

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

- Sugar prices have dropped by Rs 68 per quintal at the wholesale sugar market in the national capital today following ample stocks amid sluggish demand.
- The latest data shows cane crushing in Maharashtra during the current season, as on February 27, to have already touched 760.93 lt, with the corresponding sugar output at 83.64 lt even with a lower recovery of 10.99 per cent. Moreover, all the 185 mills in the state are still running.
- Based on current trends, domestic sugar production for sugar year 2017-18 is anticipated to increase by at least 33 per cent to around 27 million tonnes (mt) (as against its earlier estimate of 26 mt), although an even higher production cannot be ruled out at this stage. The consumption is expected to increase to around 25 mt in SY2018 from 24.5 mt in SY2017,” said Sabyasachi Majumdar of ICRA.

Previous updates.

- The crashing of sugar prices in the wholesale market, and lower sales, has resulted in mills owing Rs 2,500 crore to cane cultivators across Maharashtra, an official from the state cooperation department said.
- India's sugar production is likely to rise to a record 29.2 million tonnes in the 2017/18 season, up nearly 12 percent from a previous estimate as Maharashtra's output could more than double, according to a survey of global and local dealers.
- According to Maharashtra state cooperation department, the crashing of sugar prices in the wholesale market, and lower sales, has resulted in mills owing Rs 2,500 crore to cane cultivators across Maharashtra.
- Global sugar prices have tumbled about 33 percent in the past year on a global surplus as production increases in Europe and India.
- India may export more Sugar than previously forecast as higher yields boost supply in the world's top consumer. Shipments may total 1.5 million metric tons in the next six to eight months, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said.
- The average price for sugar 'M' grade in key Kolhapur market settled at Rs 3162 per quintal, and It has declined compared to last week it was 3200 per quintal. Similarly, spot sugar prices for the same variety/grade in Shamli district Rs 3300 per quintal this week.
- According to Avinash Verma, Director-General of the Indian Sugar Mills' Association (ISMA), the ex-mill price of sugar in Uttar Pradesh, which had increased by nearly 13 per cent to Rs 35 a kg in the past ten days.
- Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank has increased valuation of sugar by Rs 130 per quintal to Rs 3,100 per quintal. This will help sugar mills borrow more from banks and make payments to cane farmers.
- Sugar prices had jumped by 10-12% following twin government decisions of increasing import duty and capping mill level sugar sales two weeks ago, but they have stagnated or declined slightly in different producing markets of the country in the last few days.

NCDEX Sugar (M grade) Future Quotes (At 05:00 p.m. as on 01-03-2018)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O.I
Cont. (C1)	0	3261	3261	3261	3261		40
Spread	Cont Mar (C1)						
Spot	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	

NCDEX Stock & Fed Position

Stocks	Grade	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
		28-Feb-18	28-Feb-18	28-Feb-18	19-Feb-18
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 28th February,2018

ICE Sugar Futures (In Cents/Pound)

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	+/-
Mar-18	13.00	13.62	12.98	13.48	0.47
May-18	12.90	13.49	12.82	13.38	0.51
July-18	13.00	13.61	13.00	13.49	0.46

LCE Sugar Futures (In US\$/MT)

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	+/-
May-18	351.10	363.20	349.70	361.30	10.80
Aug-18	350.00	360.90	348.20	358.50	9.50
Oct-18	353.30	363.80	351.60	361.40	8.60

Commodity	Price (\$/Ton)	Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icumsa	350.50	-8.90

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			1-Mar-18	28-Feb-18	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3372	3440	-68
	Delhi	S-Grade	3352	3420	-68
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	Closed	3350	-
	Ramala	M-Grade	Closed	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	3190	-
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	3170	-
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	3240	-
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3460	3460	Unch
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3220	3220	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3275	3225	50
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3175	3125	50
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3150	3100	50
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3050	3000	50
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3360	3309	51
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3370	3320	50
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3800	3800	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3740	3740	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	Closed	3500	-
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)			1-Mar-18	28-Feb-18	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha(Cold)	2518	2525	-8
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	6000	8000	-2000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2213	2215	-3
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2425	2400	25
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2075	2100	-25
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2213	2208	5
	Hapur	Balti	2188	2188	Unch
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4600	4600	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3334	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3450	3450	Unch
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3200	3000	200
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3100	3000	100
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3600	3600	Unch
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	NA	-

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