

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

- Sugar wholesale prices were noticed steady across all markets in the country on Saturday.
- Sugar output in Thailand, the world's biggest exporter of the sweetener behind Brazil, is likely to touch a record 12-13 million tonnes in the 2017/18 season.
- India will soon bring in rules to force sugar mills to export millions of tonnes of surplus supplies to prop up local prices, a move that could drag down global rates, which have hovered near eight-and-a-half month lows.
- Sugar mills currently owe Rs14,000 crore to cane farmers as lower sugar prices created a liquidity shortage, the government told Parliament this month.

Previous updates.

- Bumper production of sugar cane across the country this season has led to sugar prices dropping by Rs 900 per quintal or around 23% in Gujarat compared to last year.
- The government today pegged the sugar production estimate at 27.2 million tonnes for the ongoing 2017-18 marketing year ending September, lower than the industrys projection of 29.5 million tonnes for the period.
- Ethiopian Sugar Corporation (ESC) bought 100,000 metric tons of sugar this past November. A few months later, in February, ESC announced its intention to buy an additional 100,000 metric tons. Bids for this tender are due March 20 and the shipment delivery date is June - August.
- The sugar industry expects the government to take a call this week to scrap export duty on the commodity in the wake of forecast of a record output for the second consecutive year.
- The ISMA said that the yield per hectare was higher in Maharashtra and north Karnataka this year. Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka were expected to produce 105.13 lakh tonnes, 101.3 lakh tonnes and 35.45 lakh tonnes respectively. Till the end of February, total sugar production was 230.5 lakh tonnes and 479 mills continued to crush cane. Hence, the total production estimate had been revised upwards.
- U.S. cane sugar production is increased 10,000 short tons, raw value (STRV) to 4.021 million based on a processor report from Texas. Re-export imports for 2017/18 are increased by 150,000 STRV to 400,000 based on pace to date. Exports for 2017/18 are increased by 50,000 STRV to 150,000. Ending stocks for 2017/18 are residually projected at 1.953 million STRV, implying a stocks-to-use ratio of 15.5 percent, up from last month's 14.6 percent.
- Mexico sugar production for 2017/18 is decreased by 50,000 metric tons (MT) to 6.050 million due to lower sugarcane area. Imports are increased 35,000 MT to 170,000 based on increased pace to date reported by the Comité Nacional Para El Desarrollo Sustentable de la Caña de Azúcar (CONADESUCA) through the end of January 2018.
- Sugar production of 29.5 million tons in the current season will be 4.5 million tonnes higher than the 25 million tonnes of estimated domestic consumption.

NCDEX Sugar (M grade) Future Quotes (At 05:00 p.m. as on 17-03-2018)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O.I
Cont. (C1)	-	3070	3070	3070	3070	-	-
Spread	Cont Mar (C1)						
Spot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NCDEX Stock & Fed Position

Stocks	Grade	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
		16-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	12-Mar-18
Delhi	M	-	-	-	-
Sangli	M	-	-	-	-
Sholapur	M	-	-	-	-
Kolhapur	M	-	-	-	-
Belgaum	M	-	-	-	-
Delhi	S	-	-	-	-
Sangli	S	-	-	-	-
Sholapur	S	-	-	-	-
Kolhapur	S	50	0	50	50
Belgaum	S	-	-	-	-

Sugar Futures ICE& LIFFE as on 16th March,2018

ICE Sugar Futures (In Cents/Pound)

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	+/-
May-18	12.73	12.74	12.60	12.65	-0.09
July-18	12.96	12.96	12.82	12.85	-0.10
Oct-18	13.33	13.33	13.21	13.23	-0.10

LCE Sugar Futures (In US\$/MT)

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	+/-
May-18	348.50	348.90	346.20	348.30	-0.70
Aug-18	347.30	347.60	344.70	346.10	-1.70
Oct-18	348.50	348.70	346.60	347.00	-2.20

Commodity	Price (\$/Ton)	Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icmsa	349.00	-

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			17-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3158	3085	73
	Delhi	S-Grade	3138	3065	73
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3085	3085	Unch
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	2970	2970	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	2950	2950	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3020	3020	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3330	3380	-50
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3126	3140	-14
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3125	3125	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3025	3025	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3000	3000	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	2900	2900	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3207	3207	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3220	3220	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3500	3500	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3440	3440	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3335	3335	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3300	3300	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)			17-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha(Cold)	2503	2505	-3
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	8000	5000	3000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2190	2213	-23
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2425	2413	13
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2050	2063	-13
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2100	2105	-5
	Hapur	Balti	2100	2100	Unch

Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4400	4400	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	2500	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	3600	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3198	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3650	3650	Unch
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3250	3250	Unch
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3500	3450	50
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3550	3650	-100
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	NA	-

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