

Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals**Recent updates**

- Raw sugar futures on ICE were slightly lower on Friday, putting the market on course for an annual loss of around 23 percent, weighed down by rising global production.

Russia's sugar production from its own beet is expected to rise to a new record of 6.6 million tonnes in the 2017/18 marketing season which started on Aug. 1, up from 6.2 million tonnes in the previous season, its Sugar Producers' Union said.

Previous updates

- Sugar prices increased by Rs 40 per quintal at the wholesale market in the national capital today amid good buying interest.
- Despite removal of stock limit on sugar on Tuesday, sugar prices have not improved much. Lack of demand due to winter season and expectations of higher production are keeping prices subdued. Sugar prices have declined by Rs 3-4 per kg during past two months.
- Ethanol supplies by sugar mills and by ethanol producers finalised for the supply period 2017-2018 [December to November] will be 140 crore litres. This is 26% higher than the supply of 111 crore litres in 2015-2016. Ethanol supplies finalised last year were 66.5 crore litres.
- Mexico's sugar mills produced 197,425 tonnes of sugar, tel quel, in the week to December 16, up sharply from 149,390 in the same week last year.
- A surge in EU sugar production this year after the scrapping of output quotas will tail off in the coming decade as the market faces lower prices, consumer health concerns and competition from rival sweetener isoglucose, the EU Commission said.
- The government's Commodity Supply Corporation (Conab) raised its estimate for the Brazil's total sugar production in the current 2017/18 crop year fractionally to 39.46 mln tonnes, tel quel, from 39.39 mln in August, which would be up 2.0% from 38.6.
- Thailand's 2017/18 sugarcane crush continues to ramp up fast with 42 mills operational as of December 15, up from 30 a week earlier and compared with 35 at the same time last year, industry data showed. Total cane crushing has now reached 6.366 mln tonnes, up sharply from 2.248 mln crushed by the same time last year. Sugar output has reached 496,414 tonnes, raw value, compared with only 138,948 tonnes produced by the same day a year ago.(www.agra-net.com)
- The total sugar production this year is estimated to be around 249 lakh tonnes against estimated consumption requirement of about 250 lakh tonnes, an official statement said on Tuesday.
- Given the current comfortable position of production and in order to further smoothen the supply chain for easy availability of sugar in all regions, the government has withdrawn stock holding and turnover limits on dealers of sugar with immediate effect.
- Sugar Mills have produced 69.40 lakh tonne of sugar till December 15 of the 2017-18 marketing year as compared to 53.46 lakh tonne in the corresponding period of the previous year.

- Sugar millers want a reduction of export duty on sugar to zero as well as a total import ban on the sweetener. These, the millers said, were necessary in view of the decision of Pakistan to provide export subsidy to 15 lakh tonnes of sugar, which they say, will eat up India's traditional market of Bangladesh.
- Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) has asked the government preferential duty structure from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka for Indian sugar. Sugar is expected to be surplus in India this year on account of higher output estimates in 2017 -18. Bangladesh levys import duty of USD 150 per tonne on sugar, Sri Lanka imposes USD 100 per tonne. The two neighbours import about 25-30 lakh tonnes of sweetener annually according to ISMA.
- Sugarcane crushing in Maharashtra has risen to 166.55 lakh tonnes against previous season's 104.11 Lakh tonnes. Sugar production increased to 154.99 lakh quintals from 99.11 lakh quintals registered last year.

NCDEX Sugar (M grade) Future Quotes (At 05:00 p.m. as on 22-12-2017)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar-18	0	3270	3270	3270	3270

Contract	Volume
Mar-18	

Spread
Basis
Mar-18

NCDEX Stock & Fed Position					
Stocks	Grade	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
		29-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	23-Dec-17
Delhi	M	-	-	-	-
Sangli	M	-	-	-	-
Sholapur	M	-	-	-	-
Kolhapur	M	-	-	-	-
Belgaum	M	-	-	-	-
Delhi	S	-	-	-	-
Sangli	S	-	-	-	-
Sholapur	S	-	-	-	-
Kolhapur	S	-	-	-	-
Belgaum	S	-	-	-	-

Sugar Futures ICE& LIFFE as on 29 th December,2017					
ICE Sugar Futures (In Cents/Pound)					
Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	+/-
Mar-18	14.90	15.18	14.89	15.16	0.16
May-18	14.79	15.04	14.77	15.02	0.15
July-18	14.87	15.05	14.81	15.04	0.13
LCE Sugar Futures (In US\$/MT)					

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	+/-
Mar-18	393.00	395.00	392.70	394.70	0.90
May-18	391.50	393.70	391.30	393.20	0.90
Aug-18	393.30	395.10	393.30	394.70	0.60

Commodity	Price (\$/Ton)	Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icumsa	393.50	+2.60

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3490	3490	Unch
	Delhi	S-Grade	3470	3470	Unch
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3384	3384	Unch
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3250	3250	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3230	3230	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3300	3300	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3570	3570	Unch
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3270	3270	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3125	3125	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3100	3100	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3000	3000	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3309	3309	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3320	3320	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3700	3700	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3640	3640	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3650	3650	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3500	3500	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	NR	NR	-
	Ambikapur	S-Grade (Without Duty)	NR	NR	-

Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)

Jaggery (Gur) Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Jaggery(Gur)			30-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	ChakuSukha(Cold)	2678	2700	-23

	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	5000	5000	Unch
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2540	2550	-10
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2763	2788	-25
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2175	2250	-75
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2450	2450	Unch
	Hapur	Balti	2500	2500	Unch
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4900	4900	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	3400	3600	-200
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	3440	3540	-100
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3365	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3350	3350	Unch
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3200	3200	Unch
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3200	3150	50
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3350	3400	-50
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	3950	-

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