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#### Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

#### **Recent Update:**

**Steady to weak trend is seen in the sugar market across India on Thursday.** Overall the prices are expected to be steady to low in the coming week in Indian markets. Kolhapur sugar market price stood same at Rs.3300 and in U.P's Khatauli market stood at low Rs. 3480 INR.

#### Weather Forecast:

Light to moderate rain with isolated heavy spells is expected over Madhya Maharashtra, parts of Odisha and South Chhattisgarh. Scattered light to moderate rain can be seen over Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Northeastern states, West Bengal, rest Odisha, Telangana, Karnataka, Andhra Aradesh, Kerala, parts of Tamil Nadu and Konkan and Goa and Marathwada. Whereas isolated light rain is a possibility over Bihar and Jharkhand.

#### **Previous Updates:**

Syrian state agency has issued an international tender to purchase and import 80,000 tonnes of white refined sugar. According to the reports, the deadline mentioned in the tender from the General Foreign Trade Organisation is November 11. Out of 80,000 tonnes consignments, shipment is sought in two 40,000 tonne consignments. The first consignment being shipped 60 days after the letter of credit opening on the deal and the other one 180 days after supply of the first shipment. Indian sugar millers would definitely gain some advantage in exporting its refined sugar helping to clear off some stock from India.

**Crushing in Maharashtra is delayed and would likely to commence from 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November** as the mills in the state are facing difficulty in getting the crushing licenses this year. As to ensure the early payment for sugarcane farmers, Maharashtra government has decided that sugar mills would be issued crushing licences only if they agree to pay fair and remunerative price (FRP) dues to cane growers within 14 days.

**The delegation of China will be coming to New Delhi on October 10. China imports 50 lakh tonne of sugar every year.** India is looking forward to every opportunity to clear off the stocks. As the international sugar production is expected to decline in the following countries: Brazil, Thailand India is expected to decline. The central government had announced sugar export quota of 60 LMT, and the policy involves financial aid of Rs 10,448 per metric tonne (mt) to sugar mills.

According to Australian Sugar report released by Australian sugar milling council, the weekly crush in the week ending on 29th Sep'19 fall to 13.83 lakh tonnes and the total crush reached 202.31 lakh tonnes (66%) total crush from the beginning of the season. The weekly crush as on 30th Sep'18, was around 15.33 lakh tonnes and total crush as on date was 236.47 lakh tonnes (71.6%) compared to 2019-20 crushing as this year the country is facing from drought conditions.

**Sugar mills in Maharashtra urge to commence 2019-2020 sugar season from November 1.** State government has decided to delay the new season considering the recent floods in Kolhapur, Sangli, Pune and Satara. The sugarcane in western Maharashtra should be used quickly as most of them are damaged because of the flood. As farmers from Marathwada have uprooted sugarcane to feed their animals as fodders were not available. So, if the crushing season gets delay, there is a likelihood of more cane being

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diverted towards fodder. The decision regarding the start of crushing would be taken after the election only as code of conduct is enforced now.

Recently, in August to avoid possible sugar price hike in the Philippines, the SRA had allowed the importation of 250,000 metric tonnes of refined sugar to fulfil the deficit in domestic production to meet the rising demand. 100,000 MT was allocated for industrial users, while the rest 150,000 MT was for consumers, and sugar producers. This imported sugar will be coming in until October 31, and this will be good until next year. According to SRA (Sugar Regulatory Administration), further importation might lower the prices and the imported sugar so far is enough to feed the country's demand.

**The Food Ministry has allocated 21LT monthly sales quota for October which is higher than previous month allocation of 19.5 LT** to each of 535 mills in India along with added incentivized quota to those mills who have completed their export targets under MIEQ Quota. The allocated quota is 1 LT lower than previous year's allocated quota which stood at 22LT. The prices would remain firm amid upcoming Indian festivals along with export demand this year would supplement the sugar market.

**Till 29<sup>th</sup> Sep'19, around 171 sugar mills have applied for online crushing license with the maximum mills reported from Solapur district (24 mills).** The crushing in Maharashtra is going to start quite late this year after Diwali. Recently, the Sugar commissioner office extended the deadline for issuing the crushing license to 30 September. It has become difficult for the mills to get the crushing license as recently the government has that the same sugar mills will be issued crushing licenses for the new season, which will pay the farmers fair and remunerative price (FRP) within 14 days.

The data released by UNICA indicate that hydrous ethanol consumption reached 1.87 billion liters, 49% compared to August 2018 in Brazil. This figure is all time highest for August in the historical series started in 2000 and also the highest monthly average volume demanded by biofuel. In 2019, the value reaches 1.81 billion liters, 26% higher than in 2018. This represents that the consumption for ethanol has been increasing since 2019 season has started in Brazil in April'19 which subsequently encourages to increase the ethanol production instead of sugar production this year.

Sugar factories are planning to start crushing before Diwali whereas Maharashtra will start only after Diwali due to the upcoming elections. The Karnataka sugar mills could benefit from this while Maharashtra will face challenges due to the early crushing in the neighbouring state. Usually Karnataka pulls sugarcane from the bordering districts of Karnataka from Maharashtra (Kolhapur & Sangli). As the two districts; Kolhapur and Sangli results in higher recovery compared to Karnataka, therefore, they tend to carry sugarcane from Maharashtra.

**Unica reported that sugar production in Brazil's Center-South fell -5.6% against last year to 2.037 MT** in the first half of Sep and that total 2019-20 sugar output through mid-Sep fell -4.9% to 20.01 MMT. The cane crush so far reached 437.74 mln tones as of 16<sup>th</sup> Sep'19 against 432.51 mln tonnes in 2018-19. Unica projects that increased ethanol output in Brazil will cut Brazil 2019/20 Center-South sugar production by -5.7% y/y to a 14-year low of 25 MMT.



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

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	0.1
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	342.7	1.1

#### International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Wed October 09, 2019										
Most Recent Information							Р	Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change	
Sugar #11(ICE)										
<u>20-Mar</u>	191009	12.43	12.55	12.38	12.41	-0.05	78,958	505,817	5,968	
<u>20-May</u>	191009	12.55	12.66	12.49	12.52	-0.06	25,477	147,546	-3,841	
<u>20-Jul</u>	191009	12.73	12.8	12.62	12.66	-0.08	14,123	90,379	3,261	
<u>20-Oct</u>	191009	12.94	13.03	12.84	12.88	-0.1	5,079	72,552	342	
<u>21-Mar</u>	191009	13.51	13.52	13.4	13.43	-0.11	4,410	41,460	618	
<u>21-May</u>	191009	13.57	13.57	13.45	13.46	-0.13	2,454	6,705	521	
<u>21-Jul</u>	191009	13.51	13.51	13.46	13.46	-0.15	1,661	6,823	1,038	
<u>21-Oct</u>	191009	13.6	13.6	13.56	13.56	-0.15	1,014	4,478	704	
Total Volume and Open Interest							133,293	878,343	8,611	



International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Wed October 09, 2019									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
<u>19-Dec</u>	191009	341.8	346.2	341.8	342.7	1.1	7,135	43,540	-1,733
<u>20-Mar</u>	191009	339	341.3	338.2	338.8	-0.1	5,908	36,500	537
<u>20-May</u>	191009	343.5	345.5	342.5	343.4	unch	1,330	10,086	297
<u>20-Aug</u>	191009	347.9	349.1	346.8	347.3	-0.6	354	4,898	124
<u>20-Oct</u>	191009	351.8	352.9	350.7	351	-0.9	27	2,142	18
Total Volume and Open Interest							14,778	98,924	-750

### **DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL**

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:								
Commodity			Prices	Prices (Rs/Qtl)				
Sugar	Centre	Variety	10- Oct-19	9-Oct- 19	Change			
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3350	3425	-75			
Demi	Delhi	S-Grade	3330	3405	-75			
	Khatauli	M-Grade	3480	3490	-10			
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-			
Uttar Pradesh	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3380	3380	Unch			
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3360	3360	Unch			
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3430	3430	Unch			
	Mumbai	M-Grade	3546	3550	-4			
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3340	3340	Unch			
Maharaahtua	Nagpur	M-Grade	3425	3425	Unch			
Maharashtra	Nagpur	S-Grade	3275	3275	Unch			
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3300	3300	Unch			
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3150	3150	Unch			
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3461	3461	Unch			
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3470	3470	Unch			
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3760	3760	Unch			

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	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3700	3700	Unch		
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3730	3730	Unch		
	Chennai	S-Grade	3760	3800	-40		
Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	M-Grade	3680	3680	Unch		
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	3700	3700	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					
Jaggery(Gur)			10- Oct-19	9-Oct- 19	Change			
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	NA	NA	-			
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	NA	NA	-			
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	NA	NA	-			
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	NA	NA	-			
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	NA	NA	-			
	Hapur	Chaursa	NA	NA	-			
	Hapur	Balti	NA	NA	-			
		Gold	5300	Closed	-			
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	White	4300	Closed	-			
		Black	NA	Closed	-			
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-			
	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4600	4600	Unch			
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-			
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-			
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-			
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	3252	3250	2			
Karnataka	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3326	-			
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3150	3200	-50			
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	2850	2900	-50			
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	2850	2900	-50			
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3150	3200	-50			
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	NA	-			

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