

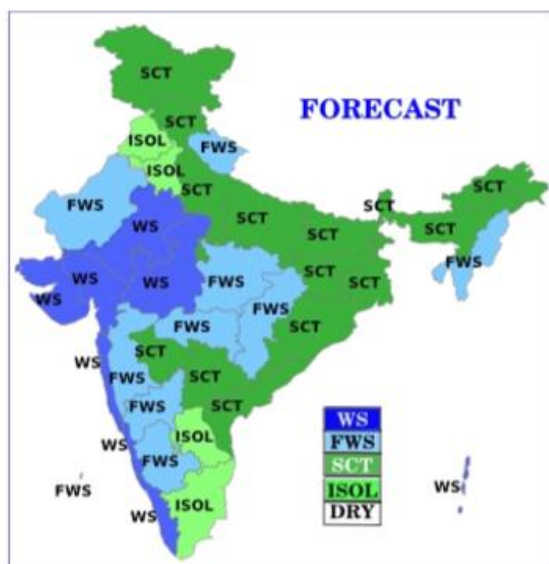
Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

Recent Update:

Most of the sugar prices were witnessed steady to weak on Friday. Prices of both varieties of sugar dropped at the Vashi wholesale market here today following reduced demand from stockists, retailers and bulk consumers amid ample arrivals. Small sugar prices weakened by Rs 4/7 to Rs 3,176/3,285 per quintal from Tuesday's closing level of Rs 3,180/3,292. Current ICE sugar prices are trading higher at 10.3Cent/lb compared to previous day it was 10.23 cent/lb. Global Trade experts expects world sugar price to remain below 13 cents/lb till March'19

Mexico's government has set a sugar export quota to the United States of 750,876.9 tonnes for the cycle that runs from Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019. Mexico is the top foreign sugar supplier to the United States, a coveted 12 million-ton market where the U.S. government doles out export quotas to about 40 sugar-producing countries each year.

Weather Update:



18th Aug: Heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places very likely over Coastal Karnataka and Gujarat State and heavy rain at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Rajasthan, Konkan & Goa, Tamilnadu, South Interior Karnataka and Kerala.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s weather models hinted at weak monsoon rain over the central India and the country in general from August 10 to 16. But the models of the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), under the ministry of earth sciences, are showing active monsoon conditions from August 13. IMD weather models are indicating that most of the central India,

including Maharashtra, will see an increase in rainfall activity after

August 17. But northeast India, extreme north and south peninsula regions are expected to get below- normal rainfall.

Previous Updates:

South Africa has raised import duties on sugar to \$680 from \$566 a tonne to protect the domestic industry against a surge in imports, the trade and industry minister said on Wednesday.

Sugar mills crushed 1.563 million tonnes of cane in the week to August 5, down from 1.608 mln last week and also below the 1.568 mln in the same week in 2017, Australian Sugar Milling Council (ASMC) data show.

SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION (% of Stations reporting)			
% Stations	Category	% Stations	Category
76-100	Widespread (WS/ Most Places)	26-50	Scattered (SCT/ A Few Places)
51-75	Fairly Widespread (FWS/ Many Places)	1-25	Isolated (ISOL)
Dry (No station reported Rainfall)			

Beet sugar production for 2018/19 is projected up 71,000 short tons, raw value (STRV) to 5.107 million based on sugarbeet area and yield forecasts made by NASS in Crop Production. Beet sugar production for 2017/18 is reduced by 34,353 STRV to 5.241 million based on higher beet pile shrink estimated for the 2017/18 slicing campaign. Based on NASS sugarcane yield and area harvested, 2018/19 cane sugar production in Louisiana is increased by 191,000 STRV to 1.781 million and cane sugar production in Florida is increased by 50,000 STRV to 2.050 million. Deliveries for human consumption for 2017/18 are reduced by 135,000 STRV to 12.100 million based on pace to date and the corresponding projection for 2018/19 is reduced in line by 150,000 STRV to 12.250 million. Ending stocks for 2017/18 are estimated at 2.103 million STRV for a stocks-to-use ratio of 16.9 percent. Ending stocks for 2018/19 are projected at 2.261 million STRV for a stocks-to-use ratio of 18.1 percent. Sugar supply and use in Mexico are unchanged from last month.

Raw sugar futures in New York ended with slight gains as the market was supported by the latest Brazilian crushing update which showed an ongoing strong preference of millers for ethanol against sugar. Sugar mills in Brazil's Centre/South crushed 47.347 mln tonnes of cane in the second half of July, up from 44.879 mln in the first half of the month but down 7.0% from the 50.907 mln in the same period a year ago, Unica data showed

The Indian Sugar Industry urged the union government to raise the minimum sale price of sugar to Rs36/ kg from Rs 29. If the floor price of the sweetener for sale by mills fixed at Rs 36, sugar factories will be able to take a loss on the exports without need of financial assistance. The loss on sugar exports currently is around 11-12 Rs a kg over domestic ex- mill prices.

Sugar mills in Maharashtra, which has seen a glut in production, owe Rs 593 crore to farmers. The state government is making efforts to persuade the sugar mills to clear the dues of farmers, the mills paid around Rs 20,682 crore as sugarcane purchase price to farmers till July this year, but there are still arrears worth Rs 593 crore, the official in the state sugar commissioner's office said. Last year, there were arrears of only Rs two crore, he noted..

As per the Agriwatch estimate, India's sugar production is expected to rise to 355 LT in 2018/19 as the country is expecting a good cane crop this marketing year particularly from the state of Uttar Pradesh & Maharashtra. Agriwatch is expecting Maharashtra to produce 8-10% of more sugar in 2018-19 (01st October, 2018 -30th September, 2019). In addition, Uttar Pradesh is also expected to produce a large quantity of sugar this year too due to a surge in cane area, yield and sugar recovery.

NCDEX Sugar (M grade) Future Quotes (At 05:00 p.m. as on 16-08-2018)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O.I
Cont. (Oct)	-	3162	3162	3162	3162	-	-
Spread	Cont Oct (C1)						
Spot	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Note: There is no trade volume in near month future contract. Market participants are advised to wait until trade in volume starts.

NCDEX Stock & Fed Position					
Stocks	Grade	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
		08-Aug-18	08-Aug-18	08-Aug-18	08-Aug-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 17 Aug, 2018(AT 5.00pm)

Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
Oct-18	180816	10.25	10.43	10.25	10.3	0.07	61,983	5,14,972	2,835
Mar-19	180816	11.15	11.27	11.12	11.14	0.01	37,969	3,04,625	3,041
May-19	180816	11.37	11.48	11.35	11.36	unch	10,482	95,175	1,127
Jul-19	180816	11.61	11.72	11.56	11.59	unch	2,080	51,494	-201
Oct-19	180816	11.95	12.04	11.92	11.93	unch	992	43,891	162
Mar-20	180816	12.6	12.67	12.56	12.56	-0.01	185	14,594	-19
May-20	180816	12.71	12.71	12.66	12.66	-0.01	35	3,018	4
Jul-20	180816	12.81	12.81	12.75	12.75	-0.02	21	2,806	8
Total Volume and Open Interest							1,13,764	10,34,096	6,968
London Sugar(LCE)									
Oct-18	180816	312	314.3	310.7	311.2	0.4	4,420	49,403	-595
Dec-18	180816	313.4	314.5	312	312.4	0.3	2,088	27,344	420
Mar-19	180816	317.4	318.5	315.9	316.5	0.3	1,263	17,631	-75
May-19	180816	318.6	322	318.6	319.8	unch	427	8,781	140
Aug-19	180816	325.6	327	325	325.2	-0.1	114	6,085	-8
Total Volume and Open Interest							8,332	1,13,050	-121

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			17-Aug-18	16-Aug-18	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3190	3200	-10
	Delhi	S-Grade	3170	3180	-10
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3320	3320	Unch
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3200	3200	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3180	3180	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3250	3250	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3446	3450	-4
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3236	3242	-6
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3150	3150	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3100	3100	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3025	3025	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3334	3334	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3345	3345	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3620	3620	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3560	3560	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3590	3590	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3475	3475	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade	3760	3760	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	3680	3680	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3600	3600	Unch

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-Aug-18	16-Aug-18	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha(Cold)	2980	2950	30
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2675	2675	Unch
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2750	2750	Unch
	Hapur	Balti	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	4120	NR	-
		White	3900	NR	-

		Black	2600	NR	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	NA	4150	-
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	3100	3100	Unch
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	3100	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	3150	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3263	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	3350	-
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	3000	-
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	2950	-
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	3300	-
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	3950	-

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