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Domestic Fundamentals:

- Guar seed and guar gum prices continued steady to firm tone on Tuesday except slight weakness in Deesa and Bhiwani markets.
- Anticipation of crop damage in certain growing regions is supporting the market.
- According to trade sources, some export demand around current levels added to the positive tone of the market.
- According to IMD, rains are expected at certain places in Gujarat and weather will be mostly dry in other growing regions.
- According to trade sources, guar seed in Barmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner and Churu districts is likely to be affected. Exact crop damage will be clear by next month.
- According to State Agricultural sources, acreage under guar seed is higher this season compared to previous season.
- Assuming yield around last year's levels, production of guar seed is expected to be around 28 -30 lakh metric tonnes.
- Onset of south –west monsoon was delayed in the growing regions and crop is expected in the market by mid –October and November.
- Xanthan gum, an alternative to guar gum is likely to find application in food processing industry.
- According to the first advance estimates of Haryana agricultural department, guar production in the current season is estimated at 3.75 lakh metric tonnes compared to 2.0 lakh metric tonnes in the previous season.
- According to State Agricultural sources, acreage under guar seed in Gujarat till 17th September 2012 is reported at 233700 hectares compared to 126900 hectares during the same period last year.

Outlook: Prices are likely to continue recovery in the near -term.

Futures Market:

Guar seed March 2012 Contract and Guar gum March 2012 Contract:

FMC has stopped trading in all guar seed and guar gum futures contracts effective March 28, 2012. Trading will start on further notification by FMC.

Guar seed

Guar gum

| NCDEX | Demat | In-Proce ss | Total | NCDEX | Demat | In-Process | Total |
|---------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Stocks | 24.9.2012 | 24.9.2012 | 24.9.2012 | Stocks | 24.9.2012 | 24.9.2012 | 24.9.2012 |
| Bikaner | - | - | - | Bikaner | - | - | - |
| Deesa | - | - | - | Jodhpur | - | - | - |
| Jodhpur | - | - | - | Nokha | - | - | - |
| Nokha | - | - | - | Unit in MT | | | |

Unit in MT

NCDEX FED Stocks Position as of September 24, 2012 (Qty in MT)

NCDEX FED Stocks Position as of September 24, 2012 (in MT)Guar (

| | FED | Quantity | | FED | Quantity | | FED | Quantity | | FED | Quanti |
|---------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| Bikaner | 5-Oct-12 | - | Jodhpur | Jodbour 5-Oct-12 - | - | — Bikaner | 5-Oct-12 | - | Jodhpur | 5-Oct-12 | - |
| Diranei | 5-Nov-12 | - | oounpui | 5-Dec-12 | - | | 5-Nov-12 | - | | 5-Nov-12 | - |
| Deesa | 5-Oct-12 | t-12 - Nokha | Nokha | 5-Oct-12 | - | Deesa | 5-Jan-13 | - | Nokha | 5-Jan-13 | - |
| Docou | 5-Dec-12 | - | Tonata | 5-Dec-12 | - | | 5-Feb-13 | - | | 5-Feb-13 | - |



Guar Prices at Key Spot Markets

| Commodity | Centre | Prices (Rs/Qtl) | | Change |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | | 25-9-2012 | 24-9-2012 | |
| | Jodhpur (Delivery)` | 7800 | 7500 | +300 |
| | Jodhpur (Loose) | 7100 | 7200 | -100 |
| | Bikaner (Loose) | 7200 | 6800 | +400 |
| | Bikaner (Delivery) | 7600 | 7400 | +200 |
| | Nokha (Loose) | 6800 | 6800 | Unch |
| | Hanumangarh (Loose) | NA | NA | - |
| Guar Seeds | Sri-Ganganagar (Delivery) | 7500 | 7000 | +500 |
| | Adampur (Loose) | 7500 | 7200 | +300 |
| | Sirsa (Loose) | 8000 | 7200 | +800 |
| | Bhiwani (Delivery) | 7200 | 7500 | -300 |
| | Deesa (Loose) | 6582 | 6600 | -18 |
| | Nagaur (Loose) | NA | NA | - |
| | Dhabwali (Loose) | NA | NA | - |
| | Jodhpur | 23000 | 22000 | +1000 |
| Guar Gum | Bhiwani | 19000 | 19500 | +500 |
| | Dhabwali | NA | NA | - |

Guar Seed Arrivals in Key Centers

| Centre | Arrivals (| Change | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|------|
| | 25-9-2012 | 24-9-2012 | |
| Jodhpur | 800 | 400 | +400 |
| Bikaner | 50 | 40 | +10 |
| Nokha | NA | NA | - |
| Hanumangarh | NA | NA | - |
| Sri-Ganganagar | NA | NA | - |
| Adampur | 200 | 150 | +50 |
| Sirsa | NA | NA | - |
| Bhiwani | NA | NA | - |
| Deesa | 45 | 45 | Unch |
| Nagaur | NA | NA | - |
| Dhabwali | NA | NA | - |
| All India | 1095 | 635 | +460 |

Guar by - Products Prices: As of September 25, 2012 Churi and Korma Prices:

| Commodity | Center | Rs/75kg | |
|-----------|---------|---------|--|
| Churi | Jodhpur | 1000 | |
| Korma | Jodhpur | 1950 | |
| | | | |



Guar Export Prices: As of September 25, 2012

| | Variety | Value (\$/MT) |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Guargum Split | | 4300 |
| Cuergum Bewder | 200 Mesh 5000 CPS | 5300 |
| Guargum Powder | 200 Mesh 3500 CPS | 5100 |
| Guargum Meal | | 350 |

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