

Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

Recent Update:

The prices across India remained steady today at Rs.3150/q in Delhi and Rs.3820 in Vijayawada. Also the prices in Khatauli, UP remained same at Rs.3245/q today. While the market was closed in Chennai on the occasion of Tamil Nadu New year today.

DFPD has asked the sugar mills to submit the quarterly report of sugar export by April 20 extended by 17 days which was supposed to be submitted by April 3rd. The ministry also warned that if mills fail to export the quota by 31st Mar'20, they would not be entitled for their claim for their quota of fourth quarter under the MAEQ scheme and also for maintenance of buffer stock of 40 LT notified by DFPD earlier in the previous year.

Weather Forecast:

Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning, hail & squall (speed reaching 50-60 kmph) very likely at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning, hail & gusty winds (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) very likely at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim; with lightning & gusty winds (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) at isolated places over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Marathawada and with lightning over Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand.

Previous Updates:

Sugar mills in UP would continue operations till the entire sugarcane crop is harvested for this season. Around 100 mills are still crushing out of the total 119 operational mills this sugar season. So far this year till 10th Apr'20, around 932 LT of sugarcane has been harvested by producing 105.41 LT of sugar up by 2.66% compared to the previous year sugar production during the same period. Only around 15 per cent sugarcane is left to be supplied to the sugar mills.

In many states, the mills are facing difficulty in the crushing operations as many laboures have returned to their homes after the lockdown. Sugarcane is lying in the fields in many states because of lack of cane harvesting labourers to cut it. The Bardoli district in Gujarat has an area of 8000 ha spread over 1.25 lakh tonnes of sugarcane is not being harvested. The area needs around 10,000 labours but only 3000 farm labours are working to harvest 1.25 lakh tonnes of cane.

As the poor families and daily wage workers are suffering a lot after the covid-19 lockdown in every state, the Gujarat government has decided to provide free ration to around 60 lakh families who were not getting food under National Food Security Act. They would be given 10 kg wheat grains, 3 kg rice, 1 Kg pulse grain and 1 kg sugar all free of cost. As the sugar piles in the godowns after the lockdown due to the lack of availability of labour and disruption in transport, now the mills are able to liquidate the stocks.

Oman to import 10,000 tonnes of white sugar to ensure the ample supply of basic commodities in the market amid the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak. Oman is also ensuring that they should face no sugar shortage in the country. Public Authority for Stores and Food Reserves has contracted to purchase 10,000 tonnes of white sugar, with the aim of strengthening the stockpile of basic food commodities. India could gain this opportunity of exporting some amount of sugar if the trade operations gets smoother.

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The sugarcane in UP is being harvested as directed by the government and the mills are supporting the farmers in transportation of the harvested cane to the mills. As the mills in UP would continue the crushing operations till the cane is harvested from the fields so as to avoid the loss in yield and sugar recovery of the cane. Sugar mill's sugar production and supply are coming back on track gradually from the last 3-4 days.

Across India, the mills are facing from the sharp drop in demand for ethanol from the OMCs due to the significant decline in usage of petrol and diesel in the country because of lockdown in the country. Now, the mills are having difficulties in storing the large amount of ethanol. The mills have requested the OMCs to reallocate the ethanol in different depots so that all the ethanol contracted for in the year is supplied on time without facing in storing the ethanol in the mills for which the OMCs have agreed upon.

The global raw sugar prices have fallen by around 20% since last month from 14.46 cents/lbs to 11.40 cents/lbs by the end of March month and similarly the white sugar have plunged to \$327.5/tonne by the end of March from \$384/tonne during the same period due to the pandemic effect globally. The fall in prices due to weak crude oil prices, growing risk and on expectation of a decline in demand amid outbreak of coronavirus. The downfall in crude oil prices is encouraging one of the largest sugar producing countries Brazil and a major competitor of India to divert the sugarcane crushing to sugar production instead of ethanol production in the coming sugar year in Brazil.

In February, when the prices spiked, the industry was expecting to reach the target of exporting 5 million tonnes of sugar this year. Despite the downfall in the international sugar prices in the last one week, the Indian sugar industry hopes that the export demand might rise once the pandemic subsides due to the global sugar deficit. Although the sugar trade has been disrupted due to the spread of coronavirus and over the last 10-15 days, no new sugar contracts have been signed so far as the contractors need to cut down the prices and due to the closure of Indian ports since 20th March. Also, the incoming ships are being kept in quarantine at ports as a measure to check the virus spread. Some ships are also stuck at the ports. As per ISMA, sugar mills have dispatched almost 30 lakh tons of sugar for export till 15th Mar'20.

| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Volume | 0.1 |
|-------------|------------|------|------|------|-------|--------|-----|
| Cont. (DEC) | - | 2989 | 2989 | 2989 | 2989 | - | - |
| Spread | nt Dec(C1) | | | | | | |
| Spot | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

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

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 | 339 | unch |



International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

| Daily Futures Price Listing Mon April 13, 2020 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| | Most Recent Information | | | | | | Previous Day | | |
| Mth | Date | Open | High | Low | Close | Change | Volume | Open Int | Change |
| | | | | Sugar # | 11(ICE) | | | | |
| <u>20-May</u> | 200413 | 10.55 | 10.57 | 10.12 | 10.17 | -0.26 | 59,078 | 257,134 | -11,802 |
| <u>20-Jul</u> | 200413 | 10.61 | 10.61 | 10.2 | 10.29 | -0.2 | 61,245 | 279,108 | 10,350 |
| <u>20-Oct</u> | 200413 | 10.86 | 10.88 | 10.48 | 10.56 | -0.2 | 32,866 | 199,953 | 1,421 |
| <u>21-Mar</u> | 200413 | 11.58 | 11.58 | 11.2 | 11.28 | -0.18 | 21,779 | 114,972 | -1,611 |
| <u>21-May</u> | 200413 | 11.55 | 11.61 | 11.29 | 11.37 | -0.14 | 9,228 | 52,771 | -626 |
| <u>21-Jul</u> | 200413 | 11.7 | 11.72 | 11.42 | 11.52 | -0.11 | 7,393 | 41,270 | 446 |
| <u>21-Oct</u> | 200413 | 11.95 | 11.96 | 11.71 | 11.81 | -0.09 | 4,079 | 39,130 | 537 |
| <u>22-Mar</u> | 200413 | 12.49 | 12.5 | 12.23 | 12.34 | -0.1 | 515 | 18,381 | 184 |
| Total Volum | e and Open I | nterest | | | | | 196,495 | 1,018,174 | -955 |

International Sugar Futures LIFFE(US \$/MT)

| Daily Futures Price Listing Thu April 09, 2020 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--|
| | Most Recent Information | | | | | | | Previous Day | | |
| Mth | Date | Open | High | Low | Close | Change | Volume | Open Int | Change | |
| | London Sugar(LCE) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>20-May</u> | 200409 | 343.9 | 353 | 338.4 | 348.5 | 9.1 | 7,784 | 16,685 | -3,298 | |
| <u>20-Aug</u> | 200409 | 330.9 | 334.5 | 327.2 | 331.3 | 2.4 | 5,419 | 46,702 | 1,047 | |
| <u>20-Oct</u> | 200409 | 323.5 | 323.6 | 317.2 | 321.5 | 1.3 | 1,361 | 16,508 | 610 | |
| <u>20-Dec</u> | 200409 | 324.7 | 325.5 | 319.5 | 324.1 | 1.4 | 260 | 10,114 | 108 | |
| <u>21-Mar</u> | 200409 | 326.4 | 327.5 | 322.3 | 326.8 | 2 | 170 | 9,182 | 48 | |
| Total Volum | e and Open Ir | nterest | | | | | 15,051 | 105,770 | -1,488 | |

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DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

| Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets: | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Commodity | | | Prices (| Rs/Qtl) | | | | |
| Sugar | Centre | Variety | 14-Apr- 20 | 13-Apr- 20 | Change | | | |
| Delhi | Delhi | M-Grade | 3150 | 3150 | Unch | | | |
| Deilii | Delhi | S-Grade | 3130 | 3130 | Unch | | | |
| | Khatauli | M-Grade | 3245 | 3245 | Unch | | | |
| | Ramala | M-Grade | 3120 | 3120 | Unch | | | |
| Uttar Pradesh | Dhampur | M-Grade Ex-Mill | 3160 | 3160 | Unch | | | |
| | Dhampur | S-Grade Ex-Mill | 3140 | 3140 | Unch | | | |
| | Dhampur | L-Grade Ex-Mill | 3210 | 3210 | Unch | | | |
| | Mumbai | M-Grade | Closed | Closed | - | | | |
| | Mumbai | S-Grade | Closed | Closed | - | | | |
| Mahanahina | Nagpur | M-Grade | 3325 | 3325 | Unch | | | |
| Maharashtra | Nagpur | S-Grade | 3225 | 3225 | Unch | | | |
| | Kolhapur | M-Grade | 3200 | 3200 | Unch | | | |
| | Kolhapur | S-Grade | 3100 | 3100 | Unch | | | |
| Assam | Guhawati | S-Grade | 3410 | 3410 | Unch | | | |
| Meghalaya | Shillong | S-Grade | 3420 | 3420 | Unch | | | |
| Andhua Duadaah | Vijayawada | M-Grade | 3820 | 3820 | Unch | | | |
| Andhra Pradesh | Vijayawada | S-Grade | 3760 | 3760 | Unch | | | |
| West Bengal | Kolkata | M-Grade | 3750 | 3750 | Unch | | | |
| | Chennai | S-Grade (With GST) | Closed | 3750 | - | | | |
| Tamil Nadu | Dindigul | M-Grade | 4160 | 4160 | Unch | | | |
| | Coimbatore | M-Grade | 4020 | 4020 | Unch | | | |
| Chattisgarh | Ambikapur | M-Grade (Without Duty) | 3600 | 3600 | Unch | | | |
| | - | Sugar Prices are in | INR/Quinta | I. (1 Quinta | l=100 kg) | | | |

| Jaggery (Gur) Prices at Key Spot Markets: | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Commodity | Centre | Variety | Prices (Rs/Qtl) | | | | | | |
| Jaggery(Gur) | | | 14-Apr- 20 | 13-Apr- 20 | Change | | | | |
| | Muzaffarnagar | Chaku Fresh | 2765 | 2718 | 48 | | | | |
| | Muzaffarnagar | Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag) | 10000 | 16000 | -6000 | | | | |
| Uttar Pradesh | Muzaffarnagar | Khurpa (Fresh) | 2703 | 2638 | 65 | | | | |
| | Muzaffarnagar | Laddoo (Fresh) | 2975 | 2963 | 13 | | | | |
| | Muzaffarnagar | Rascut (Fresh) | 2475 | 2450 | 25 | | | | |

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| | Hapur | Chaursa | 2590 | Closed | - |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|---|
| | Hapur | Balti | 2475 | Closed | - |
| | | Gold | Closed | Closed | - |
| Andhra Pradesh | Chittur | White | Closed | Closed | - |
| | | Black | Closed | Closed | - |
| Maharashtra | Latur | Lal Variety | NR | NR | - |
| | Bangalore | Mudde (Average) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Belgaum | Mudde (Average) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Belthangadi | Yellow (Average) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Bijapur/Vijayapura | Achhu | 0 | NA | - |
| | Gulbarga/Kalaburgi | Other (Average) | 0 | NA | - |
| Karnataka | Mahalingapura | Penti (Average) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Mandya | Achhu (Medium) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Mandya | Kurikatu (Medium) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Mandya | Other (Medium) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Mandya | Yellow (Medium) | 0 | NA | - |
| | Shimoga/Shivamogga | Achhu (Average) | 0 | NA | - |

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