



■ BLACK PEPPER

■ Dec 27, 2007

SPOT MARKETS

Pepper traded firm at the physical markets on improved demand after Christmas holidays. Overseas demand remained subdued due to the availability of the cheaper spice from other origins. Prices of all the other origins were stable at low prices, while Indian parity remained out-priced. Exporters and growers are expecting strong rise in the prices in January due to India's short crop and Vietnam's delayed crop. The international market is likely to be quiet through out the week as the importing markets are likely to be closed for Christmas and New Year holidays and are expected to reactivate on January 2, 2008. The removing of additional margins on pepper by NCDEX and NMCE are seen favouring the markets.

FUTURES MARKETS

NCDEX Pepper February futures started Rs.13 down at Rs.13760 and witnessed volatile trade with active participation of bears and bulls. The contract rallied in the range of Rs. 13582 and Rs.13889. The futures settled 0.24% up at Rs.13806. The open interest improved marginally along with the firm close price suggesting long accumulation amidst volumes supportive to the price movement.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. Global supply shortage is estimated at 55,000 tonnes in 2007
2. Global production estimated lower by 20%
3. Indian pepper out-priced in global market
4. Depletion of inventories at major origins

WEATHER

Mainly dry weather is likely over the major pepper growing tracts which is seen favouring the growth of the crop.

TECHNICALS

Candlestick formation suggests indecision in the market; as does a flat RSI in the neutral region. Prices closed above the short term EMAs, suggesting firmness in the market, while MACD is rising in the negative territory, implying decreasing bearish momentum. Stochastic is dipping in the neutral region, capping the upside movement. Pepper futures are likely to see some range-bound trade with firm tone in the next session.

Pepper 0802(NCPEPG8)2007/12/26 - Daily B:13801.00 A:13808.00
O 13760.00 H 13885.00 L 13582.00 C 13806.00 V 9,140 I 8,712 +62

EMA(9) 13619 (18) 13575



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX February	13030	13176	13806	14169	14400

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX February Black Pepper below 13775-13825 with a target of Rs. 13925 then at Rs. 13975 with a strict stop loss of Rs. 13725. Trade with intraday outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Tonnes)
Kochi	Garbled	13500	0
	Ungarbled	12900	



■ CARDAMOM

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SPOT MARKETS

Cardamom prices at the auctions traded firm on low arrivals and active buying. The prices quoted firm by Rs.15/ kg at Rs.585/ kg. Arrivals of 18000 bags were sold completely. The arrivals at the auctions have lowered down and have declined considerably. However the recent rainfall during the month of October at the Idukki districts is has been proved beneficial and has encouraged formation of capsules. The fresh arrivals are likely to gain its pace during the month of January. Demand for the spice is reported to be subdued due to the Christmas and New Year celebrations. However it is traders anticipate demand to pick up after the New Year. Prices for the spice is likely to trade steady during the days ahead.

FUTURES MARKETS

MCX Cardamom most active January futures traded volatile with active bulls. The contract started firm at Rs.607 and there after surged up to Rs.624 underpinned by active buying. The open interest declined along with price rise is suggesting covering of short positions amidst very good volumes traded supportive to the firm trend. The contract then closed at Rs.623.5 firm by 3.06% as against prior close price.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bearish:

1. Higher prices limiting export queries.

Bullish:

1. Domestic and global production estimated lower
2. Improved domestic demand

WEATHER

Mainly dry weather likely over Kerala and Tamil Nadu however mild showers at crop growing regions favourable for the crop during this stage.

TECHNICALS

Formation of bullish marubuzu is suggesting active buying in the market supported with good volumes traded. MACD has witnessed a bullish crossover in the positive territory is in the favour of the bulls so does the close above the EMA's is suggesting. Both RSI and stochastic are rising in overbought region is supportive to the firmness in prices, however their overbought nature is cautioning the investors. Cardamom futures are likely to trade firm with a possibility of profit booking towards the close.

CARDAMOM 0801(MXCAMF8)2007/12/26 - Daily B:623.50 A:624.00
O 607.00 H 624.00 L 607.00 C 623.50 V 942 T 278,923 I 544 +18.5
EMA(9) 605.76 (18) 601.00



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
MCX January	593	593	623.5	635	638.5

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy MCX January Cardamom below 620 with a target of Rs. 625 and then 629.5 with a strict stop loss below Rs. 618 levels. Trade with intraday outlook.

Auction Centre	Prices/Kg (7mm)	Arrivals (Kg)
Bodinayakanur	585	18000

CUMIN

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SPOT MARKETS

Jeera at the Unjha markets traded in a steady range. The prices remained steady at Rs.2685-2805/20kg for machine cleaned variety. Around 5000 bags were sold while 2000 bags were arrived. Domestic demand is seen emerging in the market from all over India however it is likely to improve further during the days ahead. Overseas enquiries from China, Bangladesh, Singapore and European nations are seen emerging in the market. Sowing in Rajasthan has commenced and is reported to be higher around 10-15% this year as jeera prices remained higher during the year in comparison with year ago levels. Weather conditions at jeera growing areas are reported to be favourable for the crop. Low stock position at around 4-5 lakh bags in comparison with year ago levels of around 8-9 lakh bags is likely to favour uptrend in prices.

FUTURES MARKETS

Jeera February futures at NCDEX counter witnessed a choppy trade and finished positive. The futures started weak at Rs.10640 and rallied in the range of Rs.10556 and Rs.10730. The contract then settled at Rs.10628 up by 0.03 % and witnessed fresh buying.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. Withdrawal of additional margin.
2. Concerns of less domestic production
3. Decline in acreage for the coming season

Bearish:

1. April-October 2007 Jeera exports in qty terms fell 21% as against last year

WEATHER

Mainly dry weather is likely over the Gujarat where as in Rajasthan; there is possibility of fall in minimum temperature by 2-3 °C during next 1-2 days dry weather is favorable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Formation of doji is suggesting indecision in the market. Jeera at charts is moving sideways in a range of Rs.10530 and Rs.10715, a break out beyond this range is necessary to establish a trend; however the close above the EMA's is favouring a near term firm trend in the market. RSI is moving flat in the overbought region so does the MACD in the positive region is favouring the firm trend. Jeera futures are likely to trade in a range with a positive bias.

JEERA 0802(NCJEEG8)2007/12/26 - Daily B:10622.00 A:10628.00
O 10640.00 H 10730.00 L 10556.00 C 10628.00 V 5,481 I 7,179 +36

EMA(9) 10416 (18) 10283



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX Feb	10213	10326	10628	10942	11087

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX February Jeera near Rs.10600 with a target of Rs. 10675 and then of Rs.10750 with a strict stop loss near Rs.10570. Trade with intraday outlook.

Centers	Variety	Prices/20 Kg	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 55 to 60 Kgs
Unjha	F.A.Q	2410-2430	
	Ganesh	2605-2645	2000
	Machine Cleaned	2685-2805	



■ TURMERIC

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SPOT MARKETS

Higher price level in the market restricted active buying as the buyers are awaiting the prices to decline. The weakening prices at the futures counter also added to the weakness in spot. The demand of the spice is reported to be firm. The price at Nizamabad declined by Rs25 to Rs.2725/ qtl. At Erode it declined by Rs.150 to Rs.2950-3050/qtl. Domestic as well overseas demand from Gulf, Japan and Europe are reported to be firm. Reports of pest attacks at Nizamabad and Warangal turmeric growing areas has affected the yield of the crop further lowering the production estimates around 25% in these areas. Turmeric prices are likely to be moderately firm in the near term on improving demand and lower acreage for the season.

FUTURES MARKETS

Turmeric, April futures at NCDEX counter witnessed a choppy trade. The futures started firm a Re. up at Rs.2825 and traded in the range of Rs.2805 and Rs.2854 and witnessed tug of war between bears and the bulls. The contract then finished at Rs.2825 a Re. up as against prior close price and witnessed profit booking in the market.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish

1. Demand from domestic & overseas markets
2. Apr-Oct 2007 export up 4% in terms of qty

Bearish:

1. Good stock level for the season at the major growing areas.

WEATHER

Turmeric crop is maturing now and excess rain is likely to damage the crop, dry weather over T N and A P is favourable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Formation of doji is suggesting indecision in the market. Turmeric futures are moving in a tight range of Rs.2816 and Rs.2846 and hence a break out beyond this range is necessary to establish a trend. However the trend in the market still favours the bulls so does the close above the EMA's is suggesting. MACD in the positive territory is also in the favour of the firm trend. While the RSI is dipping towards the neutral region is suggesting slight weakness in the prices. Turmeric futures are likely to trade in a range with a positive bias.

Turmeric 0804(NCTMCJ8)2007/12/26 - Daily B:2825.00 A:2827.00
O 2825.00 H 2854.00 L 2805.00 C 2825.00 V 39,650 I 29,040 -4

EMA(9) 2781.6 (18) 2722.7



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX April	2715	2746	2825	2899	2925

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX April Turmeric above Rs.2818 with a target of Rs. 2829 and then Rs.2842 with a strict stop loss below Rs.2812. Trade cautiously with intraday outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 90 Kgs
Nizamabad	Finger	2725	Nil
	Gattah	2750	
Erode	Finger	2950-3050	6500
	Gattah	2900-2950	

Note: Nizamabad spot prices are inclusive 5% taxes and Erode prices are quoted loose

SPOT MARKET

Red chillies at the benchmark Guntur markets continued to trade steady as that of previous trade. The prices remained unchanged at Rs.3400-3900/qrt. The arrivals and offtake stood around 30000 and 20000 bags respectively. In domestic front the demand for the spice was reported to be good for the good quality spice. The current stock level is reported to be around 10-11.5 lakh bags at the Guntur markets. The lower availability of the good quality spice amidst emerging demand from the traditional overseas Bangladeshi, Malaysian and Singapore buyers is likely to push up the prices further. Chilli prices are likely to trade firm during the days ahead on improving demand.

FUTURES MARKETS

NCDEX chilli February futures traded choppy and witnessed long accumulation. The contract started weak at Rs.3793 and moved weak in the range of Rs.3793 and Rs.3872 on active buying. The contract then finished firm at Rs.3836 firm by 0.74% amidst low volumes traded in comparison with prior close price.

PRICE DRIVERS

Bullish:

1. Exports during April- Oct 2007 improved by 77% in qty as against last year
2. Improving demand in domestic.

Bearish:

1. Higher acreage and output at A.P
2. Huge stocks in cold storage.

WEATHER

Chilli crop is at its maturity stage, dry weather at the Andhra Pradesh is favourable for the crop.

TECHNICALS

Formation of candlestick with long upper shadow is suggesting initial uptrend and thereafter slight profit booking in the market. However the close above the EMA's amidst rising RSI is leaving scope for further uptrend in prices. MACD in the positive region are in the favour of the bulls in the market. Chilli futures are likely to move sideways with a positive bias.

CHLL334GTR 0802(NCGTRG8)2007/12/26 - Daily B:3828.00 A:3840.00
O 3793.00 H 3872.00 L 3793.00 C 3836.00 V 740 I 2,540 +21
EMA(9) 3789.9 (18) 3735.3



SUPPORT / RESISTANCES

Contract	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX Feb	3651	3719	3836	3945	3983

TRADE RECOMMENDATION

Buy NCDEX February Chilli near Rs. 3813 or below with a target of Rs. 3848 and then Rs.3882 with a strict stop loss of Rs. 3798. Trade cautiously with intraday outlook.

Centers	Variety	Price/Qtl	Arrival (Bags) 1 bag = 40 to 45 Kgs
Guntur	LCA 334 (Cold Storage)	3400-3900	30000

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