

Support-1	2283	Support-2	2264
Resistance-1	2395	Resistance-2	2411
Strategy	Buy on dips.		

Forex as on 11.08.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	40.63
European Union	Euro	55.60
Japan	100 Yen	34.44
United Kingdom	GBP	82.12

Latest Vessel Position

Vessel Afea reached Kolkata port on 25.07.07 to discharge 20,499 tonnes of Peas. Vessel Sanko Eternal arrived at Mumbai port on 27th July to discharge 26,666 tonnes bulk peas.

Weather Outlook For The Week Ending On 8th Aug, 2007

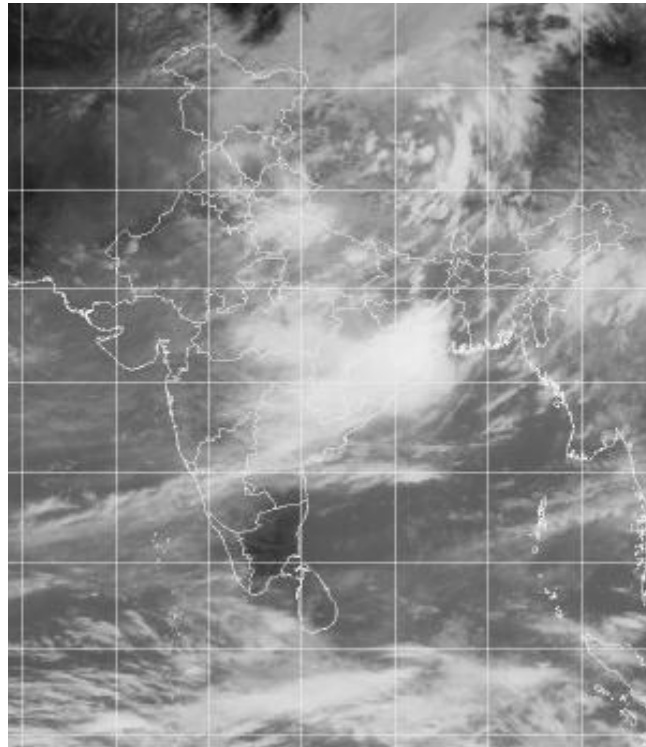
- A low pressure area is likely to form over North Bay of Bengal around 10th August causing increase in rainfall activity over east India & central India.

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Crop Stage	Impact
Urad (Kharif)	Haryana, Punjab, AP, MP	Vegetative/flowering	Expected isolated rains will be helpful for the crop
	Chhattishgarh, Rajasthan, TN	Sowing	-do-
Moong (Kharif)	Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, AP	Vegetative/flowering	Expected isolated rains will be helpful for the crop
	Rajasthan, TN	Sowing	-do-
Tur (Kharif)	Punjab, TN	Land preparation/Sowing	Expected isolated rains will be helpful for the
	WB, Assam, Haryana, Orissa and Bihar	Seedling/vegetative	Expected isolated rains will be helpful for the

Weather Map

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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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