

**Domestic Fundamentals:**

- Mentha oil market is recorded steady to slightly firm in major spot markets on Monday.
- Mentha cash market is likely to trade bearish in short to medium term due to higher availability of synthetic Mentha at lower price supported by sluggish demand in International and domestic markets.
- Area under Mentha crop in upcoming Rabi season is likely to decrease due to shifting of area from Mentha to other crops. Lower area coverage by farmers is mainly attributed to lower price realization.
- Buyers are waiting for stabilization in the cash markets. Major buyers like China, USA, and Singapore etc. are in wait and watch mood in expectation of lower prices.
- Mentha sowing is likely to start in January end to mid February in major producing regions like Sambhal, Chandausi, Barabanki, and Moradabad.
- As per by farmers' feedback, Area under Mentha crop is expected to fall by 20-25% this year (2013-14).

**International Market Update:**

- Major overseas buyers are engaged in need-based buying and they are avoiding building up stocks in the current bearish market.
- International quotes (FOB) for Mentha oil are in the range of USD 1515-1520/Quintal.
- At present Synthetic Mentha prices are quoted in the range of USD 12-15/Kgs against Mentha oil of USD 14-16/Kgs depending upon quality of Mentha oil.

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jan-14	-5.70	829.90	833.00	823.20	823.60	1757	118	6402	-3
Feb-14	-6.10	842.10	843.90	834.60	835.00	442	148	1169	95
Mar-14	-6.70	853.60	853.70	845.60	845.60	105	54	264	0

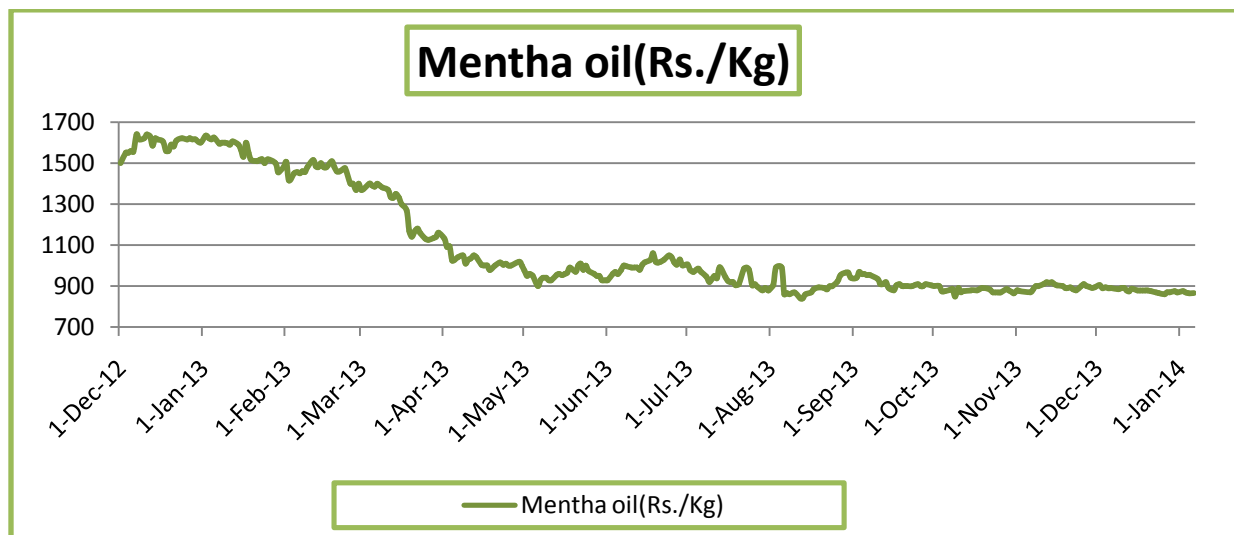
- Fall in price along with open interest indicates Long Liquidation in the market.

**Spreads:**

Spread	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14
Spot/Chandausi	41.1	30	19.4	13
Jan-14	-	-11.5	-10.6	-6.4
Feb-14	-	-	-10.6	-6.4
Mar-14	-	-	-	-6.4

**Stock Position at MCX Warehouses:**

Centre	Total Stocks (kgs)	Final Expiry Date
Chandausi	2157.550	15-Sep-14
	45325.500	15-Dec-14
	79090.900	15-Jan-15
	2159.000	15-Feb-15
	359.750	15-Mar-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>129092.700</b>	
Barabanki	<b>Total</b>	<b>2354064.450</b>

**Mentha Oil Spot Chandausi Price Chart (1 year):-**

**Mentha Oil Daily Prices**

Commodity	Center	Mentha Oil		Change
Mentha Oil		06.01.2014	04.01.2014	
	Chandausi	865	865	Unch
	Sambhal	940	940	Unch
	Barabanki	930	925	+5
	Bareilly	900	900	Unch
	Rampur	930	928	+2

Commodity	Center	DMO		Change
DMO		06.01.2014	04.01.2014	
	Chandausi	670	660	+10
	Sambhal	655	655	Unch

Commodity	Center	Flakes		Change
Flakes		06.01.2014	04.01.2014	
	Chandausi	955	970	-15
	Sambhal	990	990	Unch

Commodity	Center	Crystal		Change
Crystal		06.01.2014	04.01.2014	
	Chandausi	985	995	-10
	Sambhal	1035	1035	Unch

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