

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

Positive trend has been seen in several Indian markets. The prices are expected to be bullish in May month as demand for the refined sugar from local markets is accelerating due to scorching summer prevailing in India. Prices might remain at higher side if government rises the minimum support price and creates export opportunities to relieve the sugar millers from clearing the increasing 2 years mounting arrears to be paid to cane farmers.

Months before the 2019-20 crushing season takes off, sugar millers in Maharashtra have sounded the alarm about the possibility of a drastic dip in production. Maharashtra, which accounts for about 34 per cent of India's total sugar production, may end up producing less than half of 107.2 lakh tonnes (lt), its output in the last season.

Uttar Pradesh energy watchdog proposing to reduce tariffs by 35% of bagasse-based power supplied to the state utility by sugar mills, the beleaguered millers are looking at taking a hit of almost Rs 500 crore annually if the proposal sails through as reported by Business Standard dated 10th May 2019.

Weather Forecast:

According to IMD, India is likely to receive a "near normal" South-West monsoon this year but its onset over Kerala could be delayed owing to the prevailing El Nino conditions in the Pacific Ocean. El Nino may impact the onset of the monsoon over Kerala. But it's a weak El Nino. Moreover, the temperature anomaly in the Pacific is expected to come down by July. Forecaster predicted that the chances of rainfall being either above normal or excess are remote. The national weather forecaster will issue its second stage forecast in the first week of June.

Previous Updates:

Brazil is expected to produce a smaller cane crop in 2019-20 but sugar output is expected to be higher according to government agency Conab. They projected the main center-south cane crop at 566 million tonnes, versus 572 million tonnes in 2018/19, as planted area had fallen in the region and country because many farmers are switching to other crops such as soybeans.

The Maharashtra's cane dues now amount to Rs 3,595 crore, with the mills finally shutting down crushing operations on Monday. The total dues of Maharashtra's sugar mills to farmers were Rs 21,154 crore, of which Rs 16,545 crore have been paid. Outstanding dues as on May 6 are Rs 4,831 crore.

The sugar stocks at the end of the 2018-19 marketing year is expected to be higher level at around 14.7 million tonnes with the opening balance of 10.7 million tonnes as on October 1, 2018, and domestic demand of 26 million tonnes as well as export of 3 million tonnes according to ISMA.

Total sugar production is expected to surge upto 330 LT and about 5 LT higher than previous season's production. Maharashtra's sugar production rose to 107LT, whereas U.P and Karnataka has reached the sugar production at 112.65 and 43.2 LT till 30th April, data released by ISMA.

Sugar mills produced 9.36 LT higher sugar stood at 321.19 LT from 311.83 LT during the same time last year till 30th April. Till 30th April, only 100 mills are crushing sugarcane this year compared to 110 sugar mills last year.

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The food ministry yesterday released the notification allocating 21 LMT monthly sugar quota to each of 534 mills in the country. Those sugar mills which have completed their 75% to 100% export targets under MIEQ (Minimum Indicative Export Quota) allotted to them for the sugar season 2018-19 have been given incentive in the form of additional allocation @ 10% of their normal allocation for the month of May 2019. And those mills achieving 50 to 75% of their export targets under MIEQ quota for the season 2018-19 have been given @ 7.5% of their normal allocation for the month of May, 2019.

Government is likely to announce monthly sales quota for May month which is speculated to be around 21 to 22 lakh tonnes according to trade sources which is higher than previous month's quota of 18 lakh tonnes plus the centre also allowed mills to sell their unsold sugar stocks for March in April.

Weekly Outlook:

Indian Sugar markets remained firm during last week. We expect sugar prices may trade higher as good physical supplies from mills are continuing in the physical market. Prices will be supportive in coming days due to the expectation of weak cane crush this season in the key producing states of UP, Maharashtra and Karnataka which contribute 55% of sugar. As per the Agriwatch estimate, spot sugar prices (M grade) in benchmark Kolhapur market are likely to range between Rs 3100–Rs 3250 per quintal for next week.

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 start.



Commodity		Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icumsa	324.7	3.0

International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thu May 13, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
19-Jul	190513	11.73	11.87	11.66	11.84	0.12	51688	450156	-3,022
19-Oct	190513	12.09	12.21	12.01	12.19	0.12	22195	255100	6,693
20-Mar	190513	13.07	13.2	13.01	13.19	0.13	8699	167445	3,006
20-May	190513	13.23	13.35	13.17	13.35	0.14	3733	39672	292
20-Jul	190513	13.38	13.5	13.32	13.5	0.14	2310	30852	1,349
20-Oct	190513	13.54	13.71	13.54	13.71	0.14	391	30895	237
21-Mar	190513	14.08	14.24	14.08	14.24	0.13	106	15587	70
21-May	190513	14.11	14.27	14.11	14.27	0.13	54	2084	13
Total Volume and Open Interest							89,176	991,791	8,638

International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thu May 10, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
19-Aug	190510	325.1	332	323.1		-1.1	9,120	55,036	330
19-Oct	190510	329	336.3	327.4	327.9	-1	1,736	21,300	142
19-Dec	190510	337.5	344.4	336.1	336.5	-0.7	952	12,821	1
20-Mar	190510	345.9	352.8	345.8	346	-0.7	557	7,932	-75
20-May	190510	354.8	361.5	354.7	354.8	-0.9	390	1,843	188
Total Volume and Open Interest							12,978	100,605	777

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			13-May-19	10-May-19	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3300	3250	50
	Delhi	S-Grade	3280	3230	50
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3430	3400	30
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	0	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3260	3260	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3240	3240	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3310	3310	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3400	3366	34
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3256	3240	16
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3250	3235	15
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3125	3110	15
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3100	3100	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3410	3410	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3420	3420	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3580	3580	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3540	3540	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3620	3580	40
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3580	3580	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade	3600	3600	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	3650	3650	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3400	3400	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)			13-May-19	10-May-19	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3313	3255	58
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	5000	3000	2000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2948	2953	-5
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	3308	3250	58
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2625	2525	100
	Hapur	Chaurasa	Closed	2913	-
	Hapur	Balti	Closed	2913	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	4000	3800	200
		White	3800	3800	Unch
		Black	3300	3400	-100
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	0	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4400	4400	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	3100	3000	100
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	2650	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	3176	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	3500	-
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	3300	-
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	3300	-
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	3000	-
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	3500	-

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