

**Domestic Fundamentals:**

- Weak sentiments recorded on key spot market of Mentha on Monday.
- According to the IMD forecast, dense fog with isolated rains could occur in Uttar Pradesh which included the Mentha growing regions and that can lead to subdued arrivals in the local mandis.
- 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.
- Recent rain in Uttar Pradesh and adjoining states is suitable for Mentha sowing; farmers are engaged in sowing of Mentha crop, however this year mentha's farmers are likely to shift their area in mustard and wheat.
- 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 1517-1520/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.

**Domestic market Outlook:** Market is likely to trade range bound outlook expected to continue.

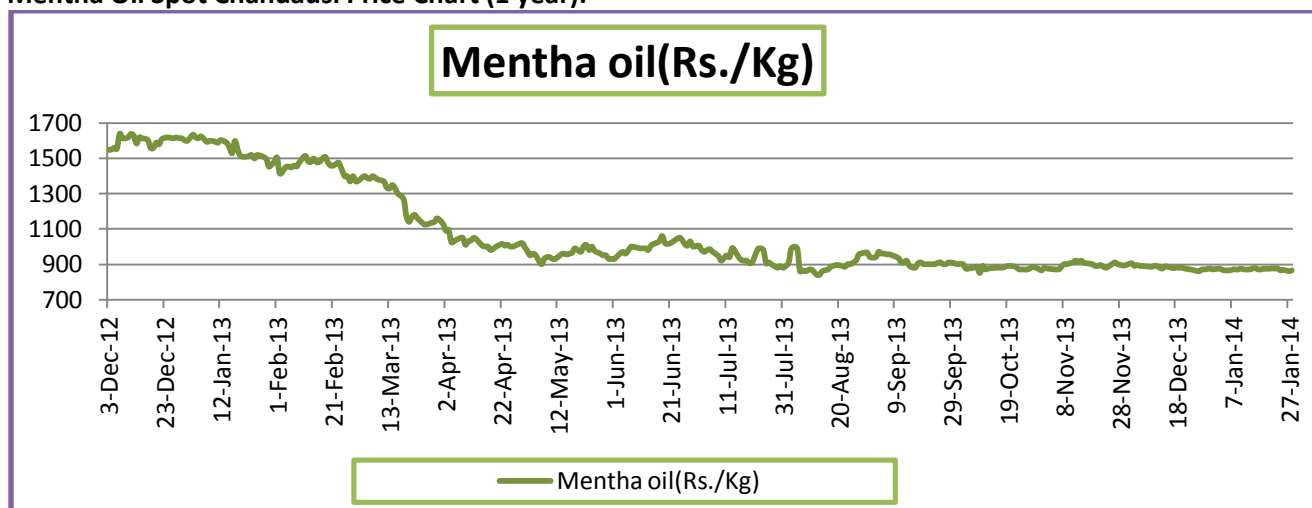
MCX Mentha Oil Futures									
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-14	-1.70	814.90	819.20	814.00	815.30	975	-385	5914	39
Mar-14	-2.20	826.50	829.00	824.30	825.00	123	-94	849	33
Apr-14	-0.20	827.50	829.50	825.10	826.70	59	-50	269	11

**Spreads:**

Spread	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14
Spot/Chandausi	36.7	27.9	30
Feb-14	-	-8.8	-6.7
Mar-14	-	-	-10
Apr-14	-	-	2.1

**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		3.2.2014	1.2.2014	
	Chandausi	855	865	-10
	Sambhal	930	933	-3
	Barabanki	915	920	-5
	Bareilly	885	-	-
	Rampur	925	922	+3

Commodity	Center	DMO		Change
DMO		3.2.2014	1.2.2014	
	Chandausi	650	660	-10
	Sambhal	647	650	-3

Commodity	Center	Flakes		Change
Flakes		3.2.2014	1.2.2014	
	Chandausi	940	955	-15
	Sambhal	970	980	-10

Commodity	Center	Crystal		Change
Crystal		3.2.2014	1.2.2014	
	Chandausi	965	985	-20
	Sambhal	1000	1020	-20

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