

Sugar &Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

Price Outlook:

Sugar Mills are quoting lower prices now on the back of poor demand as buyers have already made purchases for the festival. Increased selling pressure on domestic mills due to high sales quota for November also weighed on prices. The government has restricted sales by sugar mills in the country at 2.2 mln tn for November in a bid to trim supply in the market. Sugar mills having distilleries with ethanol production capacity which divert B-heavy molasses to produce ethanol and thereby sacrifice sugar, shall be eligible to sell additional quantity of sugar in addition to the quantity of white/refined sugar prescribed for domestic sale. Prices of sugar, however, are likely to rise later this month on the back of renewed demand and due to a cut in production estimate for 2018-19 (Oct-Sep) by the Indian Sugar Mills Association.

Recent Update:

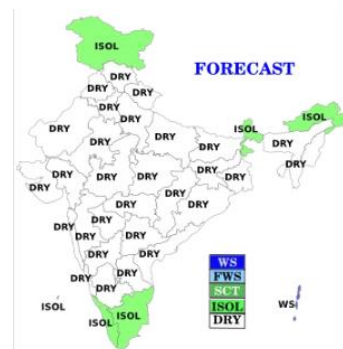
Ministry of Commerce said on Thursday that India will start exporting raw sugar to China from the beginning of next year. This step will help to bridge the trade deficit with neighboring countries. In a statement, the ministry said, "An agreement has been made for the export of 15,000 tonnes of raw sugar between the Indian Sugar Mill Association (ISMA) and the Chinese government's public sector undertaking, Kauffo." It has been reported that China plans to import 2 million tonnes of raw sugar from the beginning of next year. The Ministry said, Raw sugar is the second product after non-basmati rice which will be imported from China, India, it is the step taken to reduce trade losses of 60 billion dollars with China." India had exported US \$ 33 billion in the year 2017-18, while it imports 76.2 billion US dollars.

According to the operational data of Ukrugar Association, as of November 5, 1,03 million tonnes of sugar were produced. There are 39 sugar refineries in operation and one refinery has already completed the production season. 7,9 million tonnes of sugar beet have been processed, which is 2,5% less than last year's figures. As it was predicted earlier, according to the climate conditions, this year sugar content is lower than last year's level — 16,26% to 17,21%, sugar output is lower too — 13,31 to 14,24%. As of November 5, 231 thousand hectares of sugar beet were harvested, accounting for 83% of the total harvested areas. Most of sugar beet crops were harvested in Vinnytsia, Poltava and Ternopil regions.

Weather Update:

10th Nov Heavy to very heavy rain likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

- In October, India got a paltry 44% of the month's average—the lowest since 1976.
- An erratic monsoon, such as the one this year, poses extensive challenges for adaptation.
- Maharashtra, which has declared drought in 42% of its area, is in the throes of a groundwater crisis.
- Experts have rung warning bells about the possible impacts of the brewing El Niño.



Previous Updates:

Brazilian mills are expected to increase the amount of cane they allocate to sugar production next season due to better prices for the sweetener, which will lead to a rise in sugar output of 3 million tonnes, broker and consultancy INTL FCStone said on Wednesday. FCStone expects Brazil's center-south to produce 29.6 million tonnes of sugar in the 2019/20 season that starts in April versus 26.3 million tonnes in 2018/19, which was the country's smallest output in years and almost 10 million tonnes lower than in the previous crop.

About 10 sugar mills have started crushing operations in UP and another seven-eight are likely to start this week. The government is confident that by mid-November, a majority of the state's 119 mills would be operational, including 94 private mills, 24 cooperatives and one sugar corporation plant. When UP had clocked sugar production of over 12 million tonnes (mt) with farmers' payables touching Rs 354 billion.

Raw sugar futures in New York ended with strong gains in the last session ahead of the weekend with general strength across commodity markets as well as a weaker US dollar supporting values.

As crushing operations in the country's top two sugarcane producing states of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have begun, the farmers' outstanding of about Rs 125 billion, pertaining to the 2017-18 season, is likely to be reduced by almost 33 per cent, or Rs 40 billion, by the end of November.

The Haryana state government is likely to continue with last year's State-Advised Price (SAP) of sugarcane, apparently under pressure from private sugar mills owned by influential politicians. The cane crushing season is expected to start in the next two weeks and the mills have even refused to pay the last year's SAP. The seven private sugar mills have announced that they will not pay a single rupee more than the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of Rs 255 per quintal of cane. They say if the government insists on giving SAP to the growers, it would itself have to pay the differential price between FRP and the SAP (Rs 55 per quintal), as was done three years ago.

Indian sugar mills have sealed contracts for 830,000 tonnes of sugar exports so far in 2018/19 (Oct/Sep) with Uttar Pradesh accounting for about 450,000 tonnes of the contacts, said Praful Vithlani, president of the All India Sugar Traders Association (AISTA).

Brazil exported only 1.950 mln tonnes of sugar, raw value, in October 2018, down from 2.603 mln a month earlier and significantly below 2.915 mln in the same month last year, Trade Ministry data showed.

Around 18 sugar factories in Maharashtra have commenced crushing for 2018-19 season, crushing some 3.5 lakh to 4 lakh tonnes of cane. Factories in the state have slowly started the operations, full fledged operations are expected to commence after Diwali. However the farmers have demanded more money for this season's crop, beyond what is considered as fair and remunerative prices (FRP) a farmers'

association, has announced that it will not let the mills operate until they agree to pay Rs 200 per tonne over and above the FRP of sugarcane.

NCDEX Sugar (M grade) Future Quotes (At 05:00 p.m. as on 08-11-2018)

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
		8-Nov-18	1-Nov-18	7-Oct-18	8-Nov-17	8-Nov-18
Oct-18	-2.07	2173	2231	#N/A	2219	72.73
Mar-19	-3.26	2092	2181	#N/A	2162	
May-19	-2.67	2115	2196	#N/A	2173	

(Source: Reuters) * Today – figures are a day ago Quotes.

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		8-Nov-18	1-Nov-18	7-Oct-18	8-Nov-17	8-Nov-18
Oct-18	0.63	2606	2711	#N/A	2590	72.73
Dec-18	-2.73	2491	2598	#N/A	2561	
Mar-19	-0.01	2524	2625	#N/A	2525	

(Source: Reuters)* Today – figures are a day ago Quotes.

Commodity(06-Nov-18)		Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icumsa	356.20	-

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			09-Nov-18	08-Nov-18	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Delhi	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Ramala	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	Closed	-
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	Closed	-
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Mumbai	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Nagpur	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Nagpur	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	Closed	Closed	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3200	3300	-100
	Dindigul	M-Grade	3520	3520	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	NR	NR	-
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)			09-Nov-18	08-Nov-18	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha(Cold)	#N/A	Closed	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	#N/A	Closed	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	#N/A	Closed	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	#N/A	Closed	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	#N/A	Closed	-

	Hapur	Chaurasa	#N/A	NA	-
	Hapur	Balti	#N/A	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	#N/A	Closed	-
		White	#N/A	Closed	-
		Black	#N/A	Closed	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	#N/A	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4250	NA	-
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	3200	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	NA	-
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	NA	-

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