

TURMERIC

Spot Market Recap

- Higher arrivals were reported in Turmeric Nizamabad market during the month period.
- Local market remained mixed as key growing regions are reporting shortfall in production during the period as against higher stocks.
- Stockists are the main buyers and market movers.
- The area under turmeric cultivation is lower due to scant rainfall during the current year and a shift in acreage to other crops.
- Carryover stocks are huge and estimated to be around 3 million (70 Kg) bags and will continue to cap the upside.

Fundamental analysis

Monthly Turmeric Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change during corresponding period last month	Arrivals during the January 2013 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the January 2012 in bags
Nizamabad (AP)	+80.57	31600	17500	38500
Erode (TN)	-39.73	67500	112000	87000

1 bag = 75kgs

Higher arrivals were reported in Nizamabad market during the month period. Turmeric fresh crop arrivals start from March next year.

The area under turmeric cultivation is lower this year due to scanty rainfall during the planting season and a shift in acreage to other crops, but higher carry-forward stocks are expected to keep supplies firm. Turmeric production stood at a record high of 10.62 lakh tonnes in 2011-12 compared with 9.93 lakh tonnes in 2010-2011 and 7.93 lakh tonnes in 2009-10. Total production of turmeric in India in 2012-13 is expected to be around 50-60 percent lower compared to last year.

Internal and export demand is minimal. Stockists are the main buyers. February – March is the season for new arrivals and expected prices will react to positive side due to shortage in quality arrivals. A smaller crop of Desi Cuddapah and other premier varieties where the carry forwards is low is expected to bring respite to farmers in certain regions.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			31.01.13	31.12.12	
Turmeric	Erode	Finger	5950-6350	5900-6200	+2.4
		Gattah	5750-5950	5700-5900	+0.84
	Nizamabad	Nizam	5400	5700	-5.26

Turmeric Price Outlook Monthly Chart (Futures Continuous Chart):



CORIANDER SEED

Spot Market Recap

- In major coriander markets, higher arrivals were reported during the month period.
- Prices have been consistently going up due to reports of crop damage in major producing regions.
- Coriander new crop may come to the market after 15th February till prices may support to go up in the spot market.

Fundamental analysis

Monthly Coriander Arrival Scenario:

Market (Rajasthan)	% Change during corresponding period last month	Arrivals during the January 2013 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags
Kota	+17.20	109000	93000
Ramganj	+37.93	92000	66700
Baran	+20.34	103500	86000

1 bag=40 kg

Taking Kota spot markets as the indicative market, arrivals were up by 16000 bags to 109000 bags against 93000 bags last month.

Fresh buying by speculators following pick-up in demand in the spot market against less arrivals mainly pushed up coriander prices. Internal demand from local curry manufactures as well global demand is likely to rise in coming months.

Coriander output, as a result, is estimated to decline further from the previous forecast between 55 - 60 lakh bags. Internal demand from local curry manufactures support the prices.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Month	Prices (Rs/Qtl)	
			31.01.13	31.12.12
Coriander Seed	Ramganj	Badami	4800-4900	4400
		Eagle	5000-5100	4400-4500
		Scooter	5200-5300	4700
	Kota	Badami	4800	4450
		Eagle	5000	4550
	Baran	Badami	4800	4200
		Eagle	4900	4500

Coriander Price Monthly Chart (Futures Continuous Chart):



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals bullish trend in the market. Prices closed above 9 and 18 days EMAs indicating the bullish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral region which indicates prices may go down in the near term. 6310 seems like a strong support level.

Expected price range: 6310 -7200.

RED CHILLI

Spot Market Recap

- In Guntur, Red chilli arrivals were reported lower during the month period.
- In Madhya Pradesh, Harvesting is almost over. New crop has started entering markets all over India.
- In Bellary (Karnataka), commencement of new crop reported.

Fundamental Analysis
Monthly Red Chilli Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the January 2013 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the January 2012 in bags
Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)	-49.77	550000	1095000	473000

1 Bag=45 Kgs

Red chilli arrivals were reported lower by 545000 bags to 550000 bags during the month against 1095000 bags during the last month.

New crop arrivals are progressing well. Due to high moisture content traders and local curry powder manufacturers still prefer old stocks from the cold storage in Andhra Pradesh. In Tamil Nadu, weeding and spraying of pesticides are in progress. The crop is in vegetative stage.

In Andhra Pradesh, overall crop from this region is expected to be around 30-40% lower than a normal year. In Karnataka, arrival from Bellary region is expected to increase in Feb/March. In Tamil Nadu, Delayed arrivals will probably begin by March. Most of the growing regions are reeling under acute drought conditions. Yield per hectare is expected to be 40% lower. Traders are buying from Guntur and Madhya Pradesh.

Exporters, local traders and curry powder manufacturers are buying small quantities.

Both domestic and export demand continues to be normal. Quality issues continue to plague the cold storage stocks. Bangladesh buyers are actively trading in Teja variety, prices for certain high heat varieties are on the rise.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre & Variety	% Change Over Previous Month	Prices (Rs/Qtl)	
			31.01.13	31.12.12
Red Chilli	LCA 334	+25.92	6500-6800	5100-5400
	Teja	+2.56	7700-8000	7000-7800
	No.5	+28.33	7500-7700	5500-6000
	Fatki	+15.38	2700-3000	2300-2600
	Sanam 334	+23.21	6800-6900	5500-5600
	Byadgi	+45.45	7700-8000	5000-5500

Price Outlook Red Chilly Monthly Chart (Futures Continuous Chart):

CUMIN SEED (JEERA)
Spot Market Recap:

- Lower arrivals were reported in Unjha market during the month period.
- New crop starts arriving by February end.
- Good weather condition reported in Gujarat for progressing Jeera crop and expecting better crop due to this reason prices were down in the market.
- Local buyers like Stockists and Masala millers were the major buyers in the domestic market.

Fundamental analysis
Monthly Jeera Arrival Scenario:

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the January 2013 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the January 2012 in bags
Unjha (Gujarat)	-39.36	50325	83000	101000

Unjha 1 bag = 65kgs

In Unjha, Cumin arrivals were reported down by 32675 bags to 50325 bags against 83000 bags last month.

Local buyers like stockists and Masala millers were the major buyers in the domestic market. Sowing in Turkey and Syria will be in March.

India's production for 2013 is estimated at 55000 tons against 43000 tons projected for the year 2012. Fresh demand from Bangladesh is the main reason for price rise in jeera. However, gain was limited, as new jeera arrival has started slowly.

Acreage in Gujarat is reported at 3.35 lakh hectares, which though 9 per cent down from last year is higher than the average.

While local buying continues with regularity, export enquiries are yet to pick up. Prices are likely to ease in the coming months as new crop starts arriving by February end. India hopes to gain from the loss of other competing origins, Turkey and Syria. Otherwise, good crop in the coming season will keep the pressure on.

International Jeera Prices:

In the international market, Indian cumin seed one percent quoted at USD 2,925-2,950 ton (cnf) Singapore. However, Turkey and Syria are not offering. Sowing in Turkey and Syria will be in March.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			31.01.13	31.12.12	
Cumin Seed	Unjha	Loose	12800	13825	-7.41
		Machine Cut	14125	15400	-8.27
		NCDEX Quality	13800	15025	-8.15
	Jodhpur	Loose	12500	13500	-7.40

Jeera Technical Analysis (Futures Continuous Chart)



Candlesticks chart pattern depicts range bound movement in the market. Prices closed below 9 and 18 days EMAs indicating the bearish sentiment in the market. RSI is moving up in neutral region which indicates prices may go up in the near term. 12930 seem like a strong support level.

Expected monthly Jeera price range: 12930-14310.

BLACK PEPPER

Spot Market Recap

- Higher arrivals were reported In Kochi market during the month period.
- Availability of spot pepper in the physical market is thin in the domestic market.
- Pepper output is expected to be higher current year due to a likely good yield in the top producer state Kerala and Karnataka.
- At the same time there has been an upsurge as Dec to Mar is the peak demand season in north India.

Fundamental Analysis

Monthly Black Pepper Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the January 2013 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the January 2012 in bags
Kochi (Kerala)	+46.18	493	345	223

In Kochi, Pepper arrivals were reported up by 148 tonnes in comparison to last month. Fresh pepper started trickling in though in small quantity. Unfavourable weather conditions are also impacting the market. In several areas, vines are drying up due to drought-like conditions. If this condition persists, the next crop could be poor.

Availability continued to remain thin in the domestic market. At present, there is a monthly demand of around 5,000 tonnes of pepper in the domestic market but the material is not available. According to IPC, production of pepper in 2012 would be around 324,000 mt as against 317,700 mt in 2011.

Pepper output is likely to be higher this season as good yields are expected in the top-producing states of Kerala and Karnataka. Supplies from the new season crop start arriving in January-February.

Farmers are holding back the crop, and there is an absence of skilled labour in Kerala for harvesting.

Indian pepper arrivals have started, but the prices are not coming down and it was reported that no carry over stock in the terminal markets. Pepper delivery in India for February was opened at Rs. 381.70 per kg. In the physical market there were more buyers than seller. Hence the market remained hot for pepper. In Lampung pepper has been sold out, while the next harvest will be taken place in July/August.

The white pepper prices continued to be firmer.

Export of Pepper from Vietnam

During 2012 Vietnam is estimated to have exported around 116,500 mt of pepper, valued at around USD 792 million, as against 123,400 mt worth USD 730 million exported in 2011. This was registering a decrease of 6% in quantity, but an increase of 8.5% in value. The decrease in export during the year, when higher prices prevailed reveals that production and stock of pepper during the year was limited.

Pepper International Prices:

In the international market Indian black pepper for Europe quoted at USD 8,250 per ton and February shipment offered at USD 7,400 per ton C&F and at March shipment at USD 7,300 per ton C&F New York. Vietnams 550 GL offered at USD 6,500 per ton and 500 GL at USD 6,000 per ton FOB.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Price Rs/Qtl		% Change
			31.01.13	31.12.12	
Black Pepper	Kochi	Ungarbled	39900	36500	+9.31
		Garbled	41400	38000	+8.94
	New Delhi	Unpolished	47500-48000	42500	+12.94
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Technical Analysis Monthly Chart: Black Pepper (Futures Continuous Chart)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals bullish trend in the market. Price closed above 9 and 18 day EMAs indicates bullish sentiment in the market. However, RSI is moving up in neutral region indicates bullish sentiment in the market.

Expected monthly black pepper spot price range: 36900-39700.

CARDAMOM

Spot Market Recap

- Lower arrivals were reported in the domestic market during the month under review.
- Exporters were reported inactive at higher prices level.
- Adequate stocks position following increased arrivals from producing regions put cap on prices at higher levels.
- Stockists were inactive at higher prices level as they have sufficient stock in quantity.
- Higher global production prospects may limit sharp rise in prices. Guatemala is estimated to produce around 32000 tonnes.

Fundamental Analysis: Monthly Cardamom Arrival Scenario

Market	% Change Over Previous month	Arrivals during the January 2013 in bags	Arrivals during the December 2012 in bags	Arrivals during the January 2012 in bags
Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Nedumkandam , Kumily, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur (Kerala)	-26.08	990992	1340734	2625183

In Kochi, Cardamom arrivals were reported lower by 349742 Kgs to 990992 Kgs during the current month period as comparison to last month 1340734.

Sources revealed that, India produced a bumper crop of 22,000 tonnes during 2011-12. However, current year expected at only 18,000 tonnes because of delayed rain and crop damage. Carry forward stocks expected 4000 – 5000 tonnes during the current period.

Exporters were reported inactive at higher prices level.

Spot Prices Monthly Change

Commodity	Centre	Variety/Type	Small (Price Rs/Kg)		% Change
			31.01.13	31.12.12	
Cardamom (Small)	Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Kumily, Nedumkandam, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur	Max Auction Price	1078.00	961.00	+12.17
		Average Auction Price	786.21	768.64	+2.28

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


Candlestick chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. RSI is moving down in neutral zone and indicates the bearishness in the market. 920 seem like a strong support level. Prices closed between 9 days and 18 days EMAs indicates bearish sentiment in the market.

Expected monthly cardamom price range: 920-1070.

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