

PULSES

Dec 22- Dec 29, 2007

Highlights

Spot Markets

- Rabi Pulses acreage reached 12.13 million hectares.
- CIFA urged better variety of Tur to increase productivity.
- Thirteen districts selected under NFSM-Pulses in Karnataka.

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Futures Market

- 1,500 MT Chana was delivered for the NCDEX December contract
- NCDEX and MCX combined stock of Chana is lower at 5,562 tonnes.

Fundamentals

URAD:

A steady to slightly firm sentiment was witnessed in Urad spot markets due to slightly better demand in the markets. Prices of FAQ Urad in Delhi and Mumbai markets remained steady to slightly firm at Rs.2250-2200 per quintal and Rs.2200-2160 per quintal, whereas prices remained steady in Latur and Jalna. Arrivals from fresh crop have decreased as farmers are not interested to sell their produce such low level of prices. Demand in the markets is mainly coming from the millers. Thus, some upward movements are expected in Urad prices in coming days due to decreasing arrivals in the markets.

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

Date	Burma FAQ (Delhi)	Burma spot FAQ (Mumbai)
24.12.07	2250	2170
25.12.07	Closed	Closed
26.12.07	2225	2160
27.12.07	2200	2200
28.12.07	2200	2200
29.12.07	2200	2175

Urad Prices in secondary markets

QUALITY	29.12.07	22.12.07
Akola	2000	2075
Indore	2150	2200
Jalna	1700-2100	1700-2100

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

Date	F A Q (Mumbai)	SQ(Mumbai)
22.12.07	570-580	600-630
29.12.07	540	600

TUR:

Tur spot prices eased further across the country due to higher arrivals from fresh crop in the markets. The prices of Burmese Lemon Tur in Delhi and Mumbai markets were lower at Rs.2400-2350 per quintal and Rs.2300-2225 per quintal. Prices were also in downtrend in Latur, Jalna and Akola. But, prices are still higher against last year during same time due to lower production in 2006-07, resulting shortage in supply pipeline. This time crop prospect is good on higher acreage. Stockists have not entered into the markets yet and expected to start buying after mid-January. Thus, downtrend in prices will continue until stockists enter into the markets.

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

Date	Burma Spot Delhi	Burma Spot Mumbai (New)
24.12.07	2400	2300
25.12.07	Closed	Closed
26.12.07	2350	2225
27.12.07	2400	2300
28.12.07	2400	2310
29.12.07	2400	2300

Tur Prices in secondary markets

Centres and Grade	29.12.07	22.12.07
Gulbarga - Red Tur (New)	2300	2480
Latur Red Tur (New)	2375	2300
Latur White tur	2325	2250
Jalna Red	2200-2250	2100-2200
Jalna White	2200-2400	2200-2300
Jalna BDM	2400	2300
Akola Red Vidharbha Line	2325	2275

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

DATE	Burmese FAQ new	Burmese (Lemon Tur, Weeviled 15%)
22.12.07	550	580
29.12.07	540	570-575

MOONG:

A steady to slightly firm sentiment was seen in Moong spot markets due to slight better demand in the markets. Prices of Pedishewa Moong in Mumbai, Kishangarh line in Delhi and moved around Rs.2400 per quintal and Rs.2400-2300 per quintal respectively, while Maharashtra line in Indore remained slightly weak at Rs.2300-2250 per quintal due to lower demand. Due to lower level of prices, arrivals of fresh crop from farmers have been decreased, which would exert some upward pressure on prices in coming days.

Latest prices in Delhi (Rs/qt.)

Date	Maharashtra Chamki (Delhi)	Indore
22.12.07	2250-2350	2300
29.12.07	2400	2300

Prices at Secondary Centres (Rs/qt)

Centres	29.12.07	22.12.07
Latur	1700-2100	1800-2050
Jalna	2000-2400	2000-2400
Akola	2000	2200
Kanpur	2300	2350
Indore	2300	2300

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

Date	Burmese Tengushewa	Burmese Pedishwa
22.12.07	610-620	700
29.12.07	580-600	690-695

CHICKPEAS:

A sharp decline in Chana spot prices was experienced across the country due to lower demand in the markets. The average prices of Rajasthan origin Chana in Delhi and Bikaner dipped to Rs.2150-2145 per quintal and Rs.2125-2120 per quintal respectively. Prices also eased in Latur, Jalna and Akola. Due to lower level of prices, average arrivals in Delhi and Bikaner markets dropped to 25-30 motors and 50-100 bags respectively. Demand for Chana Dal is also very poor in the markets. According to trade sources, due to heavy import of Peas in the country, it is being mixed with Chana Besan these days, which is also lowering the demand for the Chana. Maize is also being mixed in Chana Besan as adulterant. Meanwhile, according to trade sources, arrivals from fresh crop started to come in different centres in Karnataka, whereas arrivals is expected to start within 15-20 days in Marathwada region and within one month in Andhra Pradesh. But, arrivals in MP and Rajasthan are expected to start during February. Thus, prices are expected to follow downtrend after mid-January due to full fledged arrivals from fresh crop, while, in the short run, prices are expected to remain range bound with weak bias on increasing supply pressure and poor demand.

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

Date	Delhi (Rajasthan)	Indore (Kantewala)
24.12.07	2125	2060
25.12.07	Closed	Closed
26.12.07	2150	2050
27.12.07	2160	2070
28.12.07	2155	2070
29.12.07	2200	2110

Prices in Mandis of Maharashtra/ UP/ Karnataka

Centres	29.12.07	22.12.07
Bikaner (Desi)	2090	2170
Latur (Gauran)	1800	1900
Latur (Annagiri)	2000	2050
Latur (G-12)	1950	2000
Jalna (Gauran)	1900	1950
Jalna (Pila)	2000	2050
Akola (Mixed) motor cut	1930	2050
Akola new (Chapa) motor cut	2050	2125
Kanpur (mandi rates)	2100	2200

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

Date	Tanzania Yellow Gram (Mumbai)	Australian Chickpea
22.12.07	575	585-590
29.12.07	575-580	600

MASOOR:

Masoor spot prices remained steady to slightly weak due to lower demand in the markets. The prices in Delhi, Indore and Kanpur market were at Rs.2850-2750 per quintal, Rs.2840-2740 per quintal and Rs.2970-2875 per quintal respectively. Demand in the markets is lower in the markets though supply situation is tight. Meanwhile, Rabi crop prospects is also not so bright due to lower acreage in UP and MP, Moreover, lack of rains in those region would limit the yield potential. But, in the short run, prices are expected to remain range bound with weak bias due to lower demand in the markets.

Prices in UP/ Indore (Rs/qtl.)

Date	Kanpur	Indore
24.12.07	2970	2840
25.12.07	Closed	Closed
26.12.07	2880	2740
27.12.07	2875	2750
28.12.07	2900	2780
29.12.07	2950	2820

FIELD PEAS:

Higher of arrivals of imported Peas in the markets pushed the Peas spot prices down. Prices of White Canadian Peas in Mumbai and Desi Peas in Kanpur remained weak at Rs.1870-1810 per quintal and Rs.1970-1940 per quintal respectively. Rabi Peas prospects also look gloomy due to lower acreage and lack rainfall in growing region. But, more vessels are expected to reach Indian ports by first half of January, which would exert more downward pressure over prices in the short run.

Peas Price Movement (Rs/qt)

Offers	Kanpur New	Mumbai Peas(WC)
22.12.07	1970	1840
29.12.07	2040	1850

NEWS

Rabi Pulses Acreage Reached 12.13 million hectares

Up to 29.12.07, Rabi Pulses acreage reached 121.32 lakh hectares against 124.32 lakh hectares last year during same period. Area under Gram sowing reached 75.12 lakh hectares compare to previous year's 76.52 lakh hectares during same time.

CIFA Urged Better Variety of Tur to Increase Productivity

Consortium of Indian Farmers Associations (CIFA) in its report, urged the Government to make more effort to evolve better Tur variety to increase the production in the country. According to CIFA, India's production is stagnant at 2.3 million tons as against an annual demand of 2.6 million tons. Myanmar has incredibly increased the yield of Tur to 1,006 Kg/hectare in 2004 from 636 Kg/hectare in 1993, while the productivity in India has increased to 667 Kg/hectare from 662 Kg/hectare.

Thirteen Districts Selected under NFSM-Pulses in Karnataka

According to media sources, for increasing the area under pulses under National Food Security Mission (NFSM), thirteen districts have been selected in Karnataka; comprises of Bagalkot, Belgaum, Bellary, Bidar, Bijapur, Chitradurga, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulbarga, Koppal, Mysore, Raichur and Tumkur. During the last Kharif season, a total of 15.32 lakh hectares were under pulses in the State.

Futures Market (NCDEX)

Chana

A sharp decline was witnessed in Chana futures prices during the week due to higher selling pressure in market. Prices crashed on Monday, which recovered slightly on Wednesday and Friday and finally settled with bearish undertone on Saturday. The most active NCDEX February contract traded in the range of Rs.2235-2145 per quintal. The MCX February contract traded in the range of Rs.2225-2143 per quintal. During the period, Both, Volumes and Open Interest increased significantly.

PRICE DRIVERS:

- Poor demand for Chana and Chana Dal.
- Arrivals from the stock decreased due to lower level of prices.
- Till Dec. 27, Chana acreage reached 75.12 lakh hectares compare to previous year's 76.52 lakh hectares
- According to trade sources, arrivals from fresh crop started in different centres in Karnataka, whereas arrivals are expected to start within 15-20 days in Marathwada region.
- According to trade sources, imported Peas are being mixed with Chana Besan and also maize as an adulterant, which is lowering the Chana demand.
- More vessels containing Peas is expected to reach Indian ports during January.

OUTLOOK:

Short Term (One Week): Range bound with weak bias due to poor demand and increasing supply pressure.

Medium Term (One Month): Weak on arrivals of fresh crop in some parts of the country.

Long Term (Three Months): Weak on full fledged arrivals from fresh crop in the market.

Chana (MCX January Contract)

Support-1	2121	Support-2	2091
Resistance-1	2187	Resistance-2	2194
Strategy	Sell on rallies.		

Chana (NCDEX January Contract)

Support-1	2128	Support-2	2104
Resistance-1	2214	Resistance-2	2234
Strategy	Sell on rallies.		

Forex as on 29.12.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	39.43
European Union	Euro	57.69
Japan	100 Yen	34.93
United Kingdom	GBP	78.73

Latest Vessel Position

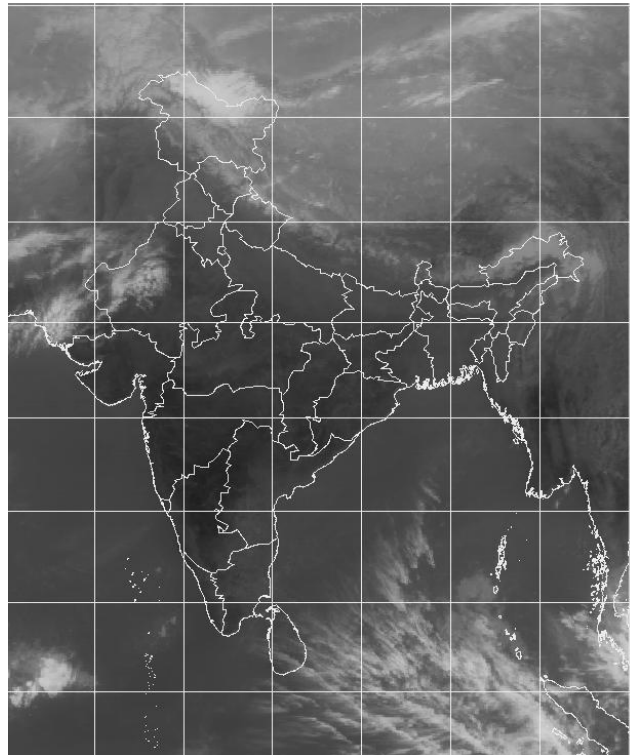
Vessels MV M. Emir Aksoy also sailed from Vancouver to reach Kolkata port (Diamond Harbour/Sagar) to offload 21,000 tonnes of Yellow Peas. 363.22 tonnes of Dun Peas has been shipped from Australia and is expected to arrive at Tuticorin port around 18.12.07. Vessel MV Snow Falcon from Vancouver is expected to arrive at Mumbai port by 1st week of January to offload 47,500 tonnes of Yellow Peas. Vessel MV Xiamen Sea shipped from Canadian port November'07 to discharge 46,250 tonnes of Yellow Peas at Tuticorin port.

Weather Outlook for the Week Ending On 2nd Jan,2008

- Fog conditions in morning hours are likely over some parts of Indo-Gangetic plains.
- Fall in night temperatures are likely over northwest India during second half of the week.

Crop -Weather Impact

Commodity	States	Crop Stage	Impact
Urad (Kharif)	Assam	Pod maturity/harvesting	Dry weather will be helpful
Moong (Kharif)	Assam	Pod maturity/harvesting	Dry weather will be helpful
Tur (Kharif)	Punjab, TN, WB	Sowing	Irrigation is needed for dry weather
	WB, Assam, Haryana, Orissa and Bihar	Maturity/harvesting	Dry weather will be beneficial for the crop.
Chana	Maharashtra, MP, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan	Vegetative/flowering	Irrigation is needed for dry weather

Weather Map**29.12.2007****Source-IMD**

International Highlight

India's Import Matrix for Burmese Pulses (Tonnes)

Pulses	April, 2007
Black Matpe	1,86,467
Mung beans	8,071
Tur whole	17,619
Butter Bean	94
Others	9,893
Total	2,22,144
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans	

USDA

Monthly Total Exports of Burma (qty. in tonnes)

Months	2005	2006	2007
January	37,528	57,603	68,006
February	51,171	78,276	81,386
March	71,433	127,220	151,743
April	56,153	98,757	233,490
May	62,878	124,795	
June	92,430	125,766	
July	64,063	101,574	
August	75,578	136,018	
September	44,082	153,301	
October	46,235	60,636	
November	35,959	67,724	
December	32,159	55,746	
Total	667,869	1,187,416	534,625

(Source: Commerce Ministry, Myanmar)

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