

## **RABI FERTILIZER SITUATION: MID JANUARY 2012**

### **Executive Summary**

#### **1. FERTILIZER OFFTAKE**

##### **1.1 Fertilizer Offtake during December, 2011**

The data reveal that overall nutrient offtake during December 2011 was about 446 thousand tonnes compared to 395 thousand tonnes of December 2010, which represented a increase of 12.8 per cent. Nitrogen offtake increased by 13.1 per cent and phosphate by 14.0 per cent. Potash witnessed downward trend. In product terms urea offtake was 704 thousand tonnes, while DAP offtake was 114 thousand tonnes with an increase of 12.5 and 25.8 per cent, respectively over December 2010.

##### **1.2 Cumulative Fertilizer Offtake during Rabi 2011-12 (October-December)**

Total fertilizer nutrient offtake during Rabi 2011-12 (Oct-Dec) was about 1,188 thousand tonnes, which decreased by 18.7 per cent, compared with same timeframe of last Rabi. In product terms, urea offtake decreased by 13.2 per cent while DAP decreased by 27.2 per cent.

#### **2. FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND IMPORTED SUPPLIES**

Total fertilizer production during December 2011 in Pakistan was about 543 thousand product tonnes. Out of this, urea production was 369, DAP 54, CAN 55, Nitrophos 40, SSP 20 and NPK 5 thousand tonnes. Imported supplies during December 2011 were 336 thousand tonnes which comprise 331 thousand tonnes of urea, one thousand tonnes each of DAP and NP, 1.4 thousand tonnes of SOP and 3 thousand tonnes of MOP.

#### **3. PRICE TREND**

##### **3.1 Domestic**

During December 2011, the prices of urea (domestic) decreased by 5.3 per cent (from Rs. 1795/- to Rs. 1700 whereas prices of urea (imported) decreased by 7.4 per cent (from Rs. 1787 to Rs. 1655) as compared to November 2011. The prices of DAP in December 2011 decreased by 0.5 per cent (from Rs. 4186 to Rs. 4166) over November 2011. The prices of NPK, SSP (G), CAN and SOP decreased by 1.4, 2.6, 1.6 and 0.6 per cent, respectively as compared to November 2011.

### **3.2 International**

The price of Fob bulk yuzhny urea fluctuated between US \$ 325-435/t. The price of prilled bulk Arabian Gulf urea was in the range of US \$ 380-490/t. The Arabian Gulf prilled baged urea prices hovered between US \$ 390-500/t. The prices of DAP US Gulf were between US \$ 510-600/t. The price of DAP China bulk was in the range of US \$ 600-660.

### **4. SITUATION DURING RABI 2011-12**

Rabi 2011-12 started with a balance of 163 thousand tonnes urea. Domestic production during the season is estimated at 2,305 thousand tonnes. Due to gas load shedding the production of urea during January 2012 is estimated at 300 thousand tonnes. Urea offtake during current Rabi 2011-12 is estimated at about 3,077 thousand tonnes, against the 3,791 thousand tonnes of availability. Due to import of handsome quantity of urea (1.3 million tonnes), the situation regarding urea supply demand will remain comfortable during rest of period for Rabi 2011-12.

DAP availability in current season would be 817 thousand tonnes, which includes 224 thousand tonnes of inventory, 296 thousand tonnes of imported supplies and domestic production of 296 thousand tonnes. Expected offtake of DAP during current season is about 737 thousand tonnes. Closing balance at the end of Rabi 2011-12 will be 74 thousand tonnes.

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