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CUMIN SEED

Market Analysis:

- Cumin seed prices remained steady as demand remained weak.
- However sources added that markets sentiments may remain weak as weather has cleared in Gujarat.
- Markets sentiments also remained weak as stockists demand remained weak
- Sources added that carryover stocks of jeera with the local stockiest is around 7-8 lakh bags and this is low.
- India's production this year could be lower compared to last year due to bad weather conditions in Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- Gujarat is expected to produce 30% less compared to last year.
- However Rajasthan is expected to produce little more due to increase in sowing intentions from farmers this year.

We expect Cumin seed prices to trade range bound to weak in the short term due to weak demand and clear weather over Gujarat. Price trend in the medium to long term may depend on weather over growing regions, production estimates and export demand.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation reveals bullish sentiments.
- Prices have closed above the 9 and 18-day EMAs suggests firm trend in short term.
- MACD and RSI are moving up supports bullish sentiments.
- Cumin seed prices are likely to remain range bound with a firm bias in next trading session.

Weather:

Dry weather conditions over Gujarat and Rajasthan may assist the crop development.

Price Drivers:

| No. | Pressure Point | Favours |
|-----|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Weak stockists demand | Bears |
| 2 | Favourable weather over Gujarat | Bears |
| 3 | Weak futures counter | Bears |
| 4 | Weak export demand | Bears |
| 5 | Lower productions estimates | Bulls |

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

| Grade | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | Change |
|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Loose | Unjha | 12675 | 12675 | - |
| Machine Cut | | 14150 | 14150 | - |
| NCDEX | | 13625- | 13625- | |
| Quality | | 13750 | 13750 | - |

Arrivals and Offtake in bags: (1 bag=55 Kg)

| | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| Arrivals | 3500 | 3500 |
| Offtake | 5000 | 5000 |



Trade Recommendation

| Contract | Call | Entry | T1 | Т2 | SL | S2 | S1 | РСР | R1 | R2 |
|---------------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| NCDEX- Feb | BUY | 14795- 14800 | 14948 | 14985 | 14700 | 14509 | 14682 | 14855 | 15057 | 15259 |

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BLACK PEPPER

Market Analysis:

- Kochi Black pepper physical markets ended lower as stockist's offloaded stocks at higher prices.
- Markets sentiments remained firm as domestic demand also remained weak.
- Sources added that profit taking in the futures have influenced the selling in the cash markets on Tuesday.
- Markets sources however added that demand would outweigh supply in the long term this may keep supporting the uptrend.
- Export demand is weak due to holiday season in the U.S and Europe.
- However lower carry-forward and lower production may limit losses in the markets.

Pepper prices may trade range bound in the short term. In the medium and long term price trend will depend on the availability and production estimates in India.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation reveals bearish sentiments.
- Prices closed above 9 and 18-day EMAs thus supporting the firm momentum in short term.
- MACD is moving up supports bullish sentiments.
- RSI is moving down supports bearish sentiments.
- Black Pepper futures are likely to trade range bound with a weak bias in next trading session.

Weather:

- Isolated thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.
- This may disrupt the arrivals in the markets.
- This may also lower the quality of the crop.

Price Drivers:

| No. | Pressure Point | Favours |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Lower arrivals | Bulls |
| 2 | Unfavorable weather for harvests | Bulls |
| 3 | Firm domestic demand | Bulls |
| 4 | Lower carry-forward stocks | Bulls |
| 5 | Weak export demand | Bears |

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

| Grade | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | Change |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Ungarbled | Kochi | 21500 | 21800 | -300 |
| Garbled | | 22000 | 22300 | -300 |

Arrivals and Offtake in Tonnes:

| | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| Arrivals | 25 | 30 |
| Offtake | 20 | 35 |

Pepper 1101(NCPEPF1)2011/01/04 - Daily B:22878.00 A:22890.00 O 23350.00 H 23456.00 L 22753.00 C 22890.00 V 10,027 I 9,355 -513 EMA(9) 22719 (18) 22519



Trade Recommendation

| Contract | Call | Entry | T1 | T2 | SL | S2 | S1 | РСР | R1 | R2 |
|---------------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| NCDEX- Jan | SELL | 23000- 23010 | 22770 | 22712 | 23159 | 22330 | 22610 | 22890 | 23313 | 23736 |

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TURMERIC

Market Analysis:

- Erode and Nizam market remained closed on Tuesday on separate reasons.
- Erode was closed due to Hanuman Jayanthi and Nizam was closed due to Amavasya.
- However traders in Nizam market say that trade may be slow till the fresh crops arrive in 2nd week of January.
- Sources added that stockists demand remained weak and all the sources want to buy the new crop.
- Sources however added that this year about 5-10% losses could be seen due to bad weather conditions in the initial sowing period.
- However, traders still estimate a rise in production to 60-65 lakh bags vs. 40-45 lakh bags last year due to higher sowing intentions.
- Weak export demand due to the holiday season in U.S and Europe could also weaken the prices.
- Carry-forward in Erode remains between 50,000-75,000 bags.

In the short-term turmeric prices may trade range bound to weak on lower demand. In the medium to long-term the price trend may depend on this year's output estimates and demand.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation reveals bullish sentiments.
- Prices closed below 9 and 18-day EMAs thus supporting the bearish momentum in short term.
- MACD is flat suggests sideways market.
- RSI is moving down suggests bearish market.
- Turmeric futures are likely to trade range bound with a weak bias in next trading session.

Weather:

- Isolated thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu and certain parts of A.P.
- This may disrupt harvesting of the crop.

Price Drivers:

| No. | Pressure Point | Favours |
|-----|--------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Higher output estimation | Bears |
| 2 | Higher acreage estimates | Bears |
| 2 | Weak stockists demand | Bears |
| 4 | Losses could be seen | Bulls |
| 5 | Lower carry-over stocks | Bulls |

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

| Grade | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | Change |
|--------|-----------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Finger | Erode | Closed | 16150- 16550 | - |
| Gattah | | Closed | 16050- 16450 | - |
| Nizam | Nizamabad | Closed | 16800 | - |

Arrivals and Offtake in bags: (1 bag=90 Kg)

| | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 |
|----------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Arrivals | Erode | Closed | 3000-3500 |
| Offtake | Eroue | Closed | 2500 |
| Arrivals | N.C. States I | Closed | No Arrivals |
| Offtake | Nizamabad | Closed | No Offtake |

Turmeric 1104(NCTMCJ1)2011/01/04 - Daily B:10070.00 A:10088.00 O 10020.00 H 10190.00 L 10020.00 C 10072.00 V 1,970 I 6,635 -74



Trade Recommendation

| Contract | Call | Entry | T1 | T2 | SL | S2 | S1 | РСР | R1 | R2 |
|---------------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| NCDEX- Apr | SELL | 10220- 10225 | 10118 | 10092 | 10291 | 9924 | 9998 | 10072 | 10364 | 10530 |

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RED CHILLIES

Market Analysis:

- Red chilli prices cash markets remained steady on Tuesday as reports of crop losses in A.P have started to push the markets higher.
- Sources added that seeing higher prices stockists and farmers released more stocks which have not caused weakness.
- Markets also remain firm as traders say that firm futures have partially influenced buying in the cash markets.
- Sources however say that due to the untimely rains losses could be seen.
- Last year production was 1.5 crore bags and this year production could decline to 1.25 crore bags.
- Export demand remains weak and could take the markets further down.
- However over the last few days' weather conditions has remained better and could help the crop development.

In the short term red chilli prices show some range bound to firm movements supported by firm futures. In the long term market trend may depend on weather conditions, export demand and production of the crop.

Technical Analysis:

- Red Chilli chart is charting into uncharted territories.
- Candlestick formation reveals bullish sentiments.
- Prices closed above 9 and 18-day EMAs thus supporting the bullish momentum in the short term.
- MACD is flat suggests sideways market.
- RSI is flat in the overbought zone and is warranting caution to the bulls.
- Red Chilli futures are likely to trade range bound with a firm bias in next trading session.

Weather:

- Isolated thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu and Rayalaseema may hinder harvesting of the crop.
- This may also lower the quality of the crop.

DATE: 05-01-2011

Price Drivers:

| No. | Pressure Point | Favours |
|-----|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Lower production estimates | Bulls |
| 2 | Firm export demand | Bulls |
| 3 | Crop losses expected | Bulls |
| 4 | Weak domestic demand | Bears |
| 5 | Favourable weather conditions | Bears |

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

| Grade | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | Change |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Cold Storage | | 6800-7800 | 6800-7800 | - |
| Теја | Guntur | 8300-8400 | 8300-8400 | - |
| Bedki | | 8500-9500 | 8500-9500 | - |

Arrivals and Offtake in bags: (1 bag=45 Kg)

| | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | |
|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Arrivals | 60000 | 60000 | |
| Offtake | 60000 | 60000 | |



Trade Recommendation

| Contract | Call | Entry | T1 | Т2 | SL | S2 | S1 | РСР | R1 | R2 |
|---------------|------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| NCDEX- Feb | BUY | 9080- 9085 | 9176 | 9199 | 9020 | 8813 | 8977 | 9140 | 9291 | 9441 |

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CARDAMOM

Market Analysis:

- Cardamom markets ended lower on Tuesday as arrivals improved in the local markets.
- Sources however added that markets may see some further uptrend due to bad weather.
- On the other hand, weak production in India and Guatemala is however likely to support any uptrend in the market.
- India is expected to produce 10,000 tonnes compared to 13,000 tonnes.
- Guatemala is expected to produce 20,000 tonnes compared to 23,000 tonnes.
- Export demand has also remained weak due to holiday season abroad.

We believe that cash markets may rebound following lower arrivals. In the longer run markets could remain firm on lower output from Guatemala and India.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation is revealing bearish sentiments.
- Prices are below 9-day EMAs supporting bearish momentum in the short term.
- MACD is flat suggesting sideways market.
- RSI is moving down suggests bearish market.
- Cardamom futures are likely to trade range-bound with weak bias in next trading session.

Weather:

- Isolated thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.
- This may disrupt the arrivals in the markets.

Price Drivers:

| No. | Pressure Point | Favours |
|-----|---|---------|
| 1 | Weak demand | Bears |
| 2 | Weak export demand | Bears |
| 3 | Lower arrivals | Bulls |
| 4 | Lower production from India and Guatemala | Bulls |
| 5 | Unfavourable weather conditions for harvesting | Bulls |

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Kg)

| Grade | | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | Change |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|---------------------|--------|
| Small | Max Auction Price | Kashi | 1598 | 1392.5- 1551 | +47 |
| | Average Auction Price | Kochi | 1407.08 | 1290.61- 1428.48 | -21.4 |

Arrivals and Offtake in Kgs:

| | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| Arrivals | 44774 | 16933 |
| Offtake | 40108 | 16314 |



Trade Recommendation

| Contract | Call | Entry | T1 | T2 | SL | S2 | S1 | РСР | R1 | R2 |
|----------|------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|--------|------|------|
| MCX-Jan | SELL | 1552- 1554 | 1536 | 1533 | 1564 | 1485 | 1520 | 1554.7 | 1589 | 1624 |

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CORIANDER SEED

Market Analysis:

- Coriander seed prices ended steady on Tuesday as arrivals declined in Ramganj.
- Sources say that the cash markets are being influenced by firm futures counter on Tuesday.
- Domestic and stockists demand has declined due to higher prices.
- Markets sentiments however look bearish in the longer run after sources revealed that this year production will be higher.
- Export demand remains weak and may continue to pull the markets lower in the longer run.
- Sources also added that rains in Rajasthan could aid the crop.
- Production this year is expect to cross 1 crore bags this year which also lead to further weakness in prices.

We expect coriander prices to move higher influenced by higher futures counter. In the medium to long term price trend may depend on production estimates and demand in the market.

Technical Analysis:

- Coriander chart is moving up into uncharted territories.
- Candlestick formation is revealing bullish sentiments.
- Prices are above 9 and 18-day EMAs supporting bullish momentum in the short term.
- MACD is moving up suggests bullish market.
- RSI is moving up in the overbought zone and is warranting caution to the bulls.
- Coriander seed futures are likely to trade range-bound with firm bias in next trading session.

Weather:

Dry weather conditions over M.P and Rajasthan may assist the crop development.

Price Drivers:

| No. | Pressure Point | Favours |
|-----|---|---------|
| 1 | Lower arrivals | Bulls |
| 2 | Firm futures counter | Bulls |
| 3 | Weak stockists demand | Bears |
| 4 | Favourable weather over growing regions | Bears |
| 5 | Higher carry-over stocks | Bears |

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

| Grade | Centre | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 | Change |
|--------|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Badami | Damana | 3350 | 3350 | - |
| Eagle | Ramganj | 3400 | 3400 | - |

Arrivals and Offtake in bags: (1 bag=40 Kg)

| | 04-01-11 | 03-01-11 |
|----------|----------|-----------|
| Arrivals | 3000 | 3500-4000 |
| Offtake | 3000 | 4000 |

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Trade Recommendation

| Contract | Call | Entry | T1 | T2 | SL | S2 | S1 | РСР | R1 | R2 |
|---------------|------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| NCDEX- Feb | BUY | 4775- 4780 | 4828 | 4840 | 4742 | 4567 | 4689 | 4810 | 4913 | 5015 |

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