

RED CHILLIES

Market Analysis:

- Red chilli cash markets remained steady to weak today as offtake against arrival registered lower.
- Sources that say that arrivals may decline in Guntur due to lower production expected this year.
- Markets sentiments however remained weak due to lacklustre activity from stockists and weak spot demand.
- Overall sentiments remained weak for short term as weak futures counter partially influenced the weak sentiments in the cash markets.
- Sources however added that sentiments are expected to remain firm in the longer run as production estimates this year is expected to be well below earlier estimates of 1.5 crore bags. Last year production was 1.5 crore bags and this year production could decline to lower than 1 crore bags.

In the short-term red chilli prices may rebound on firm spot demand and lower arrivals expected. In the long term market trend may depend on export demand and production estimates of the crop.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation hints buyers support in the future market.
- Prices closed below 9 and 18-day EMA's thus supporting the bearish momentum in the short term and medium term.
- MACD is flat supports sideways markets. Volume is supporting market.
- RSI is moving up in the neutral zone supports uptrend in the markets.
- Red Chilli futures are likely to trade range bound with a firm bias in next trading session. Players should go for buying at lower level.**

Weather:

- Scattered thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu, Kerala, coastal Andhra Pradesh and south Karnataka during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter.
- This may disrupt harvesting of the crop.

Price Drivers:

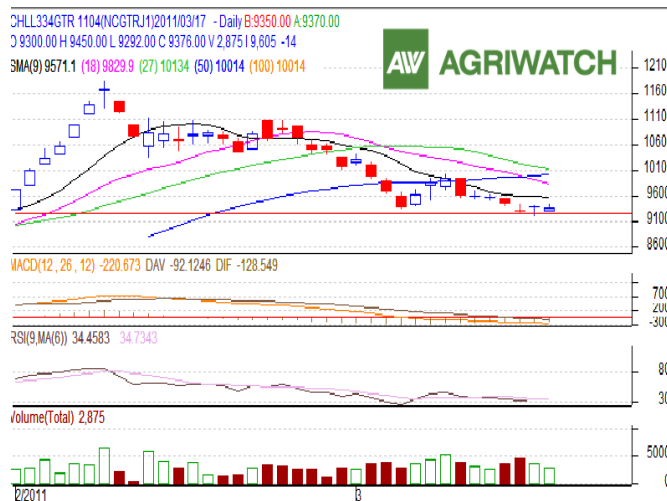
No.	Pressure Point	Favours
1	Lower production estimates	Bulls
2	Weak futures counter	Bears
3	Weak spot demand	Bears
4	Weak stockists demand	Bears
5	Offloading of stocks	Bears

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

Grade	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11	Change
LCA 334	Guntur	6300-7700	6300-7800	-100
Bedki		7500-8500	7500-8500	Unch

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

	17-03-11	16-03-11
Arrivals-New	50000	60000
Offtake	45000	55000



Trade Recommendation

Contract	Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX-Apr	Buy	9325	9420	9450	9280	9150	9240	9376	9475	9570

BLACK PEPPER:

Market Analysis:

- Kochi Black pepper physical markets remained firm today amid lower arrival and higher domestic and export demand.
- Shortage in other producing countries is driving the sentiments up.
- There is an increased interest from Europe and the US as India is having huge stocks and can supply the world market.
- Vietnam and Indonesia have not enough stock to offer currently and that's why buyers are switching to India.
- Sentiments also remained strong as cash markets were partially influenced by firm futures counter.
- India is offering MG1 grade at a price tag of \$5,000-5,100 a ton. Vietnam is not quoting any prices and Indonesia's FoB price is \$5,100 a ton. Brazil quality is inferior.
- Meanwhile, sources added that at current prices India is exporting as exporters are gathering stocks as they fear that in long term the world might see shortage of stocks.
- Markets moved higher after unseasonal rains delayed harvest, affecting yield of pepper and are likely to cut down Indian production this year.

In the short term pepper prices will depend on demand from the overseas and domestic market. In the medium to long term price trend will depend on pepper stocks with Vietnam and demand from the overseas and domestic buyers.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation hints buyer's active participation.
- Prices closed above 9 and 18-day EMAs supporting the bullish momentum in short term.
- MACD is moving up and supports the firm sentiments.
- RSI is moving up supports the uptrend in the future market.
- Black Pepper futures are likely to trade range bound with a firm bias in next trading session.

Weather:

- Scattered thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu, Kerala, coastal Andhra Pradesh and south Karnataka during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter.
- This may disrupt harvesting of the crop.

Trade Recommendation

Contract	Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX-Apr	BUY	23450	24000	24150	23200	22787	23210	23689	24100	-

Price Drivers:

No.	Pressure Point	Favours
1	Harvesting has started in Vietnam	Bears
2	Higher arrivals in domestic markets	Bears
3	Weak domestic and export demand	Bulls
4	Lower crop this year in Malabar	Bulls
5	Planters hoarding stocks	Bulls

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

Grade	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11	Change
Ungarbled	Kochi	21700	21500	+200
Garbled		22600	22400	+200

Arrivals and Offtake in Tonnes:

	17-03-11	16-03-11
Arrivals	25	25
Offtake	35	30



TURMERIC

Market Analysis:

- Nizam market ruled steady to firm today due to local demand.
- Sentiments remained steady in Erode.
- Sources added that sentiments may remain weak as arrivals may improve next week.
- Expectation of higher arrival may drive market down in week ahead.
- However sources added that sentiments could remain bullish in the longer run on fresh reports of bad weather in the previous few weeks could cause damage to the crops in A.P. and Tamil Nadu.
- Production estimates for this year ranges from 50-60 lakh bags all over India compared to 40-45 lakh bags during the previous year.

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

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation hints at indecisive future market. Prices closed below 9 and 18-day EMAs thus supporting the bearish momentum in short term.
- MACD is moving up supports the positive sentiments.
- RSI is moving up supports firmness in the market.
- **Turmeric futures are likely to trade range bound with a weak bias in next trading session. However, fundamental is unsupportive. Participants should wait for right direction.**

Weather:

- Scattered thundershowers would occur over Tamil Nadu, Kerala, coastal Andhra Pradesh and south Karnataka during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter.

Price Drivers:

No.	Pressure Point	Favours
1	Higher output estimation	Bears
2	Higher acreage estimates	Bears
3	Higher fresh arrivals	Bears
4	Weak spot demand	Bears
5	Untimely rains may disrupt harvest	Bulls

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

Grade	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11	Change
Finger	Erode	11200-	11150-	Unch
		12000	12000	
Gattah	Erode	10700-	10800-	+50
		11550	11500	
Nizam	Nizamabad	11800-	11800-	Unch
		12000	12000	

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

	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11
Arrivals	Erode	15000-	15000
		13000	
Offtake	Erode	9600-10200	12000
Arrivals	Nizamabad	10000	12000
Offtake	Nizamabad	10000	8000



Trade Recommendation

Contract	Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX-Apr	Stay away	-	-	-	-	-	-	10272	-	-

CARDAMOM

Market Analysis:

- Cardamom prices at spot markets continued to move down by Rs. 17/Kg on Thursday irrespective of firm demand level in the market as a result of ongoing marriage season.
- Arrivals were lower on Thursday compared to the previous day arrivals and 99.75 percent of total arrivals were picked up by the purchasers as a result of higher demand in the market.
- Higher levels of arrivals in the domestic markets may push the prices slightly down coming days which may further pressurise the prices.
- Sentiments remained firm as cash markets wherein prices rise in cardamom futures found as a result of pickup in demand in the spot market.
- Sentiments however remained firm as spot and stockists demand remained firm at lows.
- Sources added that weak sentiments could be due to lower pricing of the Guatemala crop than the Indian cardamom.
- According to Spices Board cardamom production is estimated around 10,350 tonnes compared with 10,075 tonnes last year.

We believe that cash markets may move higher in the short term due to lower arrivals. In the longer run markets could remain weak on better output from India and lower imports from Guatemala.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation hints at positive trend.
- Prices are below 9 and 18-day EMAs supporting bearish momentum for the short term.
- MACD and RSI are moving up in the negative region supporting the positive trend in short term.
- Cardamom futures are likely to trade range-bound with a strong bias in next trading session. The Cardamom futures may continue in uptrend for the next couple of trading sessions.**

Weather:

- Isolated rain/thundershowers would occur over Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Lakshadweep and scattered over Andaman & Nicobar Island.

Price Drivers:

No.	Pressure Point	Favours
1	Firm futures counter	Bulls
2	Planters hoarding stocks	Bulls
3	Firm spot and stockists demand	Bulls
4	Arrivals remain high	Bears
5	Higher production	Bears

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Kg)

Grade	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11	Change
Small	Max Auction Price	1203.50	1236	-32.50
	Average Auction Price	971.97	989.02	-17.02
	Kochi			

Arrivals and Offtake in Kgs:

	17-03-11	16-03-11
Arrivals	9866	50728
Offtake	9442	48413



Trade Recommendation

Contract	Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
MCX-Apr	BUY	>1132	1146	1155	1129	1118	1126	1125	1158	1162



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CUMIN SEED

Market Analysis:

- Unjha cash market prices steady on Thursday as arrivals remains unchanged in comparison to previous day and seasonal demand picking up in the markets which support the prices up for short term.
- Sources revealed that the owing to fresh arrivals in March end to April, the spot and future prices may go down. Also weak fundamentals may pressurize the prices.
- However due to Holi season, demand is picking up and arrivals will be less owing to festive holidays for short term.
- However after post Holi period, prices may crash due to high arrivals in the market.
- Sources added that markets sentiments will remain weak due to weak spot and export demand.
- On the other hand lower production this year could also weaken markets as Gujarat and Rajasthan is expected to produce high due to higher plantings.
- The production estimates in Gujarat is expected at par at 25 lakh bags compared to previous estimate at 25 lakh bags.
- Sources add that this year Rajasthan could produce between 7-8 lakh bags compared to previous year production at 6-7 lakh bags.

We expect Cumin seed prices to trade weak on higher arrivals and higher production estimates. Price trend in the medium to long term may depend on production estimates and export demand.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick formation reveals buying support at lows.
- Prices have closed above the 9 and 18-day EMAs suggests bullish trend in short term.
- MACD is moving down supports bearish markets.
- RSI is moving up supports positive sentiments in the markets.
- Cumin seed futures are likely to trade range bound with a firm bias in next trading session.

Weather:

Dry weather conditions in Gujarat and Rajasthan may assist in the crop harvest.

Price Drivers:

No.	Pressure Point	Favours
1	Weak upcountry and export demand	Bears
2	Fresh arrivals	Bears
3	Strong futures counter	Bulls
4	Market participants fear shortage	Bulls
5	Lower productions estimates	Bulls

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

Grade	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11	Change
Loose		12875	12875	Unch
Machine Cut	Unjha	14250	14250	Unch
NCDEX Quality		13725-13750	13725-13750	Unch

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

	17-03-11	16-03-11
Arrivals-New	20000	20000
Offtake	18000	20000



Trade Recommendation

Contract	Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX-Apr	BUY	16315	16466	16545	16250	16165	16250	16440	16466	16545

CORIANDER SEED

Market Analysis:

- Higher demand was reported from millers and stockists in the spot market which push coriander prices to move upside.
- Ramganj mandi arrivals are reported at 40,000 bags, which are unchanged as compared to the previous day's arrivals. On an average 10,000 bags are carry forward for the next day.
- In Kota mandi, arrivals are reported at around 10,000 bags, which are higher by 4000 bags as compared to the previous day's arrivals.
- Sources revealed that, in Kota mandi escalating demand from millers pushing coriander markets higher from lows.
- In Madhya Pradesh, trading activity are reported lower due to lower arrivals, but it is expected that pick up in arrivals may found after Holi festival.
- Ramganj mandi is likely to close from 19th onwards on occasion of upcoming Holi festival which may create good buying support for coriander in short term.

Coriander prices are expected to trade range bound with firm bias on anticipation of higher demand from stockiests and millers in the spot market. However, increase in arrivals in the spot market may restrict the gain.

Technical Analysis:

- Candlestick chart pattern indicates the bullish sentiment in the market.
- Prices are below 9 and 18-day EMAs supporting bearish momentum in the short term.
- MACD is moving down in negative region.
- RSI is moving up in the neutral zone indicating the bullish momentum in the short term.
- Coriander seed futures are likely to trade range-bound with firm bias in next trading session.

Weather:

- Isolated rain/thundershowers would occur over Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Lakshadweep and scattered over Andaman & Nicobar Island.
- Fairly widespread rain/thundershowers is expected during the period of one week over northeastern states, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kerala and Tamil Nadu which may disrupt harvesting of the crop.

Price Drivers:

No.	Pressure Point	Favours
1	Fresh crop arrivals	Bears
2	Higher production estimates	Bears
3	Firm spot demand	Bulls
4	Firm futures	Bulls
5	Firm demand from millers	Bulls

SPOT MARKET PRICES: (Rs/Qtl)

Grade	Centre	17-03-11	16-03-11	Change
Badami	Ramganj	3800-4000	3000-3400	Unch
Eagle		4000-4400	3400-3500	Unch

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

	17-03-11	16-03-11
Arrivals-New	40000	30000
Arrivals-Old	500-1000	500-1000
Offtake	30000	30000



Trade Recommendation

Contract	Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX-Apr	BUY	4760-4765	4792	4828	4728	4729	4754	4785	4839	4861

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WHOLESALE PRICES FOR MAJOR SPICES IN KERALA AND TAMIL NADU MANDIS

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Cardamom	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	500	500
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	1300	1300
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	1400	1400
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local	1	1600	1600
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	750	750
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	1350-1550	1350-1550
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	1650	1650

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Pepper	Kochi	Ernakulum	Black	1	223	223
			Green	1	243	243
			White	1	234	234
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	170	170
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	170	170
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local	1	300	300
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	160	160
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	235	235-245
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	185	185

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Coriander	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	54	54
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	90	90
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	88	88
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Half	1	78	78
			Muzhu	1	78	78
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	54-60	54-60
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	50	50

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Turmeric	Madurai	Madurai	Local	1	35	35

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WHOLESALE PRICES FOR MINOR SPICES IN KERELA AND TAMIL NADU MANDIS

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Clove	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	328	328
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	450	450
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	450	450
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local	1	500	500
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	550	550
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	360	360
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	400	400

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Fennel	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	70	70
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	110	110
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	108	108
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local	1	180	180
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	100	100
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	110-145	110-145
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	120	120

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Cinnamon	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	120	122
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	125	125
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	125	125
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local	1	200	200
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	200	200
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	120	120
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	170	170

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Fenugreek	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	75	75
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	50	50
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	48	48
	Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local	1	60	60
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	50	50
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	38-48	38-48
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	70	70

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Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Nutmeg	Kochi	Ernakulum	Local	1	122	122
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Local	1	390	390
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Local	1	390	390
	Madurai	Madurai	Dindigul	1	460	460
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Local	1	800	800

Spice	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Garlic	Kochi	Ernakulum	Nadan	1	146	146
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	China	1	150	150
			H.P	1	90	90
			M.P	1	55-60	55-60
			China	1	200	200
	Ottanchatram	Dindigul	Hill	1	340	340
			Local	1	40-100	40-100
	Koyambedu	Chennai	Old	1	50-70	50-70
			Local	1	260	260
	Hosur	Krishnagiri	M.P	1	220	220
			Nadu	1	40-60	40-60
			MP	1	55	55
	K.R. Market	Bangalore	UP	1	65	60
			China	1	190	190
			Local first	1	80	80
	Kumbakonam	Thanjavur	Local Second	2	70	70
			Local third	3	60	60
			Dindigul	1	65	65
	Madurai	Madurai	Himachal Pradesh	1	160	160
	Mettupalayam	Coimbatore	Jamnagar	1	100	100
			Ooty	1	350	350
	Panruti	Cuddalore	Pune-New	1	60	60
	Thalaivasal	Salem	Local	1	200	200
			Nelagiri	1	250	250

Spices	Market	District/State	Variety	Grade	Price (Rs/Kg)	
					Date	
					16-03-11	17-03-11
Ginger	Kochi	Ernakulum	Dry	1	52	52
	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Vegetable-Fresh	1	30	30
			Mango	1	14	14
			Kolkata-New	1	20	21
	Koyambedu	Chennai	Mango	1	18	20
			Kodagu	1	40	40
	Hosur	Krishnagiri	New	1	20	20

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		UP	1	30	30
Gandhi Market	Tiruchirapalli	Local-New	1	30	30
		Himachal	1	24	23
K.R. Market	Bangalore	Kodagu	1	27	27
		Maran	1	22	22
Kumbakonam	Thanjavur	Fresh	1	22	22
Madurai	Madurai	Local-New	1	22	22
Panruti	Cuddalore	Bangalore-Mango	1	18	18
		Mettupalayam-New	1	24	24
Thalaivasal	Salem	New	1	30	30
		Old	1	60	60

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