

Pepper

Market review

Pepper futures continued to fall even on Monday on bearish activates. Rising arrivals and slow down in domestic as well as overseas demand pull down prices. Widely traded March futures dropped by 139 rupees to 12912 rupees per 100kg.

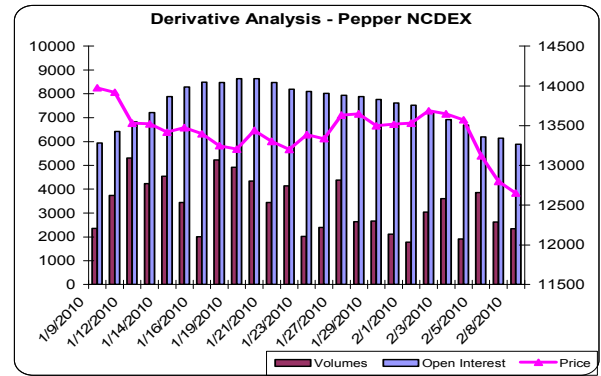
Outlook

- Indian pepper imports in first nine months of fiscal year through March up 58percent on year at 14,250 Mt.
- Spot pepper fell by 100 rupees to Rs. 13,100 rupees per 100 kg in Kochi.
- As on 05th February 2010 total NCDEX warehouse stock stood at 4211 MT.
- Slow down in US pepper imports due to reports of the imported pepper from some Asian countries was contaminated with Salmonella.
- Major overseas buyers waiting for the Vietnam crop, which is expected to arrive in March.
- According to IPSTA, daily arrivals at Kochi on Monday stood at 22.5tonnes and total off take stood at 12.5 tonnes.

Spot price	% Change	Feb NCDEX	Basis
13256.20	-1.69	12651	605.2

Pepper NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Feb	12755	12863	12610	12651	-1.15	2340
Mar	13000	13127	12867	12931	-0.92	3212



Jeera

Market Review

Jeera futures closed higher on Monday on bargain buying. Active March contract appreciated by 49 rupees to 11884 rupees per 100kg.

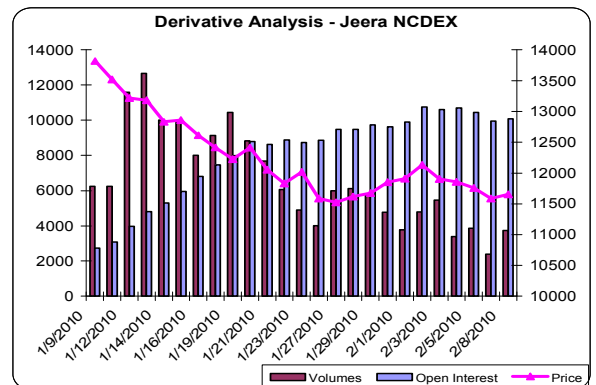
Outlook

- The cloudy weather in major growing regions such as Gujarat and Rajasthan help to lift the sentiment.
- Thin demand from exporters and expectations of rise in fresh supply may keep the uptrend under check.
- Jeera exports in December 2009 dropped by 28percent to 2500 tonnes on year.
- Fresh crop arrivals seen increasing in spot markets with season entering into peak period (March – April)
- Jeera crop this year beginning October, forecasting a 10-20percent rise compared to last year.

Spot price	% Change	Feb NCDEX	Basis
12086.50	-0.63	11656	430.5

Jeera NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Feb	11650	11778	11520	11656	0.58	3741
Mar	11999	12034	11755	11890	0.46	7707



Turmeric

Market review

Turmeric futures failed to hold back early gains and closed lower on profit selling. Actively traded April futures declined by 22 rupees to 6787 rupees per quintal.

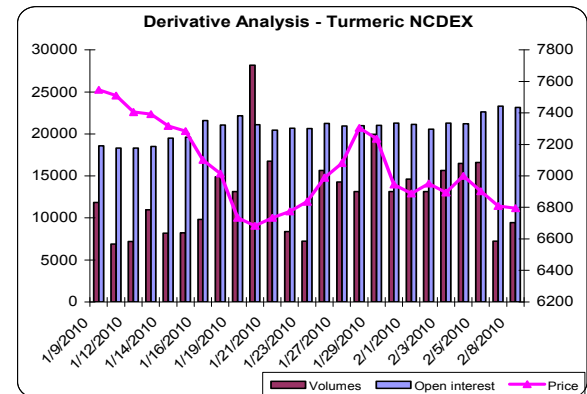
Outlook

- The increase in fresh supply and thin spot demand may weigh on the prices.
- Although new crop has started arriving but the high moisture content which raising quality concerns.
- It is expected that the production figures of turmeric will improve this year because the farmers can switch to this crop because the return from turmeric was impressive last year.
- Turmeric exports in December fell to 3250MT from 3,000 tonnes against the same period a year ago.
- New crop arrivals have started at Nizamabad-Erode mandi at around 1,000-1,500 bags daily.

Spot price	% Change	Feb NCDEX	Basis
9954.90	-1.91	6795	3159.9

Turmeric NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Apr	6815	6890	6740	6795	-0.21	9430
May	6911	7000	6845	6895	-0.19	1840



Chana

Market review

After initial weakness, chana futures bounced suddenly after reports of scattered rains in northern states, where chana is cultivated in this rabi season. The active contract March NCDEX made high of Rs2341 and ended at Rs2320 levels. Spot prices remained steady at Rs2300 per quintal at Delhi.

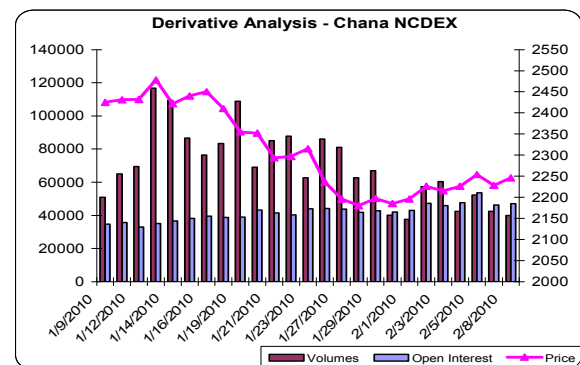
Outlook

- Cloudy weather is seen in parts of Rajasthan, a third largest chana producing state
- In case of rains during this time, the standing crop might get affected and may lead to poor quality produce
- Prices of other pulses like tur and urad have recovered by Rs300-400 after sharp decline in last one month
- Meanwhile, increasing arrivals & higher output estimates keep prices under pressure in long term
- Chana futures may trade marginally higher on cloudy weather in Rajasthan

Spot price	% Change	Feb NCDEX	Basis
2271.25	-0.75	2246	25.25

Chana NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Feb	2232	2262	2213	2246	0.81	40000
Mar	2305	2341	2287	2319	0.74	103750



Soy bean and oil

Market review

Soy bean and soy oil futures recovered sharply on fresh buying support, taking cues from firm global markets. The soy bean March NCDEX futures made high of Rs2139 and ended at Rs2135 levels. Soy oil futures also gained over 1 percent on strong buying support. Lower rabi oil seed output estimates also supported recovery in edible oil futures.

Outlook

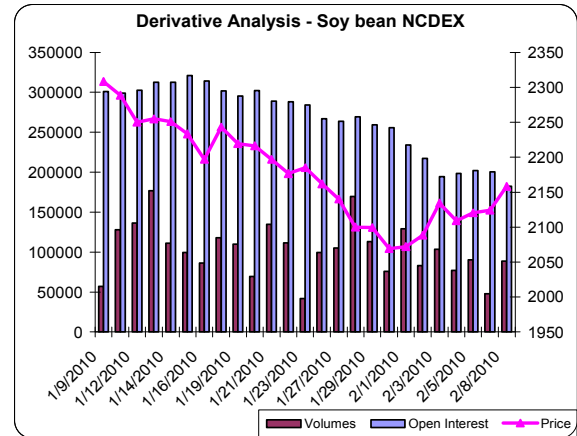
- As per market sources, mustard seed rabi output may fall by 4.8 percent to 5.9 million tonnes
- CBOT soy bean and soy oil recovered further on weak Dollar against major currencies
- Yesterday, CBOT soy bean made high of 939 cents and currently trading at 930 cents while soy oil made high of 38.47 cents and currently trading at 37.95 cents
- Meanwhile, demand for soy meal remained lower, which recorded 32 percent decline in January
- Market is watching for USDA WASD report to be released today
- Declining arrivals of soy bean in the domestic spot markets may support further recovery in prices
- For the day ahead, soy bean and soy oil futures are expected to recover further on firm global markets

Spot price	% Change	Feb NCDEX	Basis
2143.00	0.99	2158.5	-15.5

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460.15	0.59	464.4	-4.25

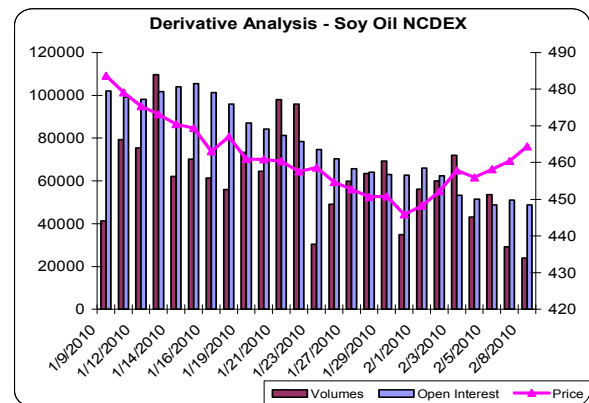
Soy bean NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Feb	2131	2161	2131	2158.5	1.62	88610
Mar	2105	2139	2105	2135	1.69	71260



Soy oil NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Feb	462	465	461.5	464.4	0.87	23950
Mar	465.7	468.5	464	467.7	1.24	73080



Guar seed

Market review

Guar seed futures ended on flat note after moving sideways. The active futures March NCDEX traded in the range of Rs2416-2456 and ended at Rs2434 levels. Cloudy weather conditions in Rajasthan weighed on guar seed futures.

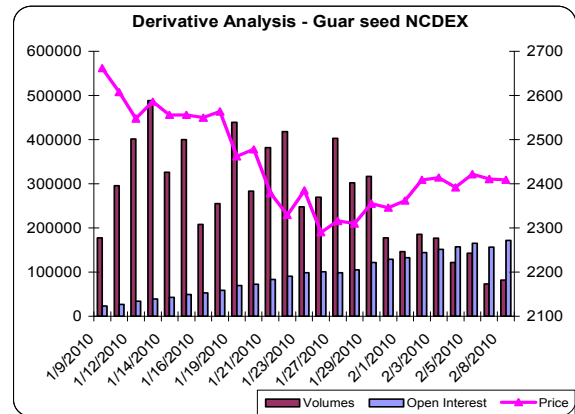
Outlook

- Cloudy weather and reports scattered rains in parts of guar seed growing regions putting pressure on prices
- Although, rains in this period may not have major impact on cultivation, some speculating selling was seen in the market
- Arrivals are expected to remain low as season is into lean period
- Demand for guar gum has improved due to recovery in most of the economies across globe, where guar gum is used for industrial purpose
- Guar seed futures are expected to recover further on fresh buying support

Spot price	% Change	Feb NCDEX	Basis
2416.15	0.34	2409	7.15

Guar seed NCDEX

	Open	High	Low	Close	%Change	Volume
Feb	2420	2429	2387	2409	-0.08	81780
Mar	2444	2456	2416	2434	-0.16	255920



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