

Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals**Recent Update:**

March NY world sugar #11 (SBH19) on Thursday closed down -0.20 (-1.55%) and March ICE London white sugar (SWH19) closed down -3.60 (-1.04%). Sugar prices moved lower Thursday on weakness in crude oil prices, which undercuts ethanol and may prompt Brazil's sugar mills to divert more cane crushing toward sugar production rather than ethanol, thus boosting sugar supplies.

India's sugar exports are likely to be far lower than a 5 million-tonne target set by government as a strengthening rupee and falling global prices make shipments unattractive despite a government push for overseas sales. As Agriwatch expected that India is likely to export to 3.0 million tonnes of sugar in the 2018/19 marketing year that started on Oct. 1

Weather Forecast for tomorrow:

During the next 24 hours, light to moderate rain and snow is expected over many places of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and isolated pockets of Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh. Isolated rains may also occur over North Punjab. Minimums are expected to rise over the northwestern plains and maximums may drop over Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and parts of Punjab. Pollution levels over Delhi-NCR will remain unchanged.

Previos Updates:

The Government of Punjab has released Rs 35 crore to the cooperative sugar mills of the state towards the payment for sugarcane dues for the year 2017-18. The same has been credited into the accounts of the sugarcane farmers. The cooperative sugar mills had dues amounting to Rs 182.26 crore pending towards the government as of December 31, 2018, out of which Rs 151.82 crores remain due following the payment of Rs 35 crore. Out of these Rs 151.82 crore, a sum of Rs 65 crore has been released by the Punjab Rural Development Board, which would be paid soon. This was stated by the state cooperation minister, S Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

The Centre is likely to revise the sugar minimum selling price (MSP) by 10 per cent from its current level of Rs 29 a kg to Rs 32 a kg in the weeks ahead. Last year, the Union food ministry had fixed the ex-factory sugar sale price at Rs 29 a kg to help domestic sugar mills amid falling retail sugar prices and the export-market squeeze owing to a global glut in the sector.

According to the latest data from the Maharashtra government's Commissionerate of Sugar, mills in the state, as on December 31, were to have paid growers Rs 7,450.90 crore for cane at the "fair and remunerative price" or FRP of about Rs 245 per quintal declared by the Centre for the 2018-19 season (average rate, after deducting harvesting and transport charges from field). But they had only managed to pay Rs 2,875.37 crore, which translates into arrears of Rs 4,575.53 crore. For Uttar Pradesh the current season, they have, till January 4, bought cane worth Rs 10,051.02 crore at the state government's average state "advised" price or SAP of around Rs 320 per quintal. Out of this, they were to pay Rs 7,210.11 crore within the stipulated 14-day period from the date of cane delivery. But payments so far have been just Rs 2,857.03 crore, with the resulting arrears at Rs 4,353.08 crore, and Rs 6,123.26 crore overall.

India's sugar production till December 31, 2018 is up by 6.7% y-o-y. As on 31st December, 2018, 501 sugar mills were in operation in the country and have produced 110.52 lakh tonnes of sugar, as compared to 103.56 lakh tons produced by 505 sugar mills as on 31st December 2017. The slightly higher production of 6.96 lakh tonnes is because Maharashtra and Karnataka sugar mills started their crushing earlier this year. However, due to substantially lower rainfall and white grub infestation, Maharashtra will produce significantly lower quantity this year as compared to last year. Overall, the country is expected to produce much less sugar this season as compared to last year.

Weekly Outlook:

Indian Sugar market witnessed a mixed trend during last week. On hopes of increase in floor price which is currently at Rs 2,900 per quintal. We expect sugar prices may trade down on good physical supplies from mills are continuing in the physical market due to imposed stock limit on mills. Prices are supportive after Jan due to the expectation of weak cane crush this season in the key producing states of UP, Maharashtra and Karnataka. The release quota for January month of 18.50 LMT little lower then December month, since UP and Maharashtra states demanding extra sales quota , due to the low sales quota, mills are unable to sell their sugar and repay the farmers on time.

NCDEX Sugar (M grade) Future Quotes (At 05:00 p.m. as on 20-12-2018)

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	close	Volume	O.I
Cont. (DEC)	-	2989	2989	2989	2989	-	-
Spread	Cont Dec(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
		10-Jan-19	3-Jan-19	10-Dec-18	10-Jan-18	10-Jan-19
Oct-18	-3.42	2085	1937	2104	2159	70.51
Mar-19	-4.45	2001	1842	2032	2094	
May-19	-3.85	2023	1863	2048	2104	

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

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	over previous year	10-Jan-19	3-Jan-19	10-Dec-18	10-Jan-18	10-Jan-19
Oct-18	0.79	2529	2350	2526	2509	70.51
Dec-18	2.32	2591	2422	2590	2532	
Mar-19	-1.92	2426	2281	2446	2474	

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Commodity		Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icumsa	344.1	-3.6

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			11-Jan-19	10-Jan-19	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3150	3100	50
	Delhi	S-Grade	3130	3080	50
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3195	3270	-75
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3050	3075	-25
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3030	3055	-25
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3100	3125	-25
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3160	3216	-56
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3066	3066	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3075	3100	-25
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3025	3050	-25
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	2950	2975	-25
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	2900	2925	-25
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3207	3233	-25
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3220	3245	-25
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3440	3440	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3400	3400	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3420	3440	-20
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3110	3110	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade	#N/A	3450	-

	Coimbatore	M-Grade	#N/A	3450	-
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	#N/A	3500	-
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)			11-Jan-19	10-Jan-19	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	2463	2475	-13
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	7000	7000	Unch
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2263	2263	Unch
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2543	2513	30
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2063	2075	-13
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2175	2175	Unch
	Hapur	Balti	2250	2250	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	3900	4000	-100
		White	3400	3700	-300
		Black	2900	3000	-100
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4150	4150	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	3300	3300	Unch
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	2600	2600	Unch
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	3070	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	2995	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	2900	2900	Unch
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	2700	2700	Unch
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	2700	2750	-50
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3050	3000	50
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3200	3200	Unch

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