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RED CHILLI

Spot Market Recap

- In Guntur, lower Chilli arrivals were reported during the week under review.
- Bangladesh and Sri Lanka remained the major export buyers. Local traders from Kerala are also active.
- In Tamil Nadu, chilli is in vegetative stage.

Fundamental Analysis Red Chilli Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous Week	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (15 th Dec – 21 st Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2011) in bags
Guntur(Andhra Pradesh)	-37.70	190000	305000	160000

1Bag=45 Kgs

Lower arrivals were reported in the spot market during the week period.

Crop Scenario:

In Madhya Pradesh, Chillies harvest is progressing well amidst a good crop this season. Second round of picking is almost over. Farmers are bringing in red chillies with high moisture content ranging between 16-23%. Quality still remains an issue.

In Andhra Pradesh, Due to extreme weather conditions and prevailing low prices production is likely to be 25-30% lower. Shortfall in hybrid varieties is expected. Only regions with better irrigation facilities will be able to survive the harsh conditions. Delayed harvest may be seen around March 2013.

In Karnataka, Harvests are expected to begin early by mid-January. Small quantities have already started arriving though not of any noticeable quality. Overall a 20% reduction in crop area is foreseen as farmers have shifted to cotton cultivation. Good demand for Byadagi chillies continues from Oleoresin manufacturers.

In Tamil Nadu, More than 50% Chillies is grown in rain-fed regions. Initial estimates from this region were of a crop seen similar to last year. But as the State is witnessing one of the worst droughts in recent decades the final yield may be lower than anticipated. The failed monsoon in catchment areas of the Cauvery in Karnataka is largely responsible for the drought in the Cauvery delta. Despite intervention by the Centre and a Supreme Court order, the water dispute remains unresolved. Many cities are facing drinking water shortage. Clearer picture will emerge in coming weeks.

Average arrivals during the week at Guntur market were around 40,000 bags. New Crop arrivals averaged around 4,000 bags which is a mix of small quantities arriving from Karnataka and neighboring Guntur villages. Major portion of new crop arrivals is from Madhya Pradesh, quality is not a match to the Andhra variety. No major variation seen in prices. Curry powder manufacturers are buying available stocks from cold storage.

Prices are expected to improve in the coming months but the huge carryover stocks in cold storage will cap the gains. According to agriculture department's forecast price should stabilize in the range of Rs 50 to Rs 55 per kg and may improve for premium quality.

Spot Prices Weekly Change

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	Centre&	% Change Over	Prices (Rs/QtI)			
Commodity	Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Current (28-12-2012)	Week Ago (21-12-2012)	Month Ago (27-11-2012)	
	LCA 334	-1.81	5000-5400	5000-5500	5500-5800	
	Teja	Unch	7000-8000	7500-8000	8000-8500	
Red Chilli	No.5	+1.63	5800-6200	5800-6100	6300-6600	
Red Cilliii	No.273	+3.27	6000-6300	5800-6100	6000-6300	
	Fatki	Unch	2100-2500	2100-2500	2200-2500	
	Byadgi	Unch	5800-6000	5500-6000	5800-6200	



Red Chilly weekly Price Outlook (Guntur Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals bearish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in the neutral region indicates prices may go up in the market. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bearish sentiment in the market. 5235 level may take strong supports level for short term.

Expected Price Range of Red Chilly in Guntur spot market (INR/QtI): 5235-5370.

Red Chilly weekly Price Chart (Future market, Continuous chart)



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in the overbought region indicates prices may correct in the market. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bullish sentiment in the market. 6090 level may take strong supports level for short term.

Expected Price Range of Red Chilly in Guntur spot market (INR/Qtl): 6090 - 6350.

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TURMERIC

Spot Market Recap

- Lower arrivals were reported in Turmeric market during the period.
- Lower output during the current period supported the prices to go up in the market.
- Demand from north Indian buyers has been good and is expected to stay firm in the near term.
- Fresh supplies from the new crop season would arrive from January.

Fundamental analysis Turmeric Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (15 th Dec – 21 st Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2011) in bags
Nizamabad (AP)	-43.85	3200	5700	2800
Erode (TN)	-30.00	21000	30000	37000

1 bag = 75kgs

Lower arrivals were reported during the week period in the spot market. Next crop likely to be 25% lower as farmers are not willing to invest further due to prevailing low prices.

The area under turmeric cultivation is lower due to scant rainfall during the current year and a shift in acreage to other crops. But higher carry-forward stocks are expected to keep supplies firm.

Local market remained mixed as key growing regions are reporting shortfall in production and insufficient monsoon rains is adding to farmer's woe. Stockists are the main buyers and market movers. Some internal demand is also reported which supported the positive sentiments. However, huge number of warehoused stocks may pressurize the prices at higher levels.

Spot Prices Weekly Change

Commodity Centre & Variety		% Change	% Change Prices (Rs/QtI)			
		Over Previous Week	Current (28-12-2012)	Week Ago (21-12-2012)	Month Ago (27-11-2012)	Year Ago (28-12-2011)
Turmorio	Nizamabad- Nizam Cold		5700	5400	5100	
Turmeric	Erode- Finger	+4.20	5900-6200	5550-5950	5200-5700	4400-4700



Turmeric Weekly Price Outlook (Nizamabad Spot market)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in neutral region which may indicates bullish sentiment in near term. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates to bullish sentiment in the market. 5220 seems like a strong support level.

Expected Price Range of TMC Nizamabad spot market: 5220-5780.

Turmeric weekly Price Chart (Future market, Continuous chart)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral region which may indicates bearish sentiment in near term. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates to bullish sentiment in the market. 6570 seems like a strong support level.

Expected Price Range of TMC Nizamabad spot market: 6570-6950.



CUMIN SEED (JEERA)

Spot Market Recap:

- Higher arrivals were reported in the cumin seed spot market during the week period.
- According to markets sources, about 75 per cent of the export target has been achieved due to a supply crunch in the global markets.
- Export demand should rise in the coming days as supplies from Syria and Turkey are negligible in the global market.

Fundamental analysis Jeera Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (15 th Dec – 21 st Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2011) in bags
Unjha (Gujarat)	+275.00	22500	6000	26500

Unjha 1 bag = 55kgs

Higher arrivals were reported during the week period as against the last week.

In Gujarat, sowing operations are on their final stage now in most parts of the state. So far weather is favourable and supportive for sowing. Sowing in Turkey and Syria will be in March.

Local buyers like stockists and Masala millers were the major buyers in the domestic market.

In the international market, Indian cumin seed one percent quoted at USD 2,775-2,825 ton (cnf) Singapore. However, Turkey and Syria are not offering. Sowing in Turkey and Syria will be in March.

Spot Prices Weekly Change

		% Change		Prices (Rs/QtI)				
Commodity	Centre & Variety	re & Variety Over Previous Week	Current (28-12-2012)	Week Ago (21-12-2012)	Month Ago (27-11-2012)	Year Ago (28-12-2011)		
Cumin	Unjha-Loose	-1.78	13750	14000	13575	13450-13650		
Seed	Jodhpur - Loose	-6.89	13500	14500	13700-13800	14000		

Jeera weekly Price Outlook (Unjha Spot market)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs in the market. RSI is also moving down in neutral region indicates bearish sentiment in the market. Prices may take immediate support at 14650 levels in coming days.

Expected Price Range of Jeera at Unjha (INR/QtI): 14650-15200.



Jeera weekly Price Chart (Future market, Continuous chart)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs in the market. RSI is moving up in neutral region indicates bullish sentiment in the market. Prices may take immediate support at 14530 levels in coming days.

Expected Price Range of Jeera at Unjha (INR/Qtl): 14530-15100.

BLACK PEPPER

Spot Market Recap

- In Kochi market, lower arrivals were reported during the week under review.
- Good quantity of pepper is coming started Kerala's main pepper growing districts of Idukki,
 Pathanamthitta and Kollam. Thus, daily an estimated 5-7 tonnes of pepper is moved out directly.
- Pepper output is expected to be higher next year due to a likely good yield in the top producer state Kerala and Karnataka.

Fundamental Analysis Black Pepper Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	corresponding week (22 nd Dec – 28 th period last week Dec 2012) in bags		Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2011) in bags
Kochi (Kerala)	-62.12	50	132	58

In Kochi, pepper arrivals were reported lower by 82 tonnes to 50 tonnes against 132 tonnes during the last week.

Black Pepper slow arrival of new crops in the key spot market of Kerala. Six warehouses in Kerala districts are sealed by Food safety and standard Authority of India on suspicion of spice adulteration.

Pepper arrival has been started in the mandies though in small quantity. Overall output is expected in between 55,000 to 60,000 MMT compared to 48,000 MMT of last year.

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Approaching the year end, trading activities were limited, but prices remained steady. A slight decrease was recorded in Kochi for local and fob price. In Lampung, the price increased marginally, while at other origins the prices were relatively stable.

International Prices:

In the international market Indian black pepper for Europe quoted at USD 7,200 per ton and February shipment offered at USD 6,450 per ton C&F.

Spot Prices Weekly Change

		% Change	Prices (Rs/QtI)				
Commodity	Centre & Variety	Over Previous Week	Current (28-12- 2012)	Week Ago (21-12- 2012)	Month Ago (27-11- 2012)	Year Ago (28-12- 2011)	
	Kochi-Ungarbled	-0.81	36500	36800	37000	31900	
Black	Kochi-Garbled	-0.78	38000	38300	38500	33400	
Pepper	New Delhi-Unpolished	Unch	42500	42500	42500	33500	
	New Delhi-Number 11.5					37000	

Black Pepper weekly Price Outlook (Kochi Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern indicates bearish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving down in overbought zone indicates prices may correct in the near term. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs. Prices may take immediate support at Rs. 37220 level in coming days.

Expected weekly black pepper price range: 37220 - 38430.



Black Pepper weekly Price Chart (Future market, Continuous chart)



Candlesticks chart pattern indicates bearish sentiment in prices in the market. RSI is moving down in overbought zone indicates prices may correct in the near term. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs. Prices may take immediate support at Rs.33060 level in coming days.

Expected weekly black pepper price range: 33060 - 35090.

CARDAMOM

Spot Market Recap

- In Kochi, Cardamom arrivals were reported lower during the week period.
- India produced a bumper crop of 22,000 tonnes during 2011-12. However, current year expected at only 18,000 tonnes because of delayed rain and crop damage.

Fundamental Analysis: Cardamom Arrival Scenario

Market	%Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (15 th Dec – 21 st Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2011) in bags
Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Kumily, Nedumkandam, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur (Kerala)	-32.29	191104	282276	175513

Lower arrivals were reported during the week period.

Sources revealed that, India produced a bumper crop of 22,000 tonnes during 2011-12. However, current year expected at only 18,000 tonnes because of delayed rain and crop damage. Carry forward stocks expected 4000 – 5000 tonnes during the current period.

Higher global production prospects may limit sharp rise in prices. Guatemala is estimated to produce around 32000 tonnes. Guatemala crop may come to India by January first week. Sources revealed that, more than 50 containers were booked during the November month; two other importers were Pakistan and Bangladesh.



Spot Prices Weekly Change

		% Change	Α	verage Auction	n Prices (Rs/Qt	:1)
Centre	Commodity & Variety	Over Previous Week	Current (28-12- 2012)	Week Ago (21-12- 2012)	Month Ago (27-11- 2012)	Year Ago (28-12- 2011)
Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Nedumkandam, Kumily, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur (Kerala)	Small Cardamom	+5.13	845.62	804.29	887.56	515.98

Cardamom Weekly Price Outlook (Future market, Continuous chart)



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral zone indicates prices may go down in the market. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs also indicates bullish sentiment in the market. 980 might act as strong support level.

Expected weekly cardamom price range: 980-1060.

CORIANDER SEED

Spot Market Recap

- Lower arrivals were reported in major coriander market during the week.
- Coriander area down in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan region which is estimated to be lower by around 35- 40 percent during the period.
- Coriander area shifted to other crop like Wheat, Chana and Mustard crop during the period.
- In Madhya Pradesh lower coriander stocks were reported during the current period as compared to the last year.



Fundamental analysis Coriander Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (15 th Dec – 21 st Dec 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the week (22 nd Dec – 28 th Dec 2011) in bags
Kota	-29.78	16500	23500	8000
Ramganj	-3.57	13500	14000	24325
Baran	-15.78	16000	19000	7300

1 bag=40 kg

Lower arrivals were reported in the coriander spot market. Taking Kota spot markets as the indicative market, arrivals were down by 7000 bags to 16500 bags against 23500 bags last week. At lower price level producers were not releasing their produce in the spot market.

There are unofficial reports of a lower production in Eastern European countries. Crop in Eastern Europe is also believed to be 20% lower. Carryover stocks are high. Prices may recover in the long run as internal demand from local curry manufactures as well global demand is likely to rise in coming months.

Spot Prices Weekly Change

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Commodity Centre 8		Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Current (28-12-2012)	Week Ago (21-12-2012)	Month Ago (27-11-2012)	
	Ramganj	Badami	Unch	4300	4150-4300	4210-4310	
		Eagle	Unch	4400	4300-4400	4310-4410	
Coriander		Scotter	+1.09	4600	4550	4500	
Seed	Kota	Badami	+2.40	4250	4150	4300	
Seed		Eagle	Unch	4350	4350	4400	
	Baran	Badami	+1.19	4250	4200	4100	
		Eagle	+1.13	4450	4400	4150	

Coriander weekly Price Outlook (Kota Spot market)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish trend in the market. RSI is moving down to overbought zone indicates prices may correct in short term. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs in the market. 5120 level is a strong supports level in short term.

Expected Price Range of Coriander Kota spot market: 5120-5320.



Coriander Weekly Price Chart (Future market, Continuous chart)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up to neutral zone indicates prices may go up in short term. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs in the market. 5300 level is a strong supports level in short term.

Expected Price Range of Coriander Kota spot market: 5300-5550.

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