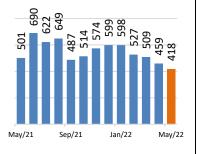
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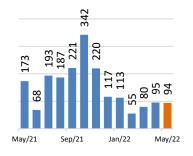
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Sector Update

Pakistan Monthly Urea Offtake





Pakistan Monthly DAP Offtake

Fertiliser May-22: Urea and DAP Sales Falloff amid Decreased Demand

- As per the latest data published by National Fertiliser Development Centre (NFDC) for the month of May-22, industrial Urea and DAP sales are down by -17% y arriving at 417.5KT and -46%y arriving at 94.4KT respectively. Whereas, CAN sales are down by 36%y to 51.4KT.
- Company-wise for urea offtake, FATIMA and FFBL led the decline chart with sales down by -41.9%y and -34.8%y respectively, followed by EFERT that witnessed a decline of -24.4%y to 151KT, In addition, FFC also experienced a decline in offtake by -2.3%y to 178.8 KT.
- For DAP sales, FFC, FFBL and EFERT sales stood at 14KT, 54.9KT and 15.9KT, down by -53.7%y, -20.2%y and -40.4%y respectively compared to same period last year; however, FATIMA posted sales increase by 2.2xy to 0.6KT. Total industrial sales decreased by 46%y to 94.4KT.

Urea sales decreased with Dap sales significantly

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This brings 5m'22 total industry Urea sales to 2,510KT (up by 14%y), DAP sales to 437KT (down by 18%y) and CAN sales to 323KT (down by 18%y).

Exhibit: Monthly Fertiliser offtake						
k.tons	May-22	May-21	y/y	5m2022	5m2021	y/y
Sales						
Urea	417.5	501	-17%	2,510	2,209	14%
DAP	94.4	173	-46%	437	533	-18%
CAN	51.4	80	-36%	323	397	-18%
NP & NPK	73.6	42	75%	320	353	-9%
Total	636.9	797	-20%	3,591	3,491	3%

Urea sales down by 17%y to 417.5KT

Urea offtake during May-22 dropped by 17%y to 417KT compared to 501KT during same period last year. Company-wise, FATIMA and FFBL led the decline chart with sales down by 41.9% and 34.8% respectively. EFERT witnessed a decrease of 24.4% v to 151KT, while FFC experienced a decline in offtake by 2.3%y to 178.8KT In our view, the decrease is urea sales is mainly attributable to high base effect amidst full scale operations of LNG plants in the SPLY.

Total urea production during the month stood at 563KT along with opening inventory of 318KT. This takes monthly urea availability to 881KT and closing inventory to 466.5KT.

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DAP sales decreased by 46%y to 94.4KT

Total industry DAP sales during May-22 decreased by 46%y to 94.4KT. FFC, FFBL and EFERT sales stood at 14KT, 54.9KT and 15.9KT, down by 53.7%, 20.2%y and 40.4%y respectively compared to same period last year. However, FATIMA sales increased by 2.2xy to 0.6KT. We attribute this decline in sales owing to higher prices leading to slump in demand. Overall industry production for DAP during the month stood at 79.0KT, while total availability during the month stood at 459.2KT, including imported and opening inventory. This brings DAP closing inventory at 369.8KT.

Outlook

Going forward, we expect DAP sales could come further under pressure due to higher commodity prices. International DAP prices (Middle East) have remained elevated during much of the FY22, amid a demand/supply mismatch averaging US\$ 830/ton. Reflecting the same domestic DAP prices have also shot up to PKR 10,548/ton from PKR 9,094/bag starting FY22. However, lately intl. DAP prices have started to show some respite, with the current price of DAP down to US\$ 781/ton from a high of 1,005 US\$/ton (1st-APR-2022 date). Hence we expect, domestic DAP prices are also expected to come down from the current; aside from USD/PKR exchange rate depreciation.

For urea, we expect prices to increase due the fiscal budget measures which will be passed on the end consumer.





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