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#### Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

#### **Recent Update:**

**Indian Sugar market showed steady trend compared to previous day across India**. Overall the prices are expected to be steady due to lower demand. Kolhapur sugar market stood steady at Rs.3250/q as new stock has arrived in the market and U.P's Khatauli market prices stood steady at Rs.3300/q.

South-Central region of Brazil has produced around 32,207 million liters of ethanol above 6.6% compared to the last year's production during the same time till 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January while the overall ethanol production in the country produced 64,414 million liters of total ethanol. It is expected that the available stock ethanol would not be enough to fulfill the demands. The monthly ethanol sales in Center-South area crossed 2 billion liters in October for the first time. The average realization for ethanol is more compared to sugar exports, therefore, Brazil is focusing on converting more into ethanol instead of producing sugar.

#### Weather Forecast:

During the next 24 hours, light to moderate rain with one or two intense spells may occur in East Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh with chances of isolated hailstorm activities. Scattered rain and thundershowers are likely in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and in one or two pockets of South Jharkhand. Scattered light to moderate rain and snow may lash Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Light showers are likely in Coastal Tamil Nadu. Minimums may increase marginally in the northwestern plains.

#### **Previous Updates:**

According to ISMA as on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan'20, total sugar production across reached around 141.12 LT by 446 mills so far this season which is around 24% less than the previous year. In 2018-19 during the same period, the country produced about 185.59 LT of sugar by around 520 mills. Uttar Pradesh, the largest sugar producing state in India have produced 54.96 LT of sugar with an average sugar recovery of 10.9% whereas the recovery was 11.05% and producing 52.86 LT of sugar lower compared to the same period in last year. In Maharashtra, 140 sugar mills were in operation producing 34.64 LT of sugar (with an average sugar recovery 10.6%) lower by 51% that produced 70.99 LT with an average sugar recovery 10.8% in the last year. In Karnataka, 62 sugar mills are in operation on 31<sup>st</sup> January'20, who have produced 27.94 LT of sugar, as compared to 33.76 LT produced by 117 sugar mills in 2018-19 sugar season during the same period last year. In Gujarat, 15 sugar mills are operating for 2019-20 SS and they have produced 4.87 LT of sugar till 31<sup>st</sup> January'20 lower compared to 6.66 LT in the same period last year.

As on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb'20, total 119 sugar mills has been crushing sugarcane in Uttar Pradesh against 117 mills during the correspond period previous year. So far, UP has crushed 7.25% more sugarcane around 523.39 LT against 488.01 LT in the previous year and produced 57.07 LT of sugar which is 5.63% higher due to the favorable conditions in the state this year as the area increased. Whereas, the average sugar recovery remained steady compared to the previous month at 10.9% but around 1.5% lower at 11.07% in the same time previous year from the start of the season in Oct till 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb'20.

Sugar production in Thailand for the season 2019-20 is estimated to be less by 4 million tonnes as compared with last season. According to the reports, Thailand's 2019-20 sugar production will be the

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lowest in 9 years. Sugar output is expected to fall 28 per cent to 10.5 million tonnes in the current crop season. The crushing season in Thailand lasts for 120 days but this season it will last from December 1 to February 8.

**Government fixed the monthly sugar sales quota as 20LT for February month to 543 mills lower by 2 LT** compared to the previous month that stood at 22 LT. Also, the allocated quota is 1 LT lower at 21LT in the same time previous year. In the previous month, the sugar millers have reported that there was moderate demand due to higher stock piles and lower sugar production this year. The millers are holding their stock and waiting for the prices to rise and demand to increase.

As on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan'20, total sugar production across reached around 134.9 LT by 441 mills so far this season which is around 24.2% less than the previous year. In 2018-19 during the same period, the country produced about 178.2 LT of sugar by around 514 mills. Uttar Pradesh, the largest sugar producing state in India have produced 52.8 LT of sugar with an average sugar recovery of 10.9% whereas the recovery was 11.05% and producing 51.05 LT of sugar lower compared to the same period in last year. In Maharashtra, 140 sugar mills were in operation producing 32.9 LT of sugar (with an average sugar recovery 10.6%) lower by 52% that produced 68.05 LT with an average sugar recovery 10.8% in the last year. In Karnataka, 62 sugar mills are in operation on 28<sup>th</sup> January'20, who have produced 26.9 LT of sugar, as compared to 32.15 LT produced by 65 sugar mills in 2018-19 sugar season during the same period last year. In Gujarat, 15 sugar mills are operating for 2019-20 SS and they have produced 4.65 LT of sugar till 28<sup>th</sup> January'20 lower compared to 7.05 LT in the same period last year.

**OMC's have released a new tender (2<sup>nd</sup>) seeking 2.53 billion liters of ethanol for the supply between Feb'20 and 30<sup>th</sup> Nov'20** whereas out of the first tender (5.11 billion liters) released by OMCs only 1.56 billion liters have been finalized by the OMCs. But it becomes difficult whether the mills would be able to fulfill the OMC's demand as mills offered less than a third of what the OMCs asked for. As this year, the crop was damaged due to the drought as well as flooded conditions in the other half of the crop season that made lower sugarcane availability to the mills. As the government is aiming to increase the ethanol blending percentage from 5% to 10% and now 20% by 2030. Therefore, number of mills are setting up and extending the capacity of distilleries in the view with the increasing demand in the future.

Indian sugar exports have been hurt than expected as the sugar millers are backing off in exporting sugar at lesser price against higher prevailing global prices. But some sugar mills are forced to sell sugar so s to clear their older stock piles. Traders have been offering Indian white sugar at between \$370 - \$380 /ton FOB. Lower exports has been reported in Maharashtra as the state has been waiting for the international prices might move upwards further. Also, Maharashtra exports lower quality white sugar which becomes unacceptable for fulfilling the global standards. Contrasting scenario can be seen in Uttar Pradesh where the mills have exhausted their government-issued export quotas. But there is expectation that if Maharashtra starts selling its sugar, India might export at least 53 LT against the 60 LT export target in 2019-20 sugar season.



## Daily Sugar & Gur Fundamental Report 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020

#### 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	413.7	-2.9

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

Daily Futures Price Listing Tue February 04, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
<u>20-Mar</u>	200204	14.95	15.13	14.64	14.71	-0.18	82,110	388,181	-1,488
<u>20-May</u>	200204	14.62	14.8	14.41	14.49	-0.11	73,726	275,976	1,271
<u>20-Jul</u>	200204	14.5	14.58	14.29	14.36	-0.08	49,315	195,222	5,452
<u>20-Oct</u>	200204	14.48	14.56	14.31	14.4	-0.06	26,760	156,474	4,352
<u>21-Mar</u>	200204	14.73	14.79	14.57	14.68	-0.04	15,017	89,345	54
<u>21-May</u>	200204	14.31	14.4	14.24	14.31	-0.04	3,860	17,258	582
<u>21-Jul</u>	200204	14.02	14.08	13.89	13.99	-0.04	4,131	22,846	751
<u>21-Oct</u>	200204	13.97	14.03	13.85	13.94	-0.04	2,049	24,414	960
Total Volume and Open Interest							257,281	1,186,378	12,071



International Sugar Futures LIFFE(US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Tue February 04, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
<u>20-Mar</u>	200204	418.5	420	411.1	413.7	-2.9	9,800	33,719	257
<u>20-May</u>	200204	410.5	412.5	403.5	406.1	-2.3	10,367	49,845	1,217
<u>20-Aug</u>	200204	402	404.8	397.9	400.4	-0.5	3,730	24,646	1,507
<u>20-Oct</u>	200204	396.5	398	393.3	395.4	0.2	1,456	7,698	674
<u>20-Dec</u>	200204	394.6	396.5	392.9	394.2	0.7	555	4,658	85
Total Volume and Open Interest							26,204	123,798	3,949

### DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:								
Commodity			Prices					
Sugar	Centre	Variety	5-Feb- 20	4-Feb- 20	Change			
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3250	3250	Unch			
Denn	Delhi	S-Grade	3230	3230	Unch			
	Khatauli	M-Grade	3300	3300	Unch			
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-			
Uttar Pradesh	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3200	3200	Unch			
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3180	3180	Unch			
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3250	3250	Unch			
	Mumbai	M-Grade	3526	3526	Unch			
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3316	3316	Unch			
Maharashtra	Nagpur	M-Grade	3375	3375	Unch			
Manarashtra	Nagpur	S-Grade	3275	3275	Unch			
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3250	3250	Unch			
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3150	3150	Unch			
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3461	3461	Unch			
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3470	3470	Unch			
Andhra Dradaah	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3660	3660	Unch			
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3600	3600	Unch			
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3670	3670	Unch			

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	Chennai	S-Grade	3620	3620	Unch		
Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	M-Grade	3600	3600	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					
Jaggery(Gur)			5-Feb- 20	4-Feb- 20	Change			
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	2728	2700	28			
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	8000	7000	1000			
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2525	2528	-3			
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2728	2688	40			
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2328	2163	165			
	Hapur	Chaursa	2450	2450	Unch			
	Hapur	Balti	2375	2375	Unch			
		Gold	4700	4700	Unch			
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	White	4100	4100	Unch			
		Black	3800	3800	Unch			
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-			
	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4400	4400	Unch			
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-			
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-			
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-			
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-			
Karnataka	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3325	-			
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	3100	-			
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	3050	-			
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	2950	-			
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	3100	-			
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3500	3500	Unch			

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