

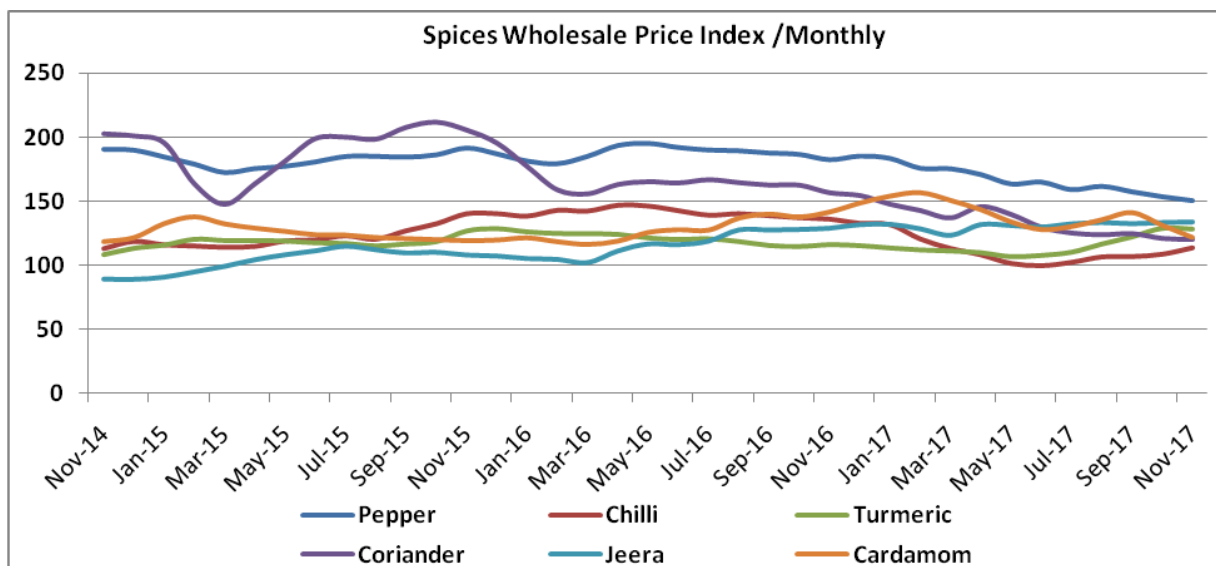
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# Spices Monthly Research Report

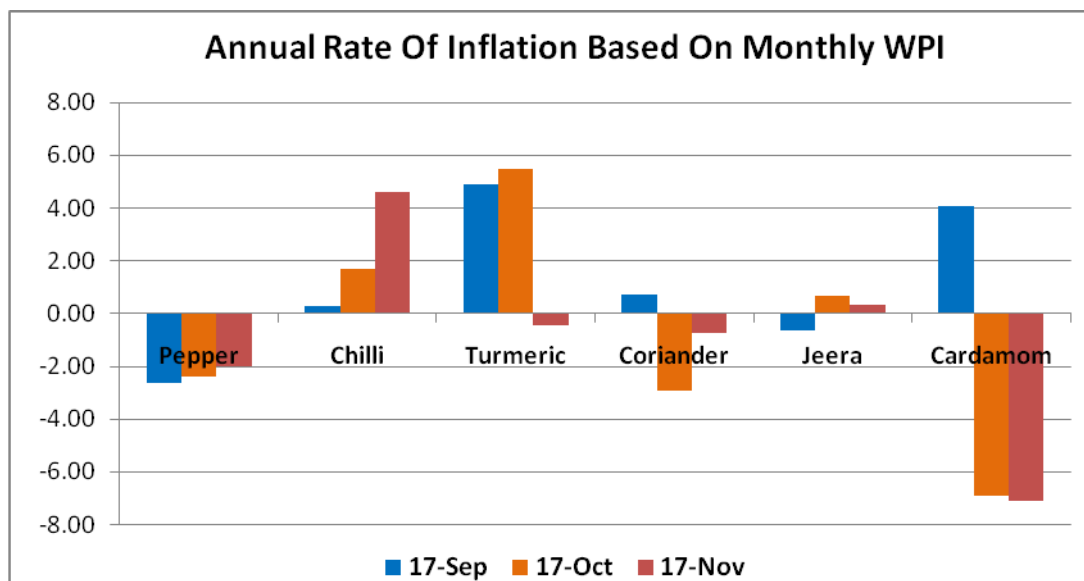
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Pepper price index in Nov 150.9 compared to 154 in Oct, Red chilli 114 in Nov up from 109 in Oct, Turmeric in Nov 128.7 compared to 129.3 in Oct, Coriander in Nov 120.5 from 121.4 in Oct, Jeera 133.5 in Nov compared to 133.1 in Oct and Cardamom in Nov 122.3 down from 131.7 in Oct.



## RED CHILLI

### Spot Market Recap

- Firm sentiment witnessed in Chilli domestic market during the period.
- Chilli buyers reported active as current year new crop supply enter to the Guntur market.
- Lower production expectations current year support Chilli prices in the spot market. Stockists were holding back their stocks on expectation of higher prices in coming days.
- Chilli export demand continued in Guntur mandi. According to sources, chilli export norms at Chennai port that were supposed to be revised 10 January onwards, are now likely to be revised after March.
- Current year in Madhya Pradesh, Chilli standing crop sustained losses due to virus infection. Current year, Chilli production in the state is likely to decline to 5 – 6 lakh bags (1 bag = 35kgs) compared to earlier estimate of 15 – 16 lakh bags.
- Chilli standing crop reported well in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, weather is reported favorable till now.
- We expect chilli prices to trade steady to firm in coming days.

### Monthly Red Chilli Arrival Scenario

Market	January-18	December-17	January-17
<b>Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)</b>	955,000	15,40,000	10,70,000
<b>Warangal (Andhra Pradesh)</b>	1,23,000	85,000	2,21,000

Units – Bags (1 bag = 45 kgs)

In Guntur spot market, supply reported down by 585,000 bags during the period. Supply in the corresponding period of last year up by 115,000 bags. Farmers and stockists were expecting higher prices for releasing their produce in the spot market.

### Red Chilli Arrivals Scenario

New chilli arrivals have started coming to the Guntur market. Till now around 29,025 MT new supplies coming to the Guntur market.

Red Chilli supply in Guntur market from 1st January to 1st February 2018 reported around 45,000 MT as compared to same period last year 50,400 MT. Chilli supply reported down during the period on account of lower production. Stockists were holding back their stocks on expectation of higher prices in coming days.

Chilli arrivals in calendar year 2017 are estimated at 600,390 MT compared to 498,150 MT during calendar year 2016 because of higher production.

In **Warangal** market, Red Chilli supply of 139,400 MT, reported from Jan 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> December, compared to same period last year 96,740 MT.

### Guntur Cold storage stocks

As per market sources, Chilli cold storage stocks in Guntur were reported higher due to higher production last year. As on 2nd February cold storage stocks were estimated around 90,000 to 99,000 MT compared to last year's 40,000 to 46,000 MT.

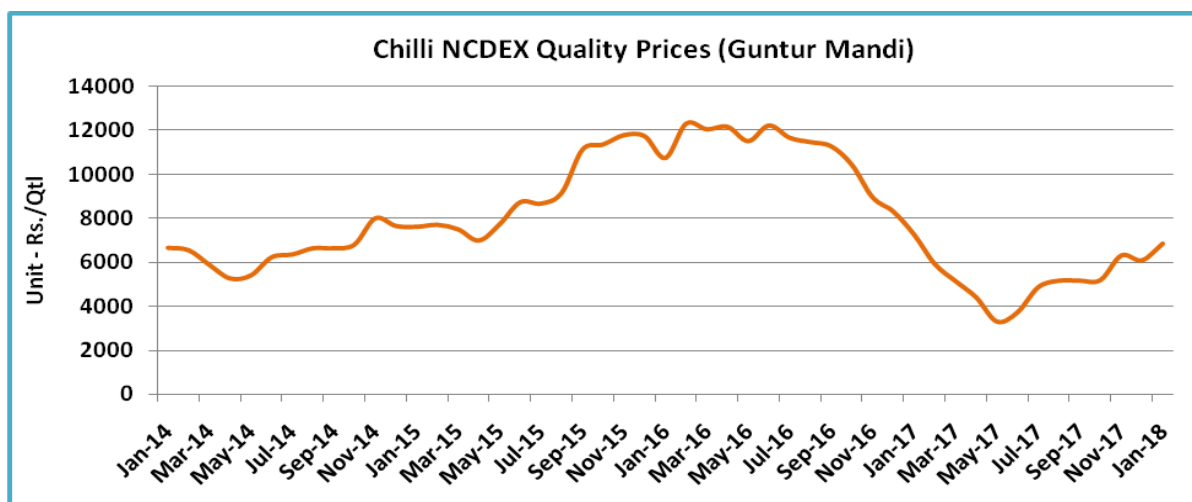
### Red Chilli Supply and Demand Analysis

Agriwatch estimate for 2017-18, production 13.76 lakh tons. Current year, we estimate ending stocks would be around 2.83 lakh tons after increasing exports and domestic consumption, which is higher than 1.87 lakh tons in last year. We expect in 2018-19 Chilli ending stocks to be lower than current year and support the prices.

### Agriwatch Red Chilli Production Estimate 2018-19

As per Agriwatch sowing intention, in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, chilli area may go down by 30 – 35% current year. Farmers were not interested in chilli crop sowing due to lower prices. As per market sources, chilli area is likely to shift to Cotton and Maize crop due to assurance of prices.

Favourable weather condition reported in major chilli growing regions and expected better yield. Last week we have revised our production estimates upward from 9.55 lakh MT to 10.50 lakh MT.



The above chart depicts Chilli prices in bench mark Guntur market. In 2016, Chilli prices reported all time high due to lower stocks available last year because of lower production. However, from November onwards prices reported down due to 24% increased production in 2017-18.

However, due to lower sowing area in 2017 (marketing year starts from January 2018) chilli prices took support and rose in July - August. In January, monthly average prices closed at Rs.6847/-qtl. We expect prices will not sustain below current price level in coming days.

#### Red Chilli Price Outlook

As on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 Chilli (NCDEX quality) in Guntur market trading in a range between Rs.7000 - 7200/quintal. We expect that prices may not fall much further from current levels- at most another Rs.200 - 300 per qtl fall is expected. At these price levels, prospective buyers like stockists, exporters, masala millers are expected to start accumulating. We expect prices may trade in a range between Rs.7200 – 8200/quintal till 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

#### Spot Prices Monthly Change

Red Chilli Spot Market Prices: (Rs/Qtl)					
Grade	Centre	31-Jan-18	29-Dec-17	31-Jan-17	Change
NCDEX Quality	Guntur (A.P.)	7200	5800	6300	24.14
LCA 334		7600	6300	6600	20.63
Teja		10500	9200	10500	14.13
No. 273		10200	7500	7200	36.00
No. 5		10000	8000	7800	25.00
Fatki		6500	4000	5000	62.50
Byadgi		10000	8000	7800	25.00
US 341		11500	8800	8000	30.68
Denvor Delux		10800	8500	8100	27.06
Teja	Warangal (Telangana)	10800	9000	10800	20.00
Wonder Hot		9900	8300	12100	19.28
341		12000	8700	8500	37.93
Denvor Delux		11700	8000	8100	46.25
Paprika		NA	NA	NA	-
Fatki		6400	4000	4600	60.00
No. 12	Bedia (M.P.)	NA	NA	12000	-
Indu 2070		12000	11500	12500	4.35
MICO (Teja)		11600	11500	12700	0.87
Jhankar		NA	NA	NA	-
Ganesh		NA	NA	NA	-
Teja (Khamam)	New Delhi	12000	11000	12800	9.09
M.P. Maco Teja		NA	NA	NA	-
Pala 12		NA	NA	NA	-
LCA 334		10000	8500	10500	17.65
Fatki		6000	4500	6000	33.33
Packing		10000	8500	10500	17.65

## TURMERIC

### Spot Market Recap

- By and large weak sentiment witnessed in Turmeric spot market during the period.
- Turmeric new crop supply is coming to the Nizamabad benchmark market, however moisture content is still high.
- Continued normal export demand was reported in the spot market.
- Farmers and stockists were only interested in releasing their old stocks at higher prices level.
- As per trade sources, due to lower production expectation during current year, stockists and large farmers are expecting higher prices in coming days.
- As per market sources, currently Nizamabad turmeric stocks were estimated around 1.25 lakh bags (1 bag = 70 kgs) as compared to around 2.00 lakh bags same time last year.
- In Tamil Nadu, current year Turmeric productions drastically come down due to lower sowing area, lower rainfall at the time of sowing period.
- In Erode market, lower supply reported as farmers and stockists were holding back their stocks on expectation of higher prices in coming days as current year production is likely to decline by 40-45% in Tamil Nadu due to lower acreage.
- We expect Turmeric prices to trade range bound in coming days.

### Monthly Turmeric Arrival Scenario

Market	January-18	December-17	January-17
<b>Nizamabad (AP)</b>	89,300	33,000	45,900
<b>Duggirala (AP)</b>	10,631	18,600	12,316
<b>Salem (TN)</b>	4,942	1605.8	17
<b>Erode (TN)</b>	51,000	61,800	40,800
<b>Sangli (Mah.)</b>	15,760	13,900	27,093
<b>Warangal(Telangana)</b>	755	705	2300

Units – Bags (1 bag = 75 kgs)

In **Nizamabad** indicative market supply reported up by 56,300 bags during the period and up by 43,400 bags during corresponding period of last year. New crop supply (both early sown/ short duration crop and regular crop) is coming to the market. Prices of this crop will remain capped initially on account of higher moisture content. Currently, around 20 - 30% moisture content supplies reported.

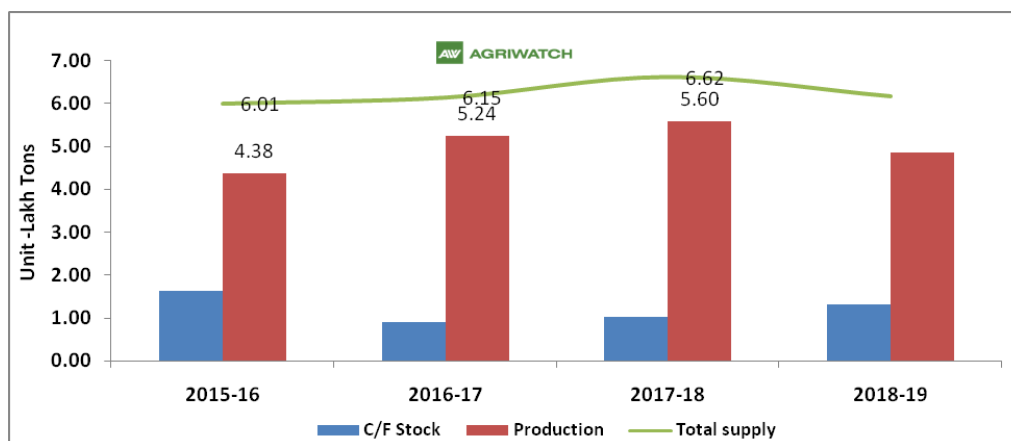
### Arrivals Scenario

In **Nizamabad** spot market, current year from February to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017, supply reported around 79,814 MT compared to 51,002 MT in the corresponding period last year.

In **Erode** market, Turmeric supply current year from February to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 44,845 MT compared to 46,989 MT in the corresponding period last year.

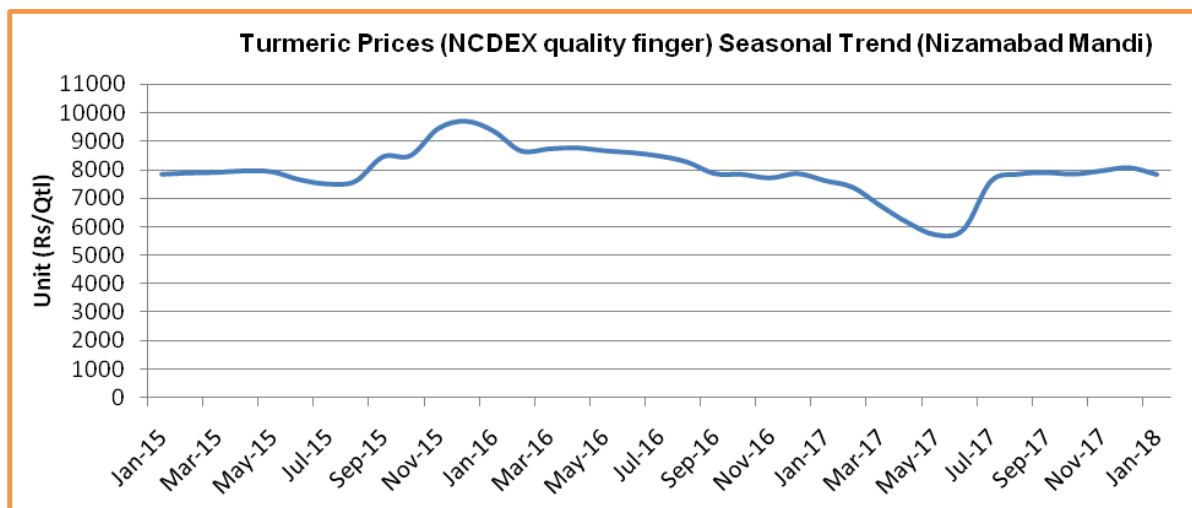
### Turmeric Supply and Demand Analysis

As per Agriwatch supply and demand scenario, current year beginning stocks reported around 1.02 lakh tons. In 2017-18 we expect ending stocks to be around 1.32 lakh tons, after increasing domestic consumption and exports.



### Agriwatch Turmeric Production Estimate 2018-19

As per Agriwatch estimates, turmeric sown area for current year would be around 154,054 hectares as compared to last year's 187,713 hectares. As per Agriwatch first preliminary production estimate Turmeric production for 2018-19 is estimated at 476,345 MT (Dry crop) compared to previous year's 560,177 MT.



In 2017-18, from January onwards, Turmeric prices reported down due to higher production than previous year. Turmeric lower prices recorded at Nizamabad mandi Nizam quality finger Rs.5700/-qtl during May month.

However, from June onwards prices took support and moving upside due to lower rainfall in major growing regions and lower planting area. In the benchmark market, Turmeric prices during January month ended with at Rs.7828/-qtl.

### Turmeric Price Outlook

Currently, turmeric (finger, NCDEX quality) in Nizamabad is trading at Rs.7400/quintal. We expect that prices may not fall much further from current levels- at most another Rs.500 - 600 per quintal fall is expected. At these price levels, prospective buyers like stockists, exporters, masala millers are expected to start accumulating.

### Spot Prices Monthly Change

Turmeric Spot Market Prices (Loose): (Rs/Qtl)					
Grade	Centre	31-Jan-18	29-Dec-17	31-Jan-17	Change
Nizam quality	Nizamabad(A.P.)	7500	8000	7500	-6.25
Double polish finger		8100	8600	8400	-5.81
Gattah (unpolished)		7300	7800	7300	-6.41
Gattah (double polished)		8000	8500	8000	-5.88
Bulb	Duggirala (A.P.)	6500	7100	6000	-8.45
Finger		6600	7050	6305	-6.38
Finger	Erode (T.N.)	8000	8400	8300	-4.76
Gattah		7600	8000	7700	-5.00
Sellem		8400	9000	8600	-6.67
Bulb	Salem(T.N.)	7900	8050	8100	-1.86
Finger		9400	9200	8700	2.17
Rajpuri/Selam Finger	Sangli (Mah.)	11500	9900	8000	16.16
Rajpuri Medium		9000	11000	7800	-18.18
Desi Kadappa		8000	7900	6900	1.27
Finger	Warangal (Telangana)	7550	7650	8700	-1.31
Round		7550	7650	8700	-1.31

**Turmeric Price Outlook (weekly Chart, Apr Contract)**


Candlestick chart pattern reveals prices trying to support in the market. Volumes are supporting the prices. RSI moving up in neutral regions in the market. **7100 is a short term strong support level.**

Strategy: Buy		S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX	Apr	6900	7000	7234	7600	7700
Monthly Trade Call		Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL
	Apr	Buy	Above 7254	7400	7500	7000

**CORIANDER SEED**
**Spot Market Recap**

- Weak sentiment witnessed in Coriander major market during the month.
- Currently, higher stocks reported in the spot market have capped prices from higher levels.
- Buyers reported unresponsive in the spot market. However, lower sowing area current year is likely to support Coriander prices in coming days.
- As per Government of Gujarat., normal Coriander sowing area in the State is around 100,600 hectares. Current year as on 5<sup>th</sup> February, sowing area is around 69,900 hectares as compared to last year 121,100 hectares. Major zone wise area reported 2300 hectares in Kutch, North Gujarat 400 hectares, Middle Gujarat 700 hectares, Saurashtra 66500 hectares.
- At NCDEX warehouse, Coriander unencumbered (free of debt) stocks as on 5<sup>th</sup> February Gondal 7691 mt, and pledged (give as security on a loan) 0 mt.
- Coriander stockists may hold their stocks, we expect prices likely to go up in coming days.

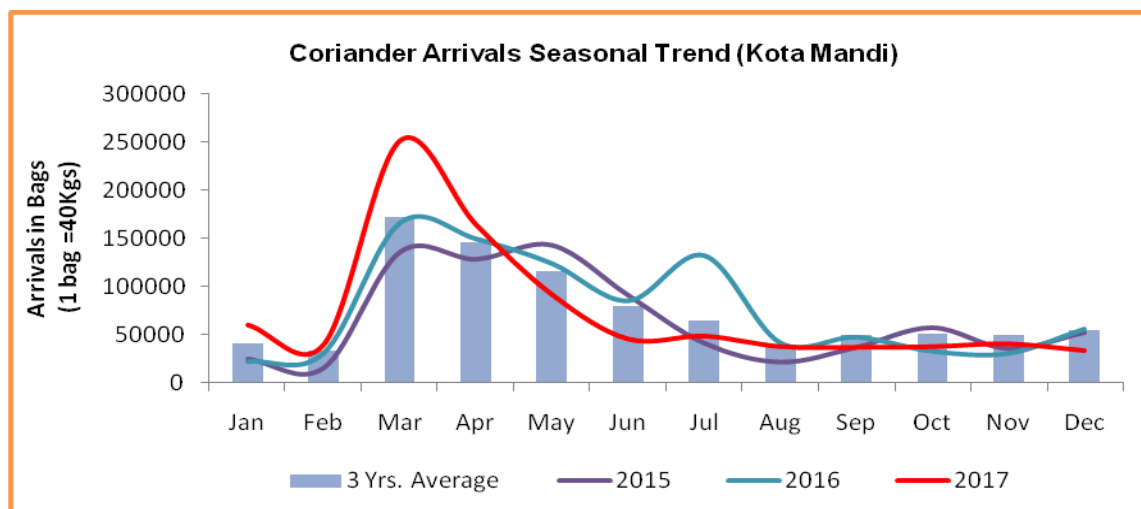
**Monthly Coriander Arrival Scenario**

Market	January-18	December-17	January-17
Guna (MP)	55,700	46,500	43,700
Neemuch (MP)	31,500	23,700	23,050
Kota (RJ)	38,500	33,500	60,000
Ramganj (RJ)	124,500	102,000	101,500
Baran (RJ)	91,500	55,300	70,200
Bhawani (RJ)	12,800	6,100	11,950
Gondal (GUJ)	NR	NR	8,700

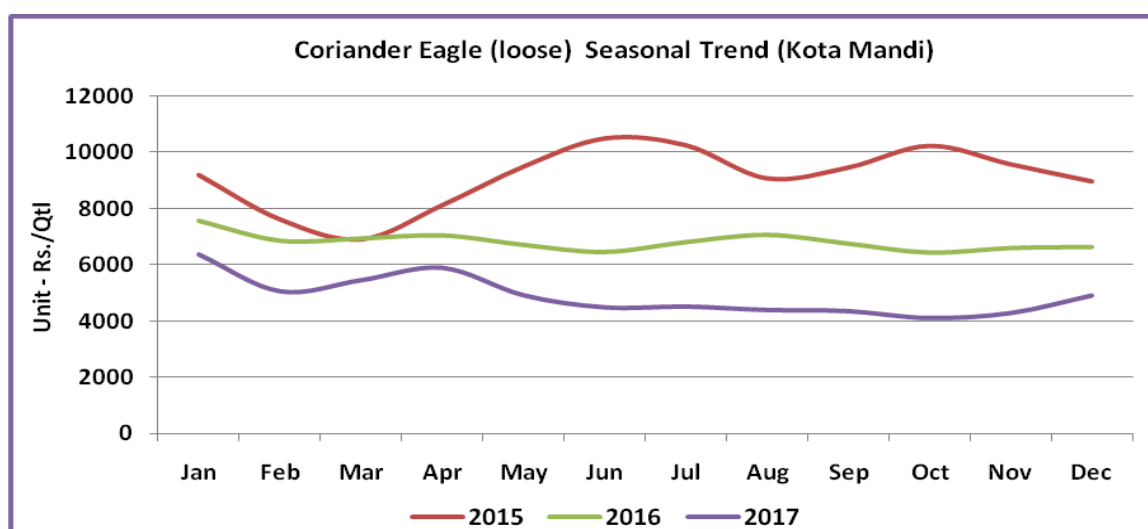
Units – Bags (1 bag = 40 kgs)

In Kota benchmark market arrivals reported down by 5000 bags. Coriander supply reported down by 21,500 bags corresponding period last year.

In **Ramganj mandi**, current year from February 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 supply reported 88,996 MT however in the corresponding period last year it was reported 85,992 MT.



Coriander supplies reported up in January at Kota mandi stockists were releasing their produce as stocks reported higher in the spot market.



Coriander prices reported up in 2015 due to lower production. However, prices continuously fell from April 2017 from Rs.5896/-qtl to Rs.4120/-qtl in October due to lower demand. However, from November onwards prices took support and move up to Rs.4917/-qtl in December month due to lower sowing area. Due to higher supply prices reported downward correction to Rs.4863/-qtl.

### Coriander Supply and Demand Analysis

Agriwatch estimate for 2017-18, production 4.33 lakh tons. Current year we estimate ending stocks would be around 1.79 lakh tons after increasing exports and domestic consumption, which is higher than 1.77 lakh tons last year. However, we expect in 2018 -19 ending stocks likely to be lower due to lower production expectation.

### Agriwatch Coriander Production Estimate 2018-19

Coriander sowing completed in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat current year. As per farmer's information, in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat Coriander area likely to go down by around 25 – 30% due to lower prices.

In 2017 -18, higher carry forward stocks reported in the spot market and Coriander average prices (Kota Eagle variety) in 2017 reported Rs.4904/-qtl lower from previous year Rs.6832/-qtl. Coriander area shifted to alternative crop like Jeera in Gujarat and Chana and Garlic in Rajasthan as prices comparatively better.

**As per Agriwatch preliminary production estimate Coriander production for 2018-19 is estimated at 313,022 MT compared to previous year's 433,204 MT.**

### Agriwatch Coriander Price Outlook

Domestic buyers reported active at current price levels. In Kota mandi, 'loose Badami' prices are currently trading at Rs.4500/-qtl and Eagle variety at Rs.4700/-qtl.

At these price levels, prospective buyers may start accumulating. We expect that prices may not fall further from current levels. Since prices are nearly at rock bottom, it is a good opportunity to buy.

We expect Dhaniya prices to go up next 1 - 2 months. Coriander Badami prices are expected to gradually improve to a range of Rs.5300 – Rs.5500/- and Eagle variety is expected to increase to Rs.5500 – Rs.5800/-qtl.

### Spot Prices Monthly Change

Coriander Spot Market Prices (Loose): (Rs/Qtl)					
Grade (New)	Centre	31-Jan-18	29-Dec-17	31-Jan-17	Change
Badami	Guna (M.P.)	4400	4900	5800	-10.20
Eagle		4800	5100	6000	-5.88
Scooter		5400	5500	6400	-1.82
Badami	Neemuch (M.P.)	4600	4600	7200	Unch
Eagle		4800	5000	7500	-4.00
Scooter		NA	NA	8100	-
Eagle	Kota (Raj.)	4700	5200	6300	-9.62
Eagle(Split)		4700	5200	6300	-9.62
Badami		4500	5000	6000	-10.00
Badami(Split)		4500	5000	6000	-10.00
Eagle(Split)	Ramganj (Raj.)	4600	4950	5700	-7.07
Eagle		4600	4950	5700	-7.07
Badami		4400	4750	5500	-7.37
Badami(Split)		4450	4750	5500	-6.32
Scooter		5000	5650	6100	-11.50
Eagle	Baran (Raj.)	4700	5200	5850	-9.62
Badami		4500	5000	5450	-10.00
Eagle	Bhawani (Raj.)	4250	4750	6100	-10.53
Badami		4100	4650	5900	-11.83
Scooter		4300	5150	6200	-16.50
Double Paroot		NA	NA	NA	-
Badami	Gondal (Guj.)	NR	NR	NR	-
Eagle		NR	NR	NR	-

## Coriander Price Outlook (weekly Chart, April Contract)



Candlesticks chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. RSI moving down in neutral zone in the market. Volumes are supporting the prices.

Strategy: Buy		S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX	Apr	5500	5600	5945	6150	6200
Monthly Trade Call		Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL
	Apr	Buy	Above 5800	6000	6100	5600

## JEERA (CUMIN SEED)

### Spot Market Recap

- Weak sentiment witnessed in Jeera spot market during the month.
- Increasing production expectations current year put cap on prices in the spot market.
- As per Agriwatch sowing report, current year Jeera sowing area reported increased in Gujarat and Rajasthan due to higher prices throughout the year. Agriwatch expects sowing area to go up by 15 – 25% in Gujarat, in the current year.
- Jeera stocks at NCDEX warehouse as on 5 February at Unjha (unencumbered) 4600 mt and (pledged) 4751 mt. Jodhpur unencumbered 293 mt and (pledged) 394 mt.
- Due to delayed sowing in Gujarat, arrival of new crop is likely to be delayed by 20 - 25 days. This will support Jeera prices in the spot market.**
- As per Gujarat Govt., Jeera Sowing in Gujarat up by 136% from Normal Area Normal Jeera sowing area in the State is around 280,300 hectares. Current year as on 22 January, sowing area is around 382,700 hectares as compared to 278,700 hectares last year. Major zone wise area reported 35,100 hectares in Kutch, North Gujarat 141,500 hectares, Middle Gujarat 19,900 hectares, Saurashtra 186,100 hectares.
- We expect that prices may not sustain at higher prices level in coming days as sowing area reported up in both Gujarat and Rajasthan long with an expected higher production current year. We expect prices to trade in a range between Rs.16,000 – 16,500/-qtl (loose) in peak arrivals season.

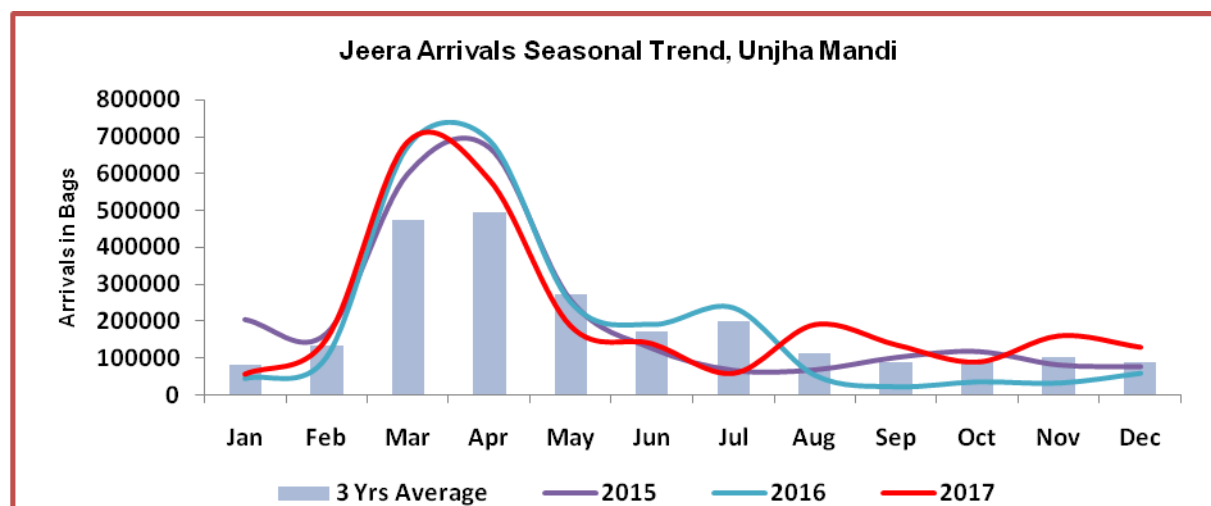
### Monthly Jeera Arrival Scenario:

Market	January-18	December-17	January-17
Unjha (Gujarat)	57,070	128,500	55,550
Rajkot (Gujarat)	4180	3,075	2781
Patan (Gujarat)	205	184	256
Dhrol (Gujarat)	45	38	10
Gondal (Gujarat)	NR	NR	10,695
Jodhpur (Rajasthan)	1865	4,800	4860
Merta City (Nagaur)(Raj.)	NR	NR	NR
Nagaur (Raj.)	2675	5,250	NR
Anandpur Kalu (Raj.)	NA	NA	NA

Units – Bags (1 bag = 55 kgs)

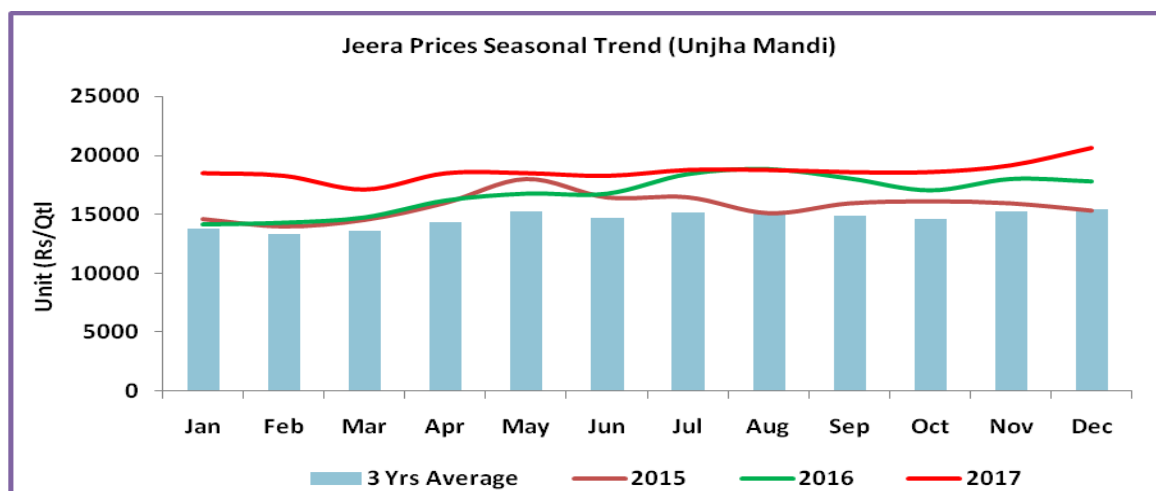
In Unjha bench mark mandi, arrivals were down by 71,430 bags during the current period. Arrivals up by 1520 bags compared to corresponding period of last year due to increased prices.

### Jeera Arrivals Scenario



The above chart shows, Jeera supply in Unjha benchmark market. During December month supply reported down as stockists were holding back their stocks as Jeera prices reported traded all-time high. Current year new crop coming to the Unjha mandi on an average 1000 - 1500 bags (1 bag = 55 Kgs) daily basis from Gondal region.

### Jeera Price Scenario



Jeera NCDEX quality prices continue trading at all time high at Unjha mandi due to good overseas demand in the spot market and current year crop reported delayed. Current year in January, average Jeera prices (NCDEX quality) reported Rs.20,225/-qtl compared same period last year Rs.18,500/-qtl.

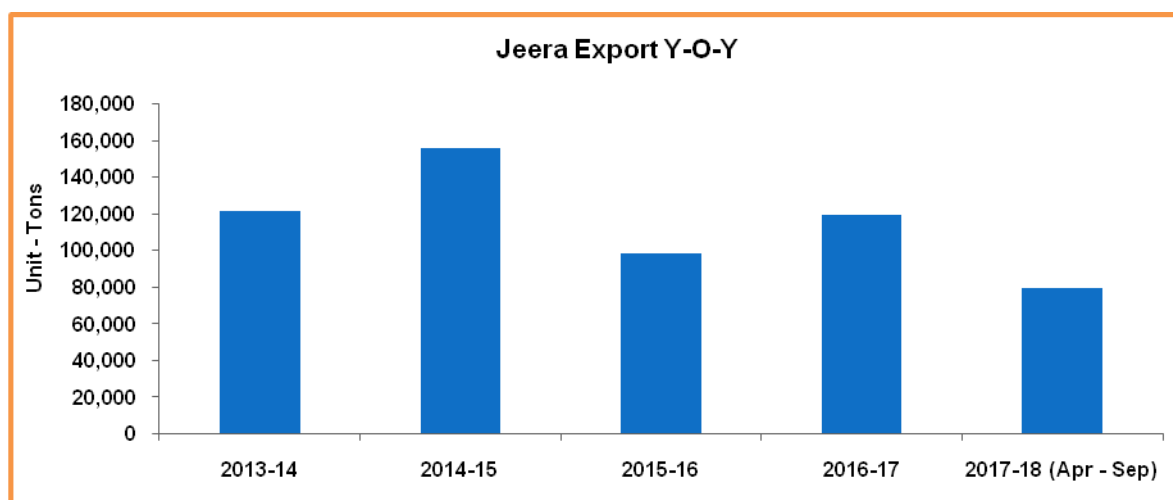
We expect that prices may not sustain at higher prices level in coming days as sowing area reported up in both Gujarat and Rajasthan long with an expected higher production current year. We expect

Jeera NCDEX quality prices to trade in a range between Rs.17,000 – 18,000/-qtl in peak arrivals season.

## Agriwatch Jeera Production Estimate 2018-19

As per Agriwatch sowing report, current year Jeera sowing area reported increased in Gujarat and Rajasthan due to higher prices throughout the year. In 2017, yearly average price at Unjha mandi Rs.18640/-qtl as compared to last year same period Rs.16762/-qtl. Agriwatch expects sowing area to go up by 15 – 25% in Rajasthan and Gujarat, in the current year.

**As per Agriwatch production estimate Jeera production for 2018-19 is estimated at 379,500 MT compared to previous year's 314,050 MT.**



## Spot Prices Monthly Change

Jeera(Cumin Seed) Spot Market Prices(Loose): (Rs/Qtl)					
Grade	Centre	31-Jan-18	29-Dec-17	31-Jan-17	Change
Local	Unjha (Guj.)	18200	18800	17600	-3.19
NCDEX Quality		20200	20700	18700	-2.42
Poojari type /Machine Cut		22000	22000	19500	Unch
Local	Rajkot (Guj.)	19055	19390	19350	-1.73
Local	Patan (Guj.)	16375	19310	16965	-15.20
Local	Dhrol (Guj.)	16850	18600	14075	-9.41
Local	Gondal (Guj.)	NR	NR	19000	-
Local	Jodhpur (Raj.)	17500	19000	17700	-7.89
Local	Merta City (Nagaur) (Raj.)	NR	NR	17500	-
Local	Nagaur (Raj.)	17900	19300	NR	-7.25
Local	Anandpur Kalu (Raj.)	18500	19500	17500	-5.13
Ganesh	New Delhi	20000	21500	19400	-6.98
Poojari type / Machine Cut		21000	23500	20800	-10.64

**Jeera (Cumin Seed) Technical Analysis (weekly Chart, March Contract)**


Candlesticks chart pattern indicates prices not sustained at higher levels in the market. RSI moving down in neutral region indicates prices may go down in the market. Volumes are not supporting the prices.

Strategy: Sell		S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX	Mar	16100	16200	16530	17100	17200
Monthly Trade Call		Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL
	Mar	Sell	Below 16800	16400	16300	17050

## BLACK PEPPER

### Spot Market Recap

- Weak sentiment witnessed in Pepper market during the period.
- New pepper with low bulk density from Kerala's southern districts coming to the market.
- Buyers reported unresponsive as supply likely to increase in the spot market. Karnataka harvesting may begin after 10 -15 days.
- Expectations of higher production current year in India may cap on prices. Agriwatch expects current year pepper production at around 60,000 – 65,000 tons. Monsoon rainfall reported well in growing regions.
- Indian export prices were at \$6,850 a tonne c&f for Europe and \$7,100 a tonne c&f for the US.

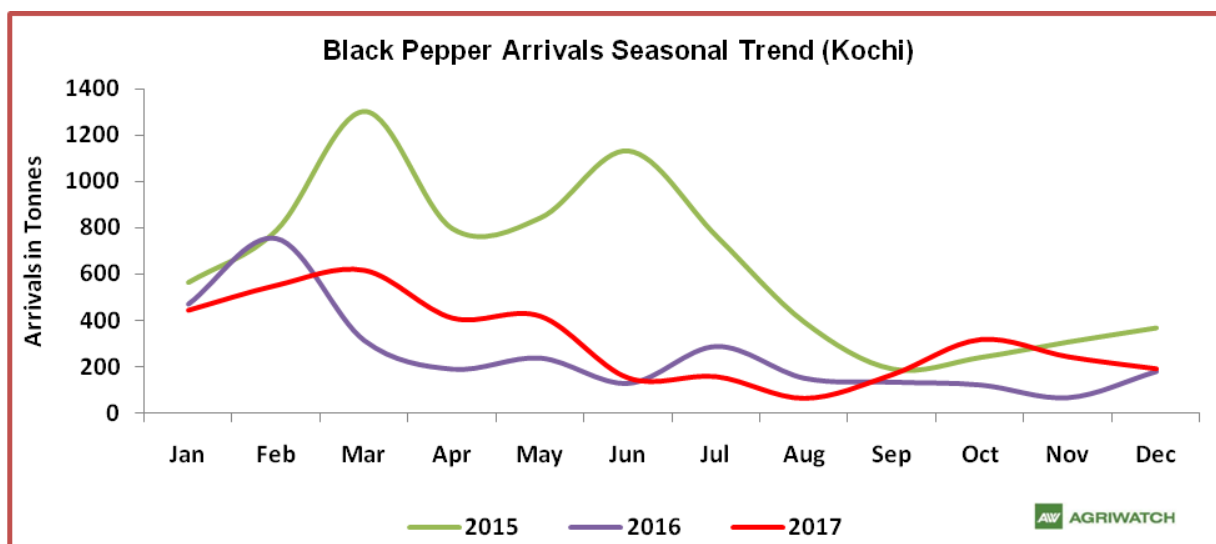
### Monthly Black Pepper Arrival Scenario

Market	January-18	December-17	January-17
Kochi (Kerala)	407	191	445

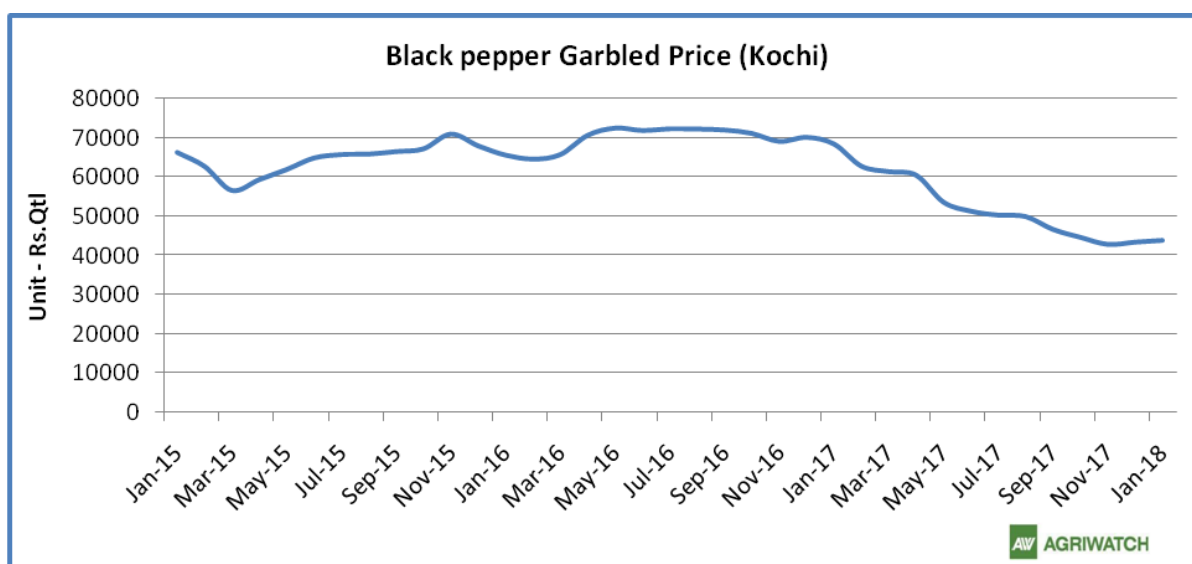
Unit – Tonne

Black pepper supply reported up by 216 ton during the month. Pepper supply down by 38 ton in the current month compared to the corresponding period of last year. Continuous pepper supply reported as new crop supply coming to the market.

Black pepper supply in Kochi market from Dec 2017 to January 2018 reported 598 tons compared to 624 tons in the corresponding period previous year.



Pepper supply reported up in Kochi spot market in January as current year new crop coming to the market.

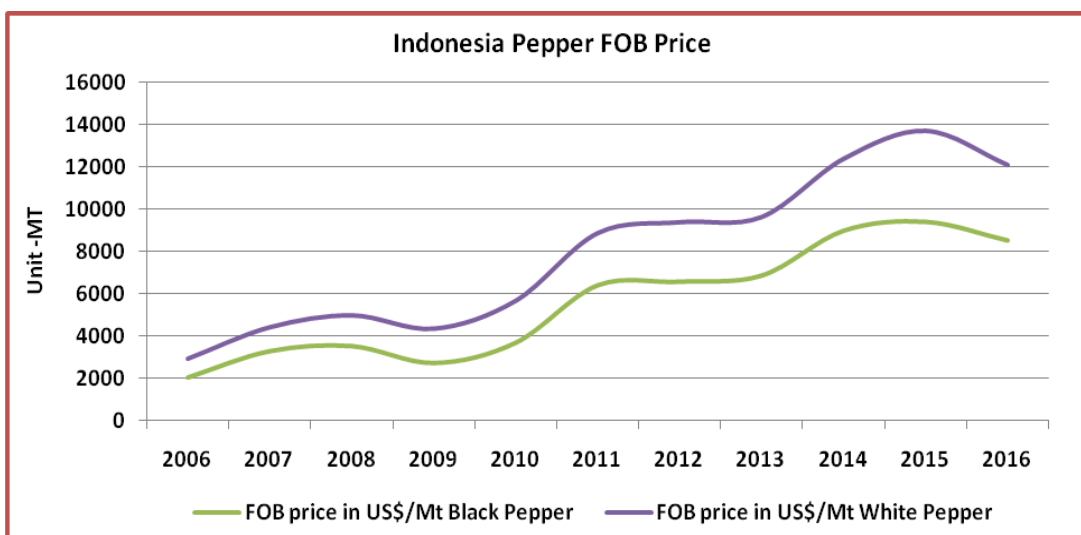


In 2017, pepper prices reported down continuously from January Rs.68,376/-qtl to Rs.42,841/-qtl in November due to increased supply as a result of higher imported pepper from Vietnam in the spot market. However, from December, prices saw a slight upside correction due to minimum import price imposed and prices reported in January Rs.43,875/-qtl.

### International Scenario

As per IPC report, in Lampung the market was very quiet. Trading at local market was very limited, but price was reported to have decreased further. This was likely affected by price changes in other source, like India which is now in harvesting season. In the last few weeks, pepper price in India decreased almost every week, following material from current harvest arrives in the market.

Pepper production and export estimates of pepper in 2017 would be at the level of around 472,500 Mt and 372,000 Mt respectively, as against 428,500 Mt and 314,000 Mt in 2016. Production and export increased by 44,000 Mt and 58,000 Mt respectively. The increase was mainly due to significant increase of production and export in Vietnam and Brazil.



### Spot Prices Monthly Change

Black Pepper Spot Market Prices: (Rs/Qtl)					
Grade	Centre	31-Jan-18	29-Dec-17	31-Jan-17	Change
Ungarbled	Kochi (Ker.)	41400	45200	63000	-8.41
Garbled		43400	47200	66000	-8.05
Ungarbled	Chikmagalur (Kar.)	41000	49000	65000	-16.33
Unpolished	New Delhi	46000	51000	71500	-9.80
Number 11.5		NA	NA	NA	-

## CARDAMOM

### Spot Market Recap

- Firm sentiment witnessed in Cardamom market during the month.
- Exporters' demand continued to be good, in the Kerala and Khari baoli spot market. Exporters bought an estimated 100 - 120 tons of cardamom last week.
- Good quality supply in the spot market attracted the buyers in the spot market.
- We expect Cardamom superior quality supplies go down in coming days, as fifth round picking likely to start may support prices.

### Monthly Cardamom Arrival Scenario:

Market	January-18	December-17	January-17
Kerala (Kochi)	15,96,828	13,92,949	8,17,519

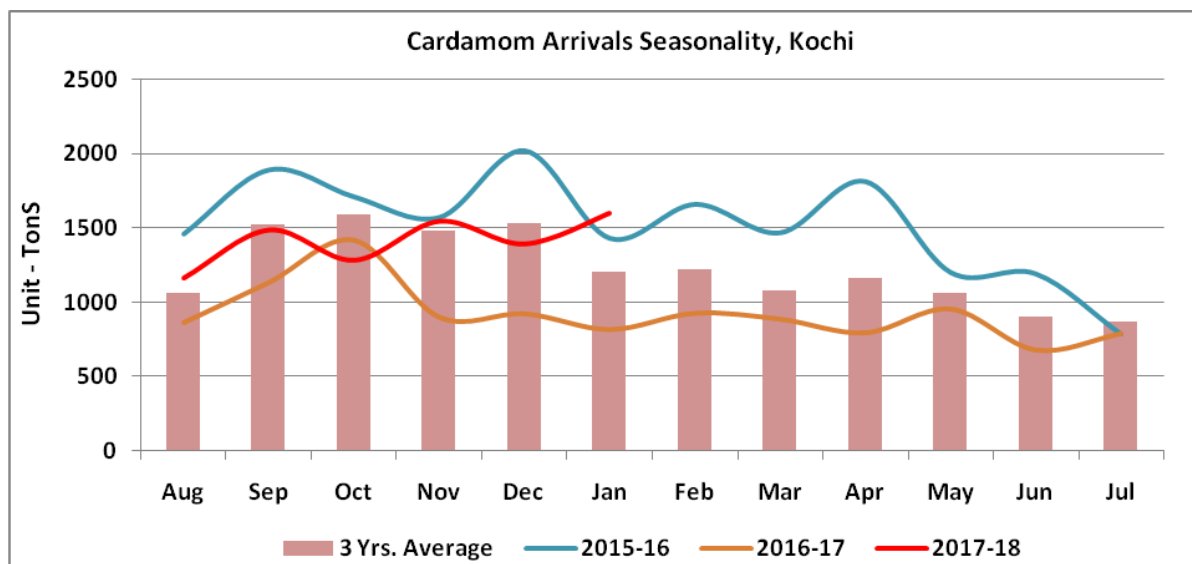
Unit - Kgs

Cardamom arrivals reported up by 203,879 kgs during the period. Supply in current month compared to corresponding period of last year, is up by 779,309 kgs.

The current season officially began on August 1. Total arrivals during the current season up to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were at 8,859 tons and the sales were at 8,740 tons.

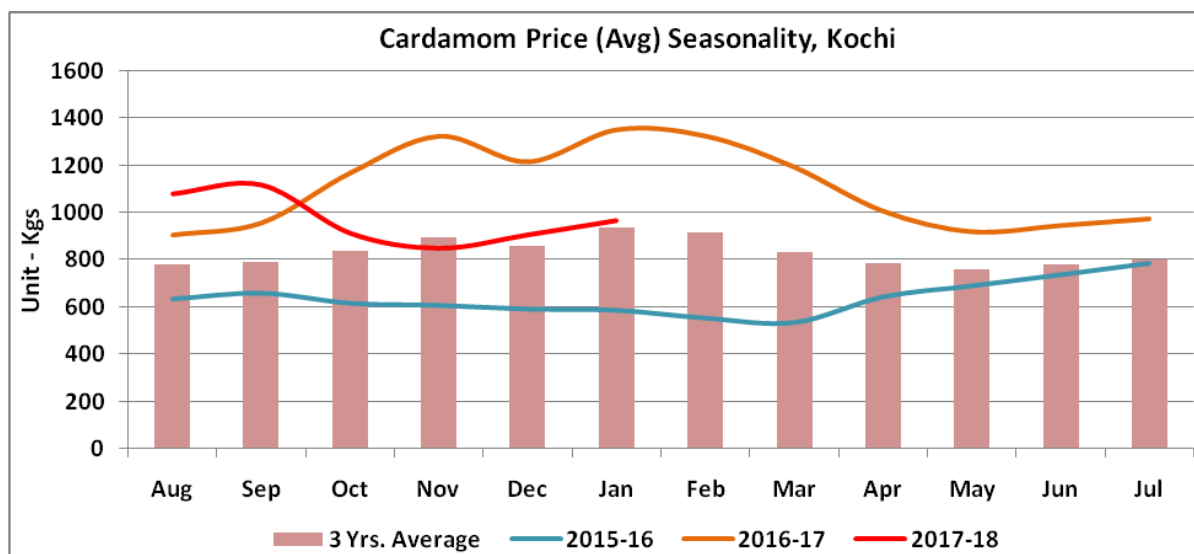
Fourth round of picking finished in major Cardamom growing regions of Kerala. Fifth round pickling likely to start from February second week.

In 2017-18 crop year, Cardamom production is around 22,000 – 24,000 MT which is higher than 18,000 MT, last year. Guatemala cardamom production reported 34,000 MT.



Cardamom supply has fallen drastically last year (2016-17), due to dry spell with high temperatures in major growing region of Kerala.

Current year (2017-18) increasing arrivals reported as new crop supply coming to the market and expected higher production. In January, cardamom supply reported up by 780 mt from 817 mt last year.



The above chart depicts, in January 2017-18 Cardamom prices reported lower Rs.968/-kgs compared to Rs.1351/-kgs in the corresponding period last year. Expectations of higher production current year, pressurize the prices in the spot market from higher level. However, good export demand in the spot market supports Cardamom prices from below level.

#### Cardamom Outlook:

Cardamom prices likely to trade steady to firm sentiment for next 2 – 3 months. We expect any marginal down ward correction from current price level prospective buyers exporters, masala millers are expected to start accumulating.

#### Reasons being:

- Good export demand in the spot market.
- Shortage of superior variety cardamom like 7 (Bold), 7.5 (Bold), 8 (Bold) etc. as 4<sup>th</sup> picking activity finished.
- Stockists were not interested to releasing their produce at lower price level.
- Less import from Guatemala due to higher import duty (70%).
- Illegally no supply reported via Nepal to Indian market.
- Next crop season will start from August.

#### Prices Monthly Change

Cardamom Spot Market Prices: (Rs/Kg)					
Auction Price		31-Jan-18	29-Dec-17	31-Jan-17	Change
Vandanmedu, Thekkady, Kochi, Kumily, Nedumkandam, Santhanpara & Bodinayakanur	Max price	1338	1182	1520	13.20
	Avg. Price	1061	946	1338	12.16
New Delhi	Medium	920	900	1375	2.22
	6.5 (Bold)	950	925	1425	2.70
	7 (Bold)	1040	1000	1500	4.00
	7.5 (Bold)	1140	1100	1600	3.64
	8 (Bold)	1340	1275	1675	5.10

### Cardamom Technical Analysis (weekly Chart, Mar Contract)



Candlestick chart pattern reveals range bound movement in the market. RSI moving down in neutral region in the market. Volumes are supporting the prices.

Strategy: Buy		S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
NCDEX	Mar	1100	1110	1191.9	1210	1220
Monthly Trade Call		Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL
	Mar	Buy	Above 1150	1180	1200	1125

INTERNATIONAL PRICES (SPOT PRICES) OF MAJOR SPICES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 05.01.2018						
Commodity	ORIGIN/GRADE	MARKET	Price for the week	Last Week	Last month same week	Last year same week
			5/1/2018	29/12/2017	1/12/2017	6/1/2017
			(US\$/KG)	(US\$/KG)	(US\$/KG)	(US\$/KG)
PEPPER	MALABAR GARBLED (MG-1)	NEWYORK	4.41	4.63	4.63	—
CARDAMOM SMALL	AGEB	SAUDI ARABIA	17.03	16.72	16.45	—
	FANCY GREENS	--	--	--	--	--
		NEWYORK	18.74	18.74	18.74	—
CHILLIES	INDIAN SANNM-4 (STEM LESS)	NEWYORK	2.60	2.60	2.60	—
	--		3.96	3.96	5.29	—
GINGER	INDIAN COCHIN	NEWYORK	3.46	3.46	3.53	—
	CHINESE WHOLE PEELED	NEWYORK	3.19	3.19	3.19	—
TURMERIC	ALLEPPEY	NEWYORK	4.07	4.07	4.36	—
GARLIC	CHINESE	NEWYORK	1.32	1.32	1.32	—
CORIANDER	CANADA	NEWYORK	3.70	3.70	3.64	—
CUMIN	INDIAN/SYRIAN/CHINESE	NEWYORK	1.81	1.81	1.81	—
FENNEL	INDIAN ASTA	NEWYORK	2.09	2.09	2.09	—
	EGYPTIAN	NEWYORK	1.25	1.25	1.25	—
FENUGREEK1.1	INDIA/TURKEY	NEWYORK	9.92	9.92	9.92	—
CLOVE	MAD/ZANZ/COM/INDO	NEWYORK	14.11	14.11	14.11	—
	SRI LANKA (HAND PICKED)	NEWYORK	14.22	14.22	14.22	—
CINNAMON	CEYLON H2 CINNAMON	NEWYORK	2.60	2.60	2.60	—

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