

## **TURMERIC**

### **Spot Market Recap**

- In major turmeric markets, lower arrivals were reported during the week as compared to the last week.
- Turmeric production may increase around 25% in comparison to last year due to increase in area with favourable weather conditions.
- Higher export demand was noticed in the domestic spot market as compared to same period last year.
- Higher carry forward stock was reported in the turmeric market which restricted the prices to gain.

### **Fundamental analysis**

#### **Turmeric Arrival Scenario:**

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last week (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last year (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011) in bags
Nizamabad (Andhra Pradesh)	<b>-28.12</b>	23,000	32,000	12,000
Erode (Tamil Nadu)	<b>-45.71</b>	38,000	70,000	34,000

1 bag = 75kgs

In major turmeric markets, lower arrivals were reported during the week in comparison to last week as markets were closed for Amavasya and Shivratri festivals. However, arrivals are higher as against last year during the same period due to good production and harvest pace.

Turmeric growers and stockists are releasing their stocks in the spot market. Higher carry forward stock was reported at around 8-9 lakh bags against 3-4 lakh bags last year due to increase in production year on year basis which restricted the prices.

In Nizam, Turmeric new crop arrivals have started and around 10,000 bags are arriving on a daily basis. As per trade sources, peak arrivals will start in the mid March. In K Samudram and Warangal region turmeric arrivals will start by the end of March.

Turmeric export increased by 24,600 tonnes to 62,000 tonnes during the period from April – December 2011 against 37,400 tonnes in April- December 2010. Current year exports till December were up by 66%. The value has also increased to Rs 60,376.80 lakh against Rs 52,804.30 lakh last year. Target for 2011-12 is 50,000 tonnes with the value of Rs.50, 000/- lakh. (Source: Spices Board India)

### **Spot Prices Weekly Change**

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Prices (Rs/Qtl)			
			Current (23-02-2012)	Week Ago (16-02-2012)	Month Ago (23-01-2012)	Year Ago (23-02-2011)
Turmeric	Nizamabad-Nizam Cold	<b>-4.00</b>	4800	5000	5100	11700
	Erode-Finger	<b>-6.45</b>	4100-4600	4400-4900	4400-4700	12200-13200

### **Turmeric Weekly Price Outlook (Nizamabad Spot market)**



Candlestick chart pattern depicts downward trend in the market. 4300 seems like a strong support level and if prices breach this level, they may go down to 4053 level. Positioning of RSI is moving down in oversold region. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bearish sentiment in the market.

**Expected Price Range of TMC Nizamabad spot market: 4300 - 4700.**

### CUMIN SEED (JEERA)

#### Spot Market Recap:

- In Unjha cumin market, lower arrivals were reported during the week against last week due to Shivratri festival.
- New crop arrivals have started earlier in comparison to last year due to favourable weather conditions which has restricted the price gain.
- Cumin' peak arrivals expected in the month of April.

#### Fundamental analysis

##### Jeera Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last week (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last year (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011) in bags
Unjha (Gujarat)	<b>-26.23</b>	22,500	30,500	8,500

Unjha 1 bag = 55kgs

In Unjha, Cumin arrivals were reported lower by 8,000 bags as against last week due to Shivratri festival but higher compared to last year during the same period as Stockists are trying to release their stocks at higher prices level in the domestic market.

In Unjha, Jeera stock is reported at around 3 - 4 lakh bags (1 bag = 65 Kg) against 5 lakh bags last year during same period. In all of India, Jeera stock is reported at around 4-5 lakh bags against 6-7 lakh bags last year during the same period. New crop arrivals have started which is reported earlier as comparison to last year due to favourable weather conditions.

Cumin Seed export increased by 9,750 tonnes to 31,500 tonnes during the period from April – December 2011 against 21,750 tonnes in April- December 2010. Current year exports till December were up by 45%. The value has also increased to Rs45,037.05 lakh against Rs 26,211.24 lakh last year and the target for 2011-12 is 35,000 tonnes with the value Rs.40, 000/- lakh. (Source: Spices Board India)

In the worldwide market, Syrian and Turkey's cumin seed is quoted at USD 3,500 per ton (fob), while, Indian cumin seed quoted at USD 2,900 per ton (cnf) Singapore.

**Spot Prices Weekly Change**

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Prices (Rs/Qtl)			
			Current (23-02-2012)	Week Ago(16-02-2012)	Month Ago (23-01-2012)	Year Ago (23-02-2011)
Cumin Seed	Unjha-Loose	-4.81	12700-13000	13350-13650	15000-15500	14025
	Jodhpur - Loose	-1.79	13500-14000	14000	15000	-

**Jeera weekly Price Outlook (Unjha Spot market)**


Candlestick chart pattern depicts bearish trend in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral region indicating prices may go down in short term. Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bearish sentiment in the market. Prices may move in the range of Rs. 14420-14682. Breaching these level prices may go down to touch 14214 levels.

**Expected Price Range of Jeera at Unjha (INR/Qtl): 14420-14682.**

## BLACK PEPPER

**Spot Market Recap**

- In Kochi, higher arrivals were reported during the week against last week.
- Higher demand amid lower stock keeps the prices at higher level.
- Anticipation of lower production supports the prices at higher level.
- Lower new crop arrivals against last year lead the prices in the pepper market.

**Fundamental Analysis**
**Black Pepper Arrival Scenario**

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012) in tonnes	Arrivals during the last week (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) in tonnes	Arrivals during the last year (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011) in tonnes
Kochi (Kerala)	+76.31	33.5	19	71

In Kochi, arrivals are increasing but still trail last year's. In Kochi region, new crop arrivals have already started but arrivals are lower as comparison to last year. In Karnataka, new crop arrivals will start in the mid of March and Vietnam crop will start in the end of March. Traders are expecting that production will be lower around 25 to 35% against last year and that may lead the prices. We are expecting that prices may go up further amid higher demand and lower production. Stockists have already offloaded their old stock which also supports the prices to move up in the market.

**Black Pepper International scenario:**

Black pepper export increased by 6,150 tonnes to 19,500 tonnes during the period from April-December 2011 against 13,350 tonnes in April-December 2010. Current year exports till December were up by 46%.

The value has increased to Rs 61,130.25 lakh this year against Rs 25,811.55 lakh last year. Export target for 2011-12 is 20,000 tonnes with the value of Rs.45,000/- lakh. (Source: Spices Board India)

In the global market, Indian black pepper MG 1 is quoted at USD 7,100 per ton CNF Europe and USD 7,400 per ton C&F US. Vietnam's GL 500 at USD 6,250 per ton, 550 GL FAQ quoted at USD 6,550 per ton FOB. Austa variety from Indonesia quoted at USD 6,950 per ton CFR New York. B-1 from Brazil 560 quoted at USD 6,600 per ton FOB.

### Spot Prices Weekly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Prices (Rs/Qtl)			
			Current (23-02-2012)	Week Ago (16-21-2012)	Month Ago (23-01-2012)	Year Ago (23-02-2011)
Black Pepper	Kochi-Ungarbled	+5.84	32600	30800	30600	22100
	Kochi-Garbled	+5.57	34100	32300	32100	22900
	New Delhi-Unpolished	+4.23	37000	35500	35000	23850
	New Delhi-Number 11.5	-	-	-	-	27000

### Black Pepper weekly Price Outlook (Kochi Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern depicts bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in neutral zone. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bullish sentiment in the market, Prices may move in the range of Rs. 34650-35388. Breaching this level price may go up to 36481 levels.

Expected weekly black pepper price range: 34650-35388.

## CARDAMOM

### Spot Market Recap

- Lower arrivals were reported in the domestic market during the week under review.
- Cardamom production is expected to increase this year against last year due to favourable weather conditions.
- Higher demand amid lower stock leads the prices to increase.

### Fundamental Analysis:

#### Cardamom Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012) in Kgs	Arrivals during the last week (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) in Kgs	Arrivals during the last year (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011) in Kgs
Vandanmettu, Thekkady, Kochi, Nedumkandam, Kumily,	-13.95	451694	524946	159215



Santhanpara&Bodinayakanur (Kerala)				
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Cardamom arrivals were reported lower by 73252Kgst to 451694 Kgs against last week. Cardamom arrivals may increase in the coming weeks due to increasing picking activity in growing areas. Cardamom fourth round of harvesting is almost complete and fifth round picking activity will be over around mid April. Cardamom peak arrivals will start in the mid of May. Based on farmers' information, we expect cardamom production of around 18,000-19000 tonnes against 15,000-16000 tonnes last year due to favourable weather conditions.

As per trade sources, if rainfall occurs in the 10 days, prices may go down in the near term, on the expectation of higher production chances but due to higher demand amid lower stock, losses will be limited. Exporters are expecting further increase in demand due to higher quality of Indian crop against Guatemala crop which can lead the prices.

#### Export Scenario:

Small Cardamom export increased by 2,745 tonnes to 3,450 tonnes during the period from April - December 2011 against 705 tonnes in April- December 2010. Current year exports till December were up by 389%. The value has increased to Rs 27,817.28 lakh this year which was Rs 8,044.58 lakh last year and the target for 2011-12 is 1,500 tonnes with value of Rs.12, 000/- lakh.

Large Cardamom export increased by 35 tonnes to 600 tonnes during the period from April – December 2011 compared to 565 tonnes in April- December 2010. Current year exports till December were up by 6%. The value has increased to Rs 4,574.00 lakh this year which was Rs 2,849.23 lakh last year and the target for 2011-12 is 1,000 tonnes with value of Rs. 5, 000/- lakh. (Source: Spices Board India)

#### Spot Prices Weekly Change

Centre	Commodity & Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Average Auction Prices (Rs/Qtl)			
			Current (23-02-2012)	Week Ago (16-02-2012)	Month Ago (23-01-2012)	Year Ago (23-02-2011)
Vandanmettu, Thekkady, Kochi, Nedumkandam, Kumily, Santhanpara&Bodinayakanur (Kerala)	Small Cardamom	+1.74	671.79	660.27	484.25	998.37

#### Cardamom Weekly Price Outlook (Future Continuous market)



Candlesticks chart pattern depicts bullish sentiment in the market. Positioning of RSI is moving up in overbought zone indicating that prices may correct in short term. Prices closed above 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bullish sentiment in the market. Prices may move in the range of Rs. 908-982 level. Breaching these level prices may go up to 1069 level at the upper side and at lower side; this may touch to 882 level.

Expected weekly cardamom price range: 908-982.

## **CORIANDER SEED**

### **Spot Market Recap**

- In Ramganj, coriander arrivals were reported higher. However, in Kota and Baran, lower arrivals were reported during the week against last week.
- In major coriander markets, new crop arrivals have started contains higher moisture level.
- Coriander prices are getting support due to increase in demand.
- Stockists are trying to release their stock in the coriander market.

### **Fundamental analysis**

#### **Coriander Arrival Scenario:**

Market	% Change during corresponding period last week	Arrivals during the week (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last week (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last month (17 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2012) in bags
Kota	<b>-35.29</b>	11,000	17,000	7,500
Ramganj	<b>+39.13</b>	32,000	23,000	10,000
Baran	<b>-9.57</b>	8,500	9,400	6,000

1 bag=40 kg

In Ramganj, coriander arrivals were reported higher. However, in Kota and Baran, lower arrivals were reported during the week against last week but higher against last year during the same period. New crop arrivals have started in major coriander markets and stockiest are trying to release their stock in the market.

In major producing regions, Coriander sowing has increased with the higher acreage against last year. However, in A.P., coriander has been sown in 0.09 lakh hectares till date which is decreasing year on year basis as farmers have shifted to chana and sunflower crop. Details of sowing are enlisted in the following table:

Area in Lakh hectares	Normal		During Corresponding Period		Current Year as on 22/02/12	% Sown to	
Crop	Season	As on date	As on 22/02/10	As on 22/02/11		Season	As on date
Coriander	0.27	0.27	0.34	0.17	0.09	32	32

In major Coriander markets, new crop arrivals have started which contains higher moisture level at this time. New crop arrivals will increase gradually but the peak arrivals will be around mid march.

In Ramganj mandi, Coriander stock is around 1-1.25 lakh bags against 3-4 lakh bags last year. In Kota, stock is around 1-1.25 lakh bag against 2-3 lakh bags last year and in Baran, stock is around 25-30 thousand bags against 2-2.5 lakh bags last year.

Demand for old crop was reported well from South India and Gujarat regions' buyers. As per trade sources, Export demand will arise at lower rate and for better quality. As per Spices Board India, Coriander export decreased by 11,695 tonnes to 20,200 tonnes during the period from April – December 2011, compared to same period last year when exports were reported at 31,895 tonnes. Current year exports till December were down by 37%, value has also decreased by Rs 321.08 lakh to Rs.11,901.65 lakh this year which was Rs 12,222.73 lakh last year. Target for 2011-12 is 35,000 tonnes with the value Rs.14,500 lakh.

**Spot Prices Weekly Change**

Commodity	Centre & Variety		% Change Over Previous Week	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		
				Current (23-02-2012)	Week Ago (16-02-2012)	Month Ago (24-01-2012)
Coriander Seed	Ramganj	Badami	+3.63	2800-2900	2700-2800	3350-3450
		Eagle	+3.45	3000	2800-3000	3450-3650
		Scotter	-8.33	3300	3600	4100
	Kota	Badami	Unch	3200	3200	3600
		Eagle	Unch	3400	3400	3650
	Baran	Badami	+3.33	3100	2950-3050	3400-3500
		Eagle	+3.26	3200	3050-3150	3500-3600

**Coriander weekly Price Outlook (Kota Spot market)**


Candlesticks chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. However, Prices closed below 9 days and 18 EMAs suggest bearish sentiment in the market and positioning of RSI indicates that prices may move in the upward direction. Prices may move in the range of 3846-4094. Breaching these level prices may move up to 4260 level and at lower side, these may go down to 3750 level.

**Expected Price Range of Coriander Kota spot market: 3846-4094.**

**RED CHILLI**
**Spot Market Recap**

- In Guntur, red chilli arrivals were reported lower during the week against last week.
- Higher demand supports the red chilli prices.
- In M.P., Red chilli peak arrivals will be during the month end.
- In Andhra, peak arrivals have started and it will continue till March end.

**Fundamental Analysis**
**Red Chilli Arrival Scenario:**

Market	% Change Over Previous Week	Arrivals during the week (17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last week (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) in bags	Arrivals during the last month (17 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2012) in bags

Guntur(Andhra Pradesh)	<b>-8.33</b>	2,75,000	3,00,000	1,53,000
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1Bag=45 Kgs

In Guntur, red chilli arrivals were reported down by 25,000 bags to 2,75,000bags against last week and higher by 1,22,000 bags against last month during the same period . Peak arrivals have started and it will continue till March end and in M.P., Red chilli arrivals will end by the month end.

Chilli export decreased by 37,000 tonnes to 1,53,500 tonnes during the period from April – December 2011, compared to same period last year when exports were reported at 1,90,500 tonnes. Current year exports till December were down by 19.42% but now demand is increasing day by day and the value has increased by Rs 29,997.12 lakh to Rs.1,46,008 lakh this year which was Rs 1,16,010.88 lakh last year, due to increase in export price. Target for 2011-12 is 2,25,000 tonnes with the value of Rs.1,43,500 lakh. (Source: Spices Board India)

### Spot Prices Weekly Change

Commodity	Centre& Variety	% Change Over Previous Week	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		
			Current (23-02-2012)	Week Ago (16-02-2012)	Month Ago (23-01-2012)
Red Chilli	LCA 334	<b>-2.15</b>	4300-4800	4500-4800	6000-6800
	Teja	<b>+5.71</b>	5400-5700	5000-5500	6500-7000
	No.5	<b>+6.38</b>	4800-5200	4500-4900	6500-7000
	No.273	<b>+2.12</b>	4600-5000	4500-4900	5800-6200
	Fatki	<b>-15.09</b>	2000-2500	2000-3300	2700-3200

As peak arrivals have started from Andhra, prices are getting support at lower level. Demand for Teja and No.5 was reported higher in comparison to other red chilli varieties. Exporters are expecting increase in demand in the mid of March which may support the prices to move up in the market.

### Red Chilly weekly Price Outlook (Guntur Spot market)



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals that prices are moving in a trading channel. However, Prices closed below 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicating a bearish trend in the market. RSI is moving in oversold region. Prices may move in a range of Rs. 5367-6000. Breaching these levels prices may move up to 6439 level at higher side and at lower side, prices may go down to 4760 level.

**Expected Price Range of Red Chilly in Guntur spot market (INR/Qtl): 5367-6000.**

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