

Sugar &Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

Recent Update:

India's state-run trading company MMTC Ltd has issued an international tender to overseas buyers to sell and export 50,000 tonnes of Indian white crystal sugar. Tender deadline are Oct. 31 and the sugar can be exported from Indian east and west coast ports in break-bulk ships. There will be an option to purchase a further 50,000 tonnes.

Sugar wholesale market prices witnessed steady trend on Saturday. Prices for fine variety gained Rs 3-5 a quintal. After the announcement of the export incentives for sugar millers in the country and Festive demand kept sugar prices supportive. ICE Mar and May futures ended with slight losses on Tuesday it around -0.2 c/lb and white sugar with small gains as the markets were in consolidation mode.

Sugar output from the main producing region in Brazil fell 43 percent in the first half of October as rains delayed cane processing and mills continued to favor ethanol production over sugar, cane industry group Unica said on Wednesday. Mills in Brazil's center-south region produced 1.11 million tonnes of sugar in the first half of October compared to 1.28 million tonnes in the previous two-week period and 2 million tonnes at the same time last year, Unica said. Cane crushing fell to 25.58 million tonnes versus 27.64 million tonnes in the second half of the previous month and 32.5 million tonnes seen at this time last year.

Weather Update:

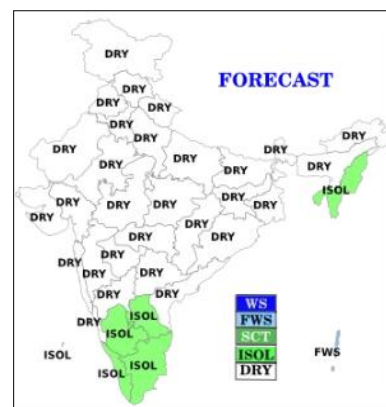
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The June to September monsoon provided 23% less rainfall than normal this year, according to state government data. India's biggest sugar producing state, Uttar Pradesh, also received slightly less rainfall than normal but the grubs have not infested crops there.

Previous Updates:

The statistics from National Federation of Sugar Factories Ltd. (NFSFL) shows that, there has been drop of 2 kg in sugar consumption per person per year. In 2014-15, India's sugar consumption was 20.5 kg per person, but it has dropped to 18.5 kg per person in financial year 2017-18. In financial year 2017-18 India's total sugar production was 32 million tonnes and consumption were around 25 million tonnes.

Increased demand for Indian sugar has driven up export deals signed by domestic millers to about 3.5 lakh tonnes, according to the All India Sugar Traders Association (AISTA). However, full-fledged production and dispatches may commence only after Diwali, which falls on November 7 this year, because of agitations by organisations representing farmers and labourers.



The Maharashtra government has started issuing the mandatory crushing licences required for the mills to begin production in the country's top sugar producing state. More than 30 of the 196 mills which will operate this season have taken licences from the state's sugar commissionerate, said. A few mills from Pune and Ahmednagar region will kick-start crushing operations this week. However, Kolhapur-Sangli region, which accounts for about a quarter of the state's sugar production, will have to wait to commence crushing of sugarcane, according to the industry. Mills from Marathwada will also have to wait another fortnight to begin sugar production.

Amid uncertainty over cane farmers' advance payments, dozens of sugar mills in Maharashtra are set to commence crushing for the current season (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019) on Saturday. Mills in Uttar Pradesh, however, are waiting for the cane to mature and hope to start crushing around Diwali. With this, sugar mills will delay commencement of their crushing operations by three weeks in Maharashtra and by over six weeks in Uttar Pradesh despite estimates of an all-time high cane crop output in the current season.

According to the First Advanced Estimate, India's sugarcane output is estimated around 384 million tonnes for 2018-19 compared to 377 million tonnes in the previous year. Surprisingly, unlike the past few years of cane glut, neither the Maharashtra nor Uttar Pradesh governments encouraged sugar mills to commence crushing for the current season. Both the governments, in consultations with the industry, had announced earlier that crushing activity this year will commence early to control the record high availability of cane.

Sugar market ruled steady for the second consecutive day on normal demand, supply and volume. Mills continued to sell at prevailing rates to ease their old stocks as new crushing season is expected to start soon.. The Bombay Sugar Merchants Association spot rates: S-grade ₹3,102-3,186 and M-grade ₹3,180-3,516. Naka delivery rates: S-grade ₹3,080-3,150 and M-grade ₹3,120-3,250.

After a bumper crop, sugar stockpiles in the country, the world's second-largest producer of the sweetener, have more than doubled since last year. With another record crop expected in the current growing season, India is subsidising sugar exports, threatening to glut the market even as prices fell to the lowest in ten years on September 27. But, an infestation of white grubs in Maharashtra, India's second-biggest sugar producing state, and neighbouring Karnataka, the third-largest producer, could mean sugar output for the 2018-19 crop year will be 9% less than earlier estimates.

Sugar stocks continued to witness buying on Monday after a media report indicated that the government is planning to provide funding to set up an ethanol plant. Uttam Sugar, Dalmia Sugar, Dwarikesh Sugar, Ponni Sugars (E), KCP Sugar, Bannariamman, Bajaj Hindusthan, Andhra Sugar, EID Parry and Balrampur Chini rallied 6-15 percent. To boost ethanol production, the government is planning to provide financial help to sugar companies. The government targets to increase ethanol's limit in petrol to 20 percent from current level of 10 percent, hence, it may approve loan to set up an ethanol plant, sources said.

India has a surplus (opening stock) of 10.5 million tonnes from the last season and it is expected to produce around 33.5 million tonnes of the sweetener in 2018-19 starting October. So the total availability of sugar this year will be around 44 million tonnes against the expected domestic

consumption of 26 million tonnes, thus putting a burden on the mills to clear huge sugar stocks -around Rs 37 per kg in the national capital compared to around Rs 40-43 a year ago.

Brazil has decided to cut down sugar production by earmarking more cane for manufacturing ethanol, so India finds a space where the domestic surplus can be accommodated. To achieve it, we will have to produce sugar of 45 ICUMSA grade. Currently, we produce sugar whose grade is between 100-150 ICUMSA. India has a surplus (opening stock) of 10.5 million tonnes from the last season and it is expected to produce around 33.5 million tonnes of the sweetener in 2018-19 starting October.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) reduced its outlook for US sugar production in 2018/19 (Oct/Sep) by 65,995 tons to 9.262 mln short tons raw value, while the estimate for 2017/18 production was cut by 6,899 tons to 9.248 mln.

Maharashtra's sugar industry has ramped up efforts to export 15 lakh tonnes of sugar till March. The central government has also decided to take weekly review of sugar exports as the country plans to export total of 9 million tonnes of sugar in next two years. The government has given mill wise quota to export 50 lakh tonnes of sugar in 2018-19 and extended incentives of Rs 138/tonne of sugarcane.

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 24-10-2018)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	O.I
Cont. (Oct)	-	3140	3140	3140	3140	-	-
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.

International Sugar Futures ICE					(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		26-Oct-18	19-Oct-18	26-Sep-18	27-Oct-17	27-Oct-18
Oct-18	6.38	2317	2339	1612	2178	0.00
Mar-19	6.63	2275	2285	1777	2133	

May-19	7.11	2291	2304	1801	2139	
(Source: Reuters) * Today – figures are a day ago Quotes.						

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		26-Oct-18	19-Oct-18	26-Sep-18	27-Oct-17	27-Oct-18
Oct-18	8.59	2799	2851	2367	2578	0.00
Dec-18	10.35	2736	2783	2266	2479	
Mar-19	10.09	2734	2783	2281	2483	
(Source: Reuters)* Today – figures are a day ago Quotes.						

Commodity(18-Oct-18)	Price (\$/Ton)	Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icumsa	380.50	3.50

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			27-Oct-18	26-Oct-18	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3111	3116	-5
	Delhi	S-Grade	3091	3096	-5
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3420	3420	Unch
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3230	3230	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3210	3210	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3280	3280	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3420	3406	14
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3250	3216	34
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3275	3275	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3175	3175	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3150	3150	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3050	3050	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3360	3360	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3370	3370	Unch

Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3600	3600	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3540	3540	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3600	3600	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3260	3260	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade	3540	3540	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	3640	3640	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)			27-Oct-18	26-Oct-18	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha(Cold)	3063	2935	128
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Chaurasa	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Balti	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	4600	4400	200
		White	4000	4000	Unch
		Black	2900	2700	200
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	NA	4250	-
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	3100	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	3450	3225	225
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3225	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3100	3050	50
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3100	3000	100
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	2900	2900	Unch
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	2950	3050	-100
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	3650	-

Spot Prices of Sugar at NCDEX Delivery Centers:					
Centre	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
		27-Oct-18	20-Oct-18	26-Sep-18	26-Oct-17
Sugar S Grade					
Erode	#VALUE!	NA	NA	0	3995
Kolhapur	-14.59	3027	3000	3028	3544
Kolkata	-	NA	NA	0	0
Vashi	#VALUE!	NA	NA	0	0
Sugar M Grade					
Delhi	-13.66	3255	3245	3208	3770
Erode	#VALUE!	NA	NA	0	4045
Kanpur	-11.83	3422	3371	3329	3881
Kolhapur	-14.14	3110	3091	3110	3622
Kolkata	-10.87	3476	NA	3429	3900
Muzaffar Nagar	-12.84	3286	3235	3278	3770
*NA: Not Available					

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