

TURMERIC

Spot Market Recap

- Turmeric arrivals were reported higher during March month.
- Higher carry forward stock may put pressure on the turmeric prices.
- Masala millers were inactive in the domestic market at the higher price level.
- Good demand from exporters in the spot market was reported.
- Expectation of higher production due to favourable weather condition may put pressure on prices.

Fundamental analysis

Monthly Turmeric Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last month	Arrivals during the March 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the February 2012 in bags	Arrivals during March 2011 in bags
Nizamabad (Andhra Pradesh)	+31.65	1,31,000	99,500	1,59,000
Erode (Tamil Nadu)	+30.91	2,88,000	2,20,000	2,05,000

1 bag = 75kgs

In major turmeric markets, arrivals were reported higher due to higher production in the domestic market. In Nizam, turmeric arrivals increased by 31,500 bags against last month. In Erode, turmeric arrivals increased by 68,000 bags against last month.

In Nizamabad domestic market, Turmeric peak arrivals have started. However, in K Samudram and Warangal region, turmeric peak arrivals will start by the month end.

Higher carry forward stock of around 12-14 lakh bags were reported. As per trade sources, in Erode, stock is around 6-7 lakh bags against 2 lakh bags last year while in Nizamabad, it is near 70,000 bags against 50,000 bags last year.

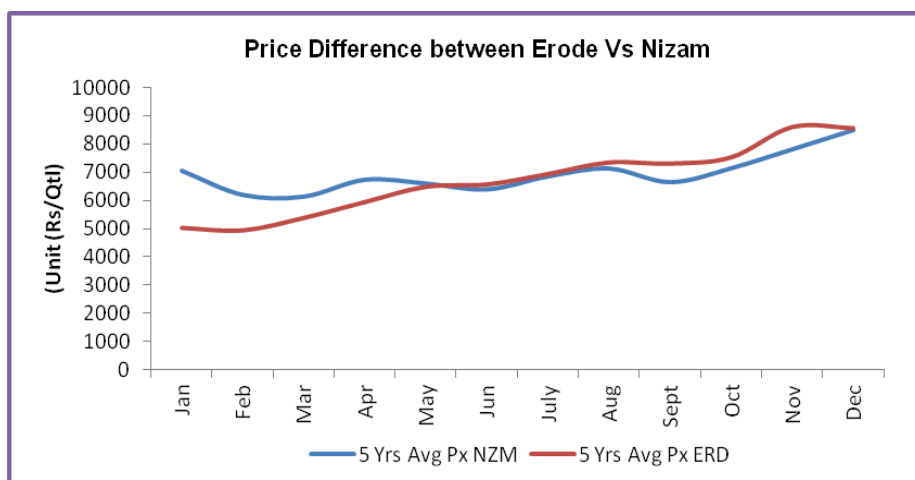
As per Agriwatch projections, the total production of turmeric in the current year is likely to be 90 lakh bags against 70 lakh bags that were reported last year in the same period.

Turmeric new crop arrivals have started well in Nizamabad domestic market at around 8,000-10000 bags are arriving on daily basis. As per market participants, turmeric arrivals will increase in the coming days and peak arrival season has already started and it will continue till April month. In Tamil Nadu region also peak arrivals started.

The following chart shows the 5 years average price difference between Erode and Nizamabad domestic market.-

As is depicted in the chart, turmeric domestic market prices are different in Erode and Nizamabad markets. From August to March there is a sizable gap between the two markets which then reduces between April and August.

In Erode turmeric prices were down as compared to the Nizamabad prices due to the higher arrivals (New crop) during January, February, March and April leading to a higher stock position as compared to the Nizamabad market. In Nizamabad domestic market prices may go up due to lower stocks position and it is expected it will go up as compared to the Erode prices.



Domestic buyers can go for higher buying in Erode market than Nizamabad market in coming month.

Exporters as well as domestic buyers are buying in good quantity due to the better quality arrivals in the spot market and lower price level in anticipation of rise in demand. Demand from Delhi, Bihar, Maharashtra is likely to keep prices firm in the short term. However, peak arrivals may pressure turmeric prices in coming days.

Turmeric export increased by 27,400 tonnes, (67,000 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012,) compared to the 39,600 tonnes in April 2010 – January 2011. Current year exports till January were up by 69%. The value also has come up to Rs 64,376.80 lakh this year which was Rs 56,482.70 lakh last year and the target for 2011-12 is 50,000 tonnes with value Rs.50, 000/- lakh.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			26.03.12	29.02.12	
Turmeric	Erode	Finger	3650-4250	3900-4400	-3.53
		Gattah	3550-3850	3700-4000	-3.89
	Nizamabad	Nizam	4100	4700	-14.63

Turmeric Price Outlook Monthly Chart (Nizamabad Spot market)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bearish trend in the market. Prices closed below 9 and 18 days EMAs indicating the bearish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving down in oversold region, indicating that prices may correct in near term. Prices may take immediate support level at 3240 in the coming weeks, and breaching this level is likely to test 3130 in near term.

We expect turmeric spot prices to stay in the range of 3240 – 4540.

CORIANDER SEED

Spot Market Recap

- In major coriander markets, higher arrivals were reported during the month period.
- Anticipation of higher production due to higher acreage and favourable weather condition put pressure on prices.
- Peak arrivals are expected in the month of April.
- Coriander prices are getting support due to increase in demand. However, higher arrivals restrict the gain.

Fundamental analysis

Monthly Coriander Arrival Scenario:

Market (Rajasthan)	% Change during corresponding period last month	Arrivals during the March 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the February 2012 in bags
Kota	+236.17	237000	70,500
Ramganj	+261.87	503000	139,000
Baran	+288.25	168500	43,400

1 bag=40 kg

In major coriander markets, higher arrivals were reported during the month against last month as new crop arrivals have started with higher quantity. Taking Kota spot markets as the indicative market, arrivals increased by 166,500 bags to 237,000 bags against 70,500 bags last month.

As per trade sources, in Ramganj, Coriander carry forward stock is around 1 lakh bags against 3.5 lakh bags last year. In Kota, stock is around 70,000 bag against 2 lakh bags last year and in Baran, stock is around 20-25 thousand bags against 2 lakh bags last year.

Coriander production during current year is around 1-1.25 crore bags against 75 lakh bags last year owing to around 12 - 15% higher yield against last year. In Kota spot market, higher moisture condition was reported and buyers were waiting for better stock that is expected shortly.

In Ramganj market, export demand was noticed for Scotter variety. However, higher crop arrivals amid sluggish demand weigh on the prices. Coriander peak arrivals already started which may further pressurize the prices.

Coriander export decreased by 11,295 tonnes, which was 22,600 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012, compared to previous year same period when export were reported at 33,895 tonnes. Current year exports till January were down by 33%. Target for 2011-12 is 35,000 tonnes with value of Rs.14, 500 lakh.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Month	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		
			26.03.12	29-02-12	
Coriander Seed	Ramganj	Badami	-3.34	2900	3000
		Eagle	Unch	3100	3100
		Scooter	-2.94	3400	3500
	Kota	Badami	-16.67	3000	3500
		Eagle	-19.35	3100	3700
	Baran	Badami	-11.94	2950	3350
		Eagle	-13.11	3050	3450

Coriander Price Outlook Weekly Chart (Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern depicts sideways movement in the market. Prices closed below 9 and 18 days EMAs indicating the bearish sentiment in the market. Prices may take immediate support level at 3850, breaching this level price can touch 3800 level on the down side. RSI is moving down in oversold region, indicating that prices may correct in near term.

Expected price range: 3850-4210.

RED CHILLI

Spot Market Recap

- In Guntur, lower arrivals were reported during the month against last month.
- Expectations of higher arrivals amid lower demand put pressure on prices.
- Lower export demand was noticed in the red chilli market during the period from April 2011 – January 2012
- Anticipation of higher production due to higher acreage put pressure on prices.

Fundamental Analysis

Monthly Red Chilli Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the March 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the February 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the March 2011 in bags
Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)	-14.43	10,20,000	11,92,000	11,00,000

1 Bag=45 Kgs

In Guntur, red chilli arrivals were reported lower by 172,000 bags to 10, 20,000 bags against 11, 92,000 bags (1 bag=45Kg) during last month due to extended holidays.

Expectation of higher production due to higher acreage put pressure on prices. As per trade sources, in M.P., production could increase by 30 lakh bags to 75 lakh bags against 45 lakh bags last year due to higher acreage. However, in A.P., traders are expecting lower yield against last year due to rainfall damage but production would not be effective much higher due to higher acreage. In Karnataka, production could be around 10-15 lakh bags.

As per trade sources, export demand has increased from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia and China which led the red chilli prices. Pakistan is demanding more quantity of red chilli in the month of March due to which prices are getting support despite higher arrivals. Prices may move in a range due to higher arrivals amid higher demand.

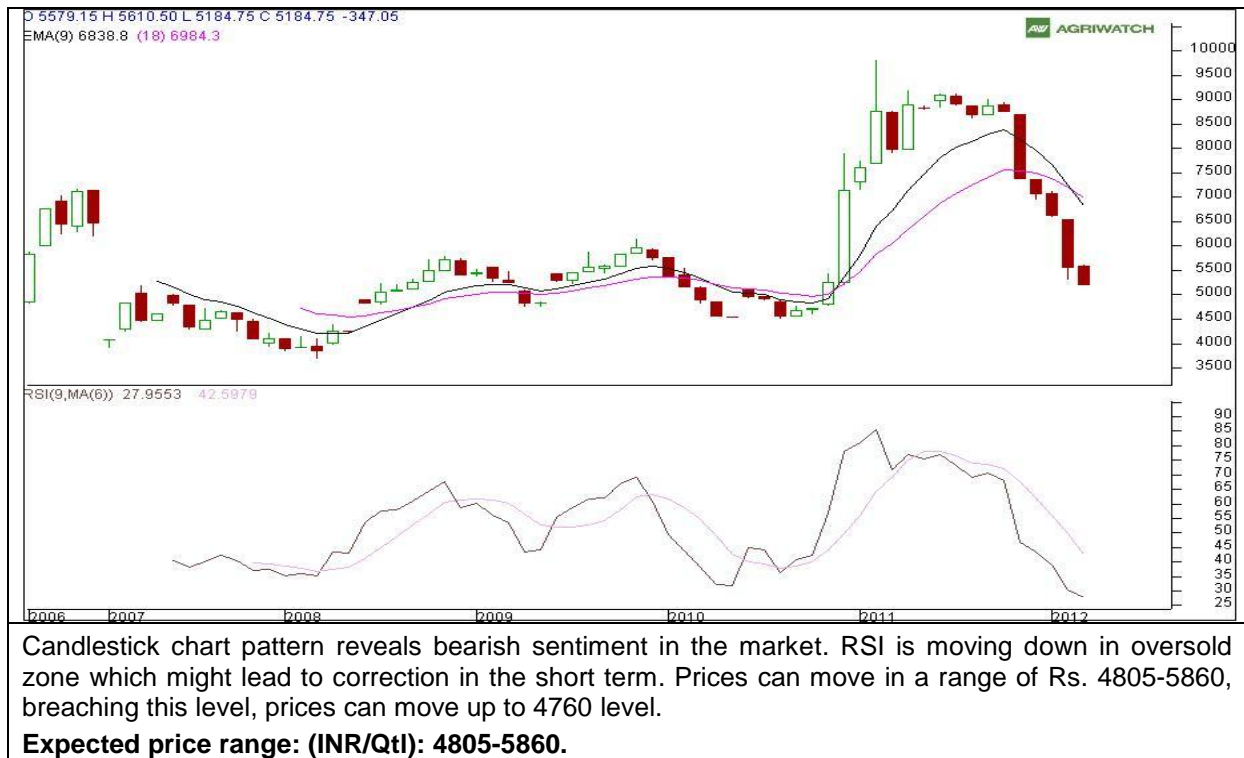
The major varieties of chilli being exported are Sannam, Teja, Byadagi, Mundu, Kashmiri chilli etc. To avoid export rejection, Spices Board has been implementing pre-shipment mandatory sampling and testing of chilli and chilli products for Sudan dye I, II, III, IV, Aflatoxin and other toxic elements from October, 2003.

The Chilli and Chilli products for export to other destinations including EU, USA, South Africa and Japan are also now within the mandatory pre-shipment quality check. As such only consignments of chilli/chilli products which are cleared by Spices Board are allowed to be exported to various international markets. As a consequential effect of the preventive action, 2253 consignments have been detained by the Spices Board from export during last three years, after testing a total of 77409 consignment samples for chilli and chilli products.

Red Chilli export decreased by 35,500 tonnes, which was 169,500 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012, compared to previous year same period when export were reported at 205,000 tonnes. Current year exports till January were down by 17%. Target for 2011-12 is 225,000 tonnes with value of Rs.143, 500 lakh.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Month	Prices (Rs/Qtl)	
			26.03.12	29-02-12
Red Chilli	LCA 334	-2.00	4700-4900	4500-5000
	Teja	-6.55	5500-5700	5700-6100
	No.5	-1.81	5000-5400	5000-5500
	Fatki	Unch	2000-2500	2000-2500
	Sanam 334	--	--	-
	Byadgi	+3.44	5400-6000	5200-5800

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

CUMIN SEED (JEERA)
Spot Market Recap:

- In Unjha, Cumin arrivals were reported higher during the month period.
- Cumin' seed higher arrivals will continue till April. The arrivals pressure in the domestic market may put pressure on prices in the coming days.
- Lower demand was reported from market participants, they were not giving any higher prices to the producers in the spot market.
- Expectation of higher production may put pressure on jeera prices.
- Exporters are active in the domestic market at this lower price level. As per trade sources, new fresh export orders from Bangladesh and Middle East countries reported.

Fundamental analysis
Monthly Jeera Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the March 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the February 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the March 2011 in bags
Unjha (Gujarat)	+339.26	5,93,000	1,35,000	4,27,000

Unjha 1 bag = 65kgs

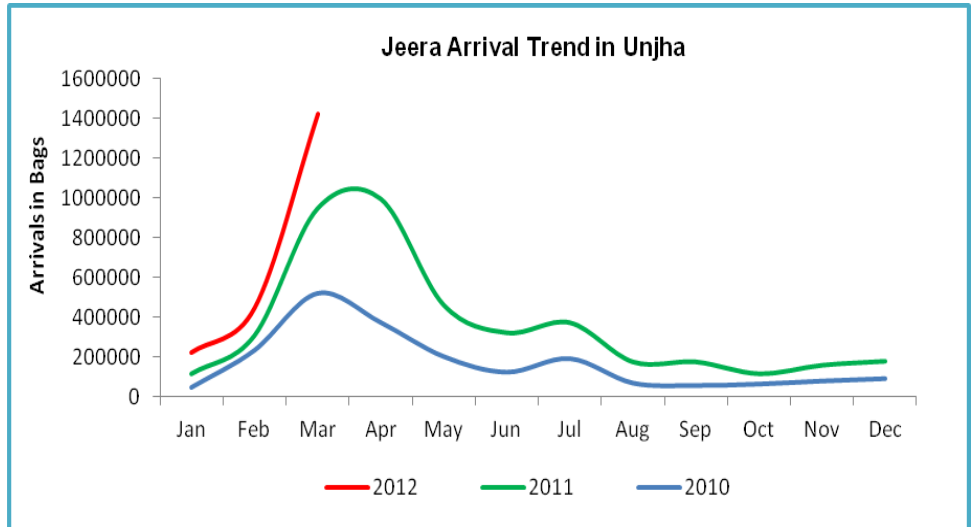
In Unjha, Cumin arrivals were reported higher by 458,000 bags to 593,000 bags against last month and 135,000 bags against last year during the same period as new crop arrivals have started due to favourable weather conditions. Jeera Unjha arrivals in 2012 till mid March were up as compared to the 2010 and 2011 year's arrivals. Market participants are expecting that, Jeera production may increase during the current year.

Jeera stock in Unjha is reported at 5 - 6 lakh bags (1 bag = 65 Kg) which was lower as compared to the previous year stocks. Sources revealed that, 12 - 14 lakh bags stocks were reported in the previous year. Similarly total stocks in India is reported to stay in the range of 8 - 9 lakh bags (1 bag = 65 Kgs).

Cumin Seed export increased by 12050 tonnes, which was 34,500 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012, compared to 22,450 tonnes in April 2010 – January 2011. The value also has come up to Rs 49,477.05 lakh this year which was Rs 27,068.04 lakh last year and the target for 2011-12 is 35,000 tonnes with value Rs.40, 000/- lakh.

The following tables shows Jeera Unjha arrivals in 2010, 2011 and 2012 arrivals trends-

It is evident from the above chart that, Jeera Unjha arrivals in 2012 till mid March were up as compared to the 2010 and 2011 years arrivals. Market participants are expecting that, Jeera production may increase during the current year. In 2010 - 2011 from January to March arrivals were seen following its seasonal trend. It then slowly declined from April onwards.



Source – Agriwatch.

Jeera International Prices

In the international market, Turkey’s cumin seed offered at USD 3,300 per ton (fob), while, Indian cumin seed quoted at USD 2,400-2,450 per ton (cnf) Singapore.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			26.03.12	29.02.12	
Cumin Seed	Unjha	Loose	11425-11925	13500-13800	-13.58
		Machine Cut	12725-12925	14100-14500	-10.86
		NCDEX Quality	13025	13800-14000	-6.96
	Jodhpur	Loose	11100-11500	13000-13500	-14.81

Price Outlook Technical Analysis (Monthly Chart Spot market) Jeera: Unjha Mandi



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bearish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral zone and indicates the bearishness in the market in the near term. 11400 seems a strong support level in near term and breaching this level, would take prices to 11240 levels.

Expected monthly Jeera price range: 11400-13500.

BLACK PEPPER

Spot Market Recap

- In Kochi, Pepper arrivals were reported higher during the month period.
- In India, new crop arrivals have started which is lower against last year. Vietnam crop will start in the end of March.
- Expectation of lower production from the growing regions also supports the prices at higher level.
- Higher demand amid lower supply keeps prices at upper level.

Fundamental Analysis

Monthly Black Pepper Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the March 2012 in tonnes	Arrivals during the February 2012 in tonnes	Arrivals during March 2011 in tonnes
Kochi (Kerala)	+146.25	378	153.50	656

In Kochi, Pepper arrivals were reported higher by 224.5 tonnes in comparison to last month. In India (Karnataka and Kochi), new crop arrivals already started and Vietnam crop will start in the end of March. Traders are expecting that prices may go up as lower production is expected this year amid higher demand. Production may fall below 48,000 tonnes though the final estimates are yet to come.

Black Pepper export increased by 7,350 tonnes, which was 22,300 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012, compared to same period when exports were reported at 14,950 tonnes. Current year exports till January were up by 49%. The value also has come up to Rs 72,078.25 this year which was Rs 29,656.35 last year and target for 2011-12 is 20,000 tonnes with value Rs.45,000/-.

Export quantity decreased during 2011 by 6%, compared to the previous year, value of export increased by 50%, recording the highest for this decade. Based on the latest information received by IPC, total export of pepper from producing countries other than pepper oil and oleoresin was around 252,900 mt valued at around USD 1.52 billion, as against 269,200 mt worth USD 1,016 million in 2010. Vietnam received the major portion of nearly 50% from total earnings in 2011 followed by Brazil, Indonesia and India.

Global Pepper scenario:

Pepper price development was down during the week. Local price of pepper decreased with the exception of Sarawak, while fob prices were relatively stable. In India the market was more active, but prices decreased at beginning of the week. The prices then increased from INR 37,500 per 100 kg to INR 48,900 at the week's close. On an average pepper price in India decreased by 2% locally and 1% fob.

In Sarawak, black pepper price increased to Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 17.5 per kg from MYR 16.7 at the last week's close. In Belem, Brazil black pepper price stood at Brazil real (BRL) 12 per kg and fob was at USD 7,400 per mt. It is reported that in February 2012, Brazil exported 1,679 mt of pepper valued at USD 11.8 million. The export was significantly lower when compared to the export in February 2011 and a continuous decrease from exports in the previous months. This reflected that current stock in Brazil is very thin.

Canada imported 5,553 mt of pepper during 2011, comprising of 2,824 mt of whole and 2,515 mt of ground pepper. During the last decade, annual import of pepper by Canada was relatively stable. Slight increases took place during the first half of this decade and decreased in the second half of this decade. Share of whole pepper imported into Canada decreased, while share of ground pepper increased. India was the main source of whole pepper for Canada, followed by Vietnam and Indonesia; while for ground pepper was mainly imported from the United States.

Pepper International Prices:

In the international market, Indian black pepper MG -1 is quoted at USD 8,550 per ton C&F Europe and USD 8,850 per ton US. Vietnam GL 500 offered at USD 6,300 per ton and 500 GL at USD 6,600-6,650 per ton FOB. Double washed from Vietnam quoted at USD 9,200 per ton FOB.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			26.03.12	29.02.12	
Black Pepper	Kochi	Ungarbled	39000	37200	+4.83
		Garbled	40500	38700	+4.65
	New Delhi	Unpolished	42000	41500	+1.20
		Number 11.5	-	-	--

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


Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. Price closed significantly above 9 and 18 day EMAs suggesting a bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in overbought region which might take correction in short term.

Expected monthly black pepper spot price range: 35900 to 41900.

CARDAMOM

Spot Market Recap

- Lower arrivals were reported in the domestic market during the month under review.
- Cardamom production is expected to increase by 25% compared to the last year due to favourable weather conditions.
- Export demand was reported higher and domestic demand may increase in the coming days from stockists and buyers.

**Fundamental Analysis:
Monthly Cardamom Arrival Scenario**

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the March 2012 in Kgs	Arrivals during the February 2012 in Kgs	Arrivals during the March 2011 in Kgs
Vandanmettu, Thekkady, Kochi, Nedumkandam, Kumily, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur (Kerala)	-25.98	16,09517	21,74,444	8,49,668

In Kochi, Cardamom arrivals were reported lower by 5, 64,927 Kgs to 16,09517 Kgs during March month in comparison to last month.

Cardamom fifth round picking activity will start from April first. As per Cardamom growers, due to dry weather or shortage of rainfall by 20-25%, cardamom plants were damaged and 4-5 months period needs to revive it. New crop arrivals may start from July onwards though it still depends on favourable weather conditions in the interim.

Total arrivals during the current season from Aug 1, 2011 up to March 18, 2012 was at 14,727 tonnes and the sales at 14,299 tonnes as against 7,938 tonnes of arrivals and 7,739 tonnes sales in the same period last year.

Small Cardamom export increased by 3,105 tonnes, which was 3,900 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012, compared to previous year same period when export were reported at 795 tonnes. Current year exports till January were up by 391%. The value also has come up to Rs 30,832.28 lakh this year which was Rs 9,156.08 lakh last year and target for 2011-12 is 1,500 tonnes with value Rs.12, 000/- lakh.

On the other hand, large Cardamom export increased by 65 tonnes, which was 710 tonnes during the period from April 2011 – January 2012, compared to previous year same period when export were reported at 645 tonnes. Current year exports till January were up by 10%. The value also has come up to Rs 5,272.50 lakh this year which was Rs 3,469.23 lakh last year and target for 2011-12 is 1,000 tonnes with value Rs.5, 000/- lakh.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Small (Price Rs/Kg)		% Change
			26.03.12	29.02.12	
Cardamom (Small)	Vandanmettu, Thekkady, Kochi, Kumily, Nedumkandam, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur				
		Max Auction Price	1150.00	1080.50	+6.38
		Average Auction Price	844.00	744.35	+13.38

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



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in neutral zone and indicates the bullishness in the market. Cardamom prices may trade in a range of Rs. 920-1260. Breaching the prices could fall up to 840 levels at lower side and at upper side, could move up to 1051 level.

Expected monthly cardamom price range: 920 and 1260.

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