

TURMERIC

Spot Market Recap

- Higher arrivals were reported in Turmeric market during the month period.
- Internal demand is also reported which supported the positive sentiments. However, huge number of warehoused stocks may pressurize the prices at higher levels.
- Carryover stocks are huge and estimated to be around 3 million (70 Kg) bags and will continue to cap the upside

Fundamental analysis

Monthly Turmeric Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last month	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the November 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2011 in bags
Nizamabad (AP)	+33.58	17500	13100	15300
Erode (TN)	+25.84	112000	89000	169000

1 bag = 75kgs

Higher arrivals were reported in Nizamabad and Erode market during the month period. Turmeric fresh crop arrivals start from March next year.

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. Turmeric production stood at a record high of 10.62 lakh tonnes in 2011-12 compared with 9.93 lakh tonnes in 2010-2011 and 7.93 lakh tonnes in 2009-10. Total production of turmeric in India in 2012-13 is expected to be around 50-60 percent lower compared to last year.

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. Improved demand from north India and expectations of lower output due to lesser area under cultivation. However, huge number of warehoused stocks may pressurize the prices at higher levels.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			31.12.12	30.11.12	
Turmeric	Erode	Finger	5900-6200	Closed	--
		Gattah	5700-5900	Closed	--
	Nizamabad	Nizam	5700	5000	+14.00

Turmeric Price Outlook Monthly Chart (Nizamabad Spot market)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. Prices closed between 9 and 18 days EMAs. RSI is moving up in neutral region, indicating that prices may go up in near term. 4960 seems like a strong support level. **We expect turmeric spot prices to stay in the range of 4960 - 6450.**

CORIANDER SEED

Spot Market Recap

- In major coriander markets, lower arrivals were reported during the month period.
- At lower price level producers were not releasing their produce in the spot market.
- 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.

Fundamental analysis

Monthly Coriander Arrival Scenario:

Market (Rajasthan)	% Change during corresponding period last month	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the November 2012 in bags
Kota	+3.91	93000	89500
Ramganj	-17.65	66700	81000
Baran	-9.47	86000	95000

1 bag=40 kg

Taking Kota spot markets as the indicative market, arrivals were up by 3500 bags to 93000 bags against 89500 bags last month.

In Kota mandi, 1 lakh bag stocks were reported. At higher prices buyers were inactive in the spot market. Total in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh 35 - 40 lakh bags total stocks expected with traders.

Coriander Area Expectation During the current year sowing period:

State	Area 2011-12 (in Ha)	Area 2012-13 (in Ha)
Rajasthan	268310.20	160986.12
Madhya Pradesh	105855.00	68805.75

Source – Agriwatch.

Reasons for area decreasing –

1. Coriander prices were reported lower at the time of sowing period.
2. Higher prices in other competing crop like Chana, Mustard and Wheat.
3. Higher carry forward stocks as compared to the last year.
4. Higher risk involved in crop damage.

Fresh buying by speculators following pick-up in demand in the spot market against less arrivals mainly pushed up coriander prices.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety		% Change Over Previous Month	Prices (Rs/Qtl)	
				31.12.12	30.11.12
Coriander Seed	Ramganj	Badami	+3.28	4400	4160-4260
		Eagle	+3.21	4400-4500	4260-4360
		Scooter	+5.61	4700	4450
	Kota	Badami	+9.87	4450	4000-4050
		Eagle	+9.63	4550	4100-4150
	Baran	Badami	+7.69	4200	3900
		Eagle	+13.92	4500	3950

Coriander Price Outlook Weekly Chart (Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. Prices closed above 9 and 18 days EMAs indicating the bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in overbought region which indicates prices may correct in the near term. 5250 seems like a strong support level.

Expected price range: 5250 -5500.

RED CHILLI

Spot Market Recap

- In Guntur, Red chilli arrivals were reported higher during the month period.
- In Andhra Pradesh, Yield of hybrid varieties may come down due to insufficient rains. Arrivals from this region will likely be seen by end February.
- In Tamil Nadu, Transplanting work is in progress.

Fundamental Analysis

Monthly Red Chilli Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the November 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2011 in bags
Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)	+40.38	1095000	780000	720000

1 Bag=45 Kgs

Red chilli arrivals were reported higher by 3,15000 bags to 10,95000 bags during the month against 780000 bags during the last month.

There is 45 lac bags stock of red chilli in all over Andhra Pradesh cold storage. Meanwhile, there is 25 lac bags (per bag 40 kg) stock of red chilli at Guntur cold storage. Red chilli production in Andhra Pradesh is expected more than 1.25 crore bags, while red chilli production in Andhra Pradesh was recorded around 1.55 to 1.60 crore bags. Next year carry forward stock may be around 25-30 lac bags.

Crop Scenario:

In Madhya Pradesh, New crop arrivals are progressing well. Due to high moisture content traders and curry powder manufacturers still prefer old stocks from the cold storage in Andhra Pradesh. Preliminary estimates of crop still around 4 to 4.5 million bags (1 bag = 40 Kgs). Price wise no major variation. Arrivals are already being seen in Guntur market.

In Andhra Pradesh, Dry weather prevailed in Andhra Pradesh state during this week. There are mixed reports of crop development from this region. According to the Andhra Pradesh agriculture department, chilli sowing for Rabi season has been completed in 0.30 lakh hectares as of December 12, 2012. The sown area is down by 30% against 0.43 lakh hectares reported during same time last year.

In Karnataka, Dry weather prevailed in the state during last week. Chillies crop is in advanced stage of development. Small quantities of new crop have started arriving. Overall a 20% reduction in crop area is foreseen as farmers have shifted to cotton cultivation.

In Tamil Nadu, More than 58% Chillies grown in this region is rain-fed. Panic stricken farmers are looking for State Government to negotiate with neighbouring States for implementation of the water sharing proposal with regularity. Desperation is driving farmers to extremities.

Arrivals are around 35,000-38,000 bags of which 60-70% is being sold at auctions. Bangladesh seems to be well covered and has started retreating. Sri Lanka and internal traders were the main buyers. New crop from Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and neighbouring villages of Guntur has started arriving. Average weekly arrivals are around 2,500-3,000 bags. Price levels have not changed drastically as traders are yet to assess the real numbers and quality amidst varying reports of declining production.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Month	Prices (Rs/Qtl)	
			31.12.12	30.11.12
Red Chilli	LCA 334	-6.89	5100-5400	5700-5800
	Teja	-9.30	7000-7800	8300-8600
	No.5	-9.09	5500-6000	6300-6600
	Fatki	+4.00	2300-2600	2200-2500
	Sanam 334	-6.66	5500-5600	5800-6000
	Byadgi	-11.29	5000-5500	5800-6200

Price Outlook Red Chilly Monthly Chart (Guntur Spot market):

CUMIN SEED (JEERA)
Spot Market Recap:

- Lower arrivals were reported in Unjha market during the month period.
- At higher prices buyers (stockists) were not interested for buying as they have higher stocks.
- Both Syria and Turkey are the stiff competitors for India in Jeera export market. Civil war in Syria may help India to boost its export.
- According to markets sources, about 75 per cent of the export target has been achieved due to a supply crunch in the global markets.

Fundamental analysis
Monthly Jeera Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the November 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2011 in bags
Unjha (Gujarat)	-32.68	83000	123300	87700

Unjha 1 bag = 65kgs

In Unjha, Cumin arrivals were reported down by 40300 bags to 123300 bags against 106500 bags last month.

Local buyers like stockists and Masala millers were the major buyers in the domestic market. Sources revealed that fresh enquiries are coming from Bangladesh for the Indian origin jeera. According to markets sources, about 75 per cent of the export target has been achieved due to a supply crunch in the global markets. Sowing in Turkey and Syria will be in March.

Indias production for 2013 is estimated at 55000 tons against 43000 tons projected for the year 2012. The countries domestic consumption and exports in 2013 is estimated as 43000 tons and 25000 tons respectively.

Total carryover stocks were reported at 6 - 7 lakh bags during the current year compared with 5 - 6 lakh bags last year. Buyers were keeping away from the market at higher price level.

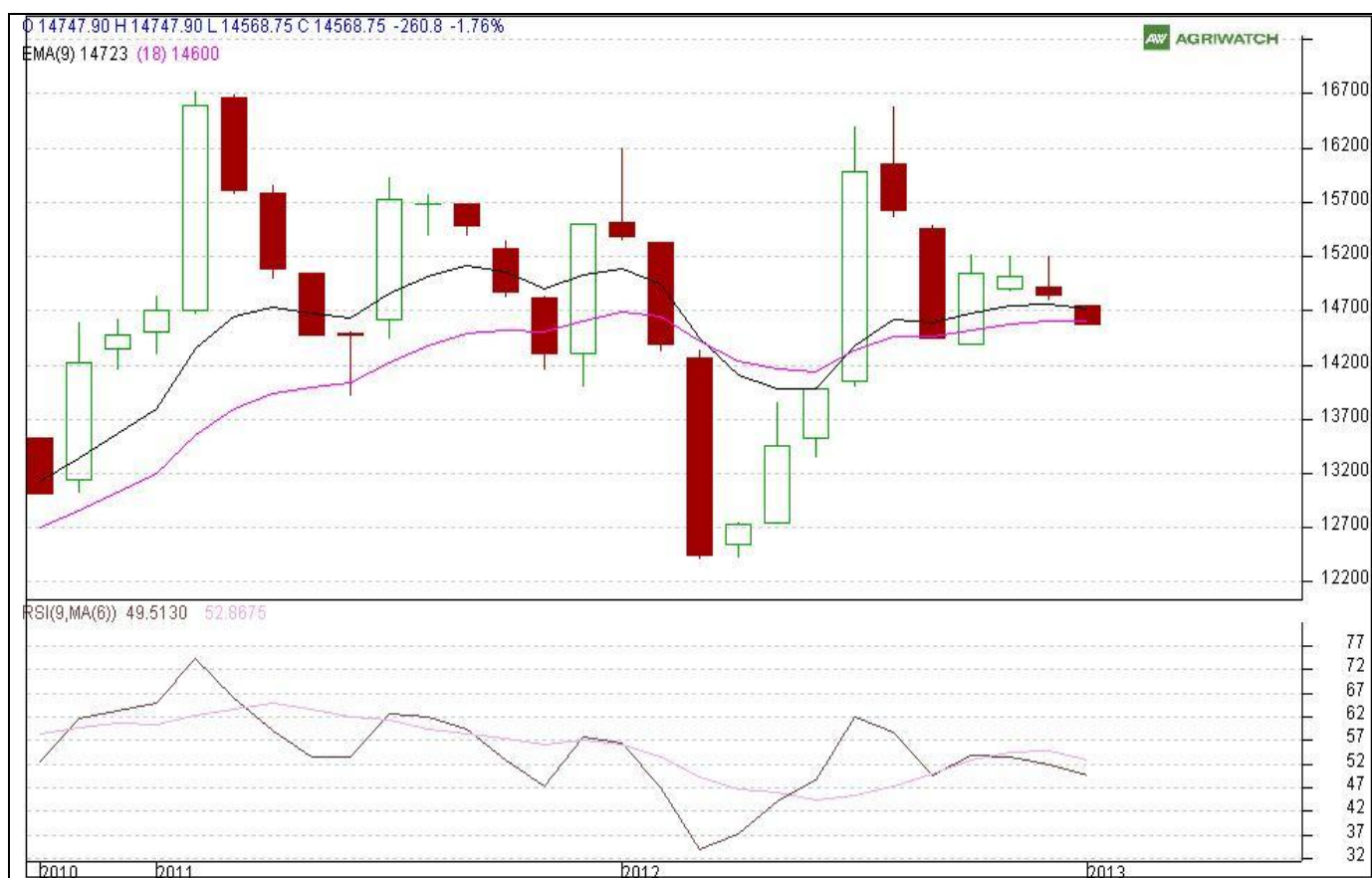
International Jeera Prices:

In the international market, Indian cumin seed one percent quoted at USD 2,800-2,825 ton (cnf) Singapore. However, Turkey and Syria are not offering. Sowing in Turkey and Syria will be in March.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			31.12.12	30.11.12	
Cumin Seed	Unjha	Loose	13825	13500-13600	+1.65
		Machine Cut	15400	14800-15100	+1.98
		NCDEX Quality	15025	14500-14600	+2.91
	Jodhpur	Loose	13500	13800	-2.17

Jeera Technical Analysis Unjha Mandi (Monthly Chart Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern depicts bearish sentiment in the market. Prices closed below 9 and 18 days EMAs indicating the bearish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral region which indicates prices may go down in the near term. 14240 seem like a strong support level.

Expected monthly Jeera price range: 14240-14850.

BLACK PEPPER

Spot Market Recap

- Higher arrivals were reported In Kochi market during the month period.
- Pepper output is expected to be higher current year due to a likely good yield in the top producer state Kerala and Karnataka.
- In Kerala Idduki district pepper production may increase 15 – 20 percent as compared to the last year.

Fundamental Analysis

Monthly Black Pepper Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the November 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2011 in bags
Kochi (Kerala)	+46.18	345	236	352

In Kochi, Pepper arrivals were reported up by 109 tonnes in comparison to last month. Fresh pepper started trickling in though in small quantity. Dealers from Tamil Nadu were covering directly from the primary markets and the farmers. 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.

There was good domestic demand as the pipelines in the upcountry markets are empty. Pongal demand from Tamil Nadu was also visible. End users were also said to be in need of the material. But, availability continued to remain thin. According to IPC, production and export estimates of pepper in 2012 would be around 324,000 mt and 249,000 mt respectively, as against 317,700 mt and 246,200 mt in 2011. Taking into account of stock brought forward from 2011, import and domestic consumption in 2012, around 85,750 mt would be carried forward as stocks for 2013.

Pepper International Prices:

In the international market Indian black pepper for Europe quoted at USD 7,350 per ton and February shipment offered at USD 6,700 per ton C&F.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			31.12.12	30.11.12	
Black Pepper	Kochi	Ungarbled	36500	36900	-1.08
		Garbled	38000	38400	-1.04
	New Delhi	Unpolished	42500	42500	Unch
		Number 11.5	--	--	--

Technical Analysis Monthly Chart: Black Pepper (Kochi Spot market)


Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish trend in the market. Price closed between 9 and 18 day EMAs indicates bearish sentiment in the market. However, RSI is moving up in neutral region indicates bullish sentiment in the market.

Expected monthly black pepper spot price range: 37000-39000.

CARDAMOM

Spot Market Recap

- Higher arrivals were reported in the domestic market during the month under review.
- Adequate stocks position following increased arrivals from producing regions put cap on prices at higher levels.
- Stockists were inactive at higher prices level as they have sufficient stock in quantity.
- Higher global production prospects may limit sharp rise in prices. Guatemala is estimated to produce around 32000 tonnes.

Fundamental Analysis:
Monthly Cardamom Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the November 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2011 in bags
Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Nedumkandam , Kumily, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur (Kerala)	+7.59	1340734	1246067	586599

In Kochi, Cardamom arrivals were reported higher by 94667 Kgs to 1340734 Kgs during the current month period as comparison to last month.

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.

Exporters were reported inactive at higher prices level.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Small (Price Rs/Kg)		% Change
			31.12.12	30.11.12	
Cardamom (Small)	Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Kumily, Nedumkandam, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur				
		Max Auction Price	961.00	1149.00	-16.36
		Average Auction Price	768.64	839.51	-8.44

Technical Analysis Monthly (Futures Continuous Chart) Cardamom (values in Kg)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral zone and indicates the bearishness in the market. 870 seem like a strong support level. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bearish sentiment in the market.

Expected monthly cardamom price range: 880-1090.

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