

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

The prices across India showed mixed weak trend. Today prices in Delhi were firm at Rs.3150/q and weaker at Rs.3155 in Khatauli, UP. The prices in Vijayawada stood steady at Rs.3600/q today. While Chennai sugar was steady at Rs.3350/q. The prices in Kolhapur stood steady at Rs.3150/q.

Weather Forecast:

Thunderstorm accompanied with squally winds (speed reaching 50-60 kmph) & lightning very likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi; with lightning at isolated places over Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh. Duststorm/Thunderstorm with squally winds (speed reaching 50-60 kmph) very likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh. Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and heavy rainfall at isolated places over South Interior Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Kerala & Mahe.

Previous Updates:

Telangana produced around 75 million litres of hand sanitizer till 20th May'20 followed by UP which is making sanitizers in full speed by producing around 5,000-7,000 liters per day. In UP, total production of 6,509,030 litres sanitizer has been done till 20th of May in the state and 56,24,313 litres of sanitizer have been supplied in the market so far.

Maharashtra sugar mills are paying off the arrears despite the sugar sales pressure. Mills have managed to clear 95 per cent dues of sugarcane farmers. Sugar mills have paid Rs 12548.30 crore out of Rs 13232.69 crore to the cane farmers till May 15. In Maharashtra, sugar production till 15th May'20 was 60.87 lakh tonnes, compared with 107.15 lakh tonnes produced in 2018-19 Sugarcane Season, almost 46.3 lakh tons less than last year. According to Agriwatch, Maharashtra is likely to produce around 61.5LT of sugar in 2019-20 season.

Brazilian sugar mills produced around 29.83 LT of sugar in the South-Central region up by 115% y-o-y, and a huge surge in the last two weeks of April'20 by around 93%. The mills allocated 43.78% of the cane to produce sugar in the period, compared to 28.66% at this time last year. And the amount of sugarcane crushed in the last half of April'20 is expected to total 41.5 MMT, up 6.35% year on year. Still the demand for ethanol is weaker due to which Brazil will produce more sugar than ethanol. In the last half of April'20, 1575 million litres of ethanol is produced which is still higher than the previous year but the production of hydrous ethanol declined by 3% in the last 15 days of April month. The total ethanol production of 2,556 million litres that rose by only 14% compared to the percentage increase in sugar production y-o-y.

A shortage in Indonesia has prompted mills in the Southeast Asian country to ask consumers to reduce sugar usage as the retail prices rallied to the highest in almost four years. Indonesia is likely to continue to buy sugar from India due to shortage in the country as lockdown has delayed the supply. During lockdown period, the country will have 75,000 tons of sugar stock including 50,000 tons of sugar imported from India and 25,000 tons from local suppliers in June. Out of which India supplied around 21,000 tonnes to Indonesia and remaining would be shipped during June. Indonesia's sugar imports may rise to 4.65 million tons in the year that starts in May, from 4.03 million tons a year earlier.

In UP, usually out of the total cane production around 60% of cane is crushed to produce sugar and 30% cane is diverted to produce jaggery. During lockdown, the major jaggery units that are located in the western UP have been closed earlier than expected due to which the farmers are bringing cane to the sugar mills. Around 4-5% of the cane is expected to be diverted to sugar mills in western UP. Around 46 sugar mills are still functioning in the state producing around 122LT of sugar till 15th May'20, up by 5% compared to the previous year during the same time. While, the sanitizer production is in full swing producing around 57 lakh litres till mid-May and 47.85 lakh litres of sanitizer has been sold within and outside the state.

Sugar mills have contracted around 42 LT of sugar so far this season till 15th May'20. Out of which, 36-37 LT of sugar have been shipped out of the country. The major destinations were Indonesia and Iran in recent past days. Also new export contracts are being signed by these two countries from India. And it is expected that export operation would be smoother in coming days.

According to ISMA, 264.65 lakh tonnes of sugar have been produced till 15th May 2020 across India as against 326.19 lakh tonnes produced in the same time last year. As on 15th May 2020, 63 sugar mills are crushing sugarcane compared 38 sugar mills which were crushing sugarcane in the same time last year. In UP, sugar mills have produced 122.28 LT of sugar compared to 116.8 LT of sugar with only 46 mills operational mills till 15th May'20. In Maharashtra, 145 mills have closed their operations with only 1 mill operating at this time with producing 60.87 LT compared with 107.15 LT produced year on year.

The government has advised the sugar mills to divert excess sugarcane to produce fuel based ethanol. As excess sugar production has deprived the prices amid less demand in the market, thereby, affecting the liquidity of sugar. Therefore, to encourage the diversion the Centre has announced a soft loan of Rs. 18,600 crore to 362 projects (349 sugar mills and 13 molasses-based standalone distilleries) out of which only 166 mills have submitted applications to banks. Sugar mills are advised to utilize their existing capacity to produce ethanol. Sugar mills with distillation capacity should divert B-heavy molasses and sugar syrup for producing ethanol to utilize their capacity to maximum extent.

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	nt 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	USD (\$/Tonne)	Change
Thai Sugar FOB 45 Icmsa	376.40	9.5

International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Tue May 26, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
20-Jul	200526	11.11	11.2	10.88	11.05	0.12	62,437	306,608	-8,328
20-Oct	200526	11.15	11.17	10.91	11.1	0.17	36,289	247,525	2,465
21-Mar	200526	11.8	11.84	11.59	11.76	0.13	14,430	167,539	-584
21-May	200526	11.76	11.79	11.53	11.69	0.09	4,467	76,471	386
21-Jul	200526	11.69	11.71	11.45	11.59	0.06	6,331	62,106	1257
21-Oct	200526	11.74	11.76	11.51	11.64	0.06	2,488	49,811	475
22-Mar	200526	12.16	12.17	11.92	12.05	0.05	1,412	26,697	143
22-May	200526	12.02	12.02	11.85	11.94	0.05	295	14,024	-61
Total Volume and Open Interest							128,714	976,353	-4,179

International Sugar Futures LIFFE(US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Tue May 26, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
20-Aug	200526	370.5	378.2	370.5	376.4	9.5	3,141	44,775	45
20-Oct	200526	347.8	352	345.5	349.1	5.2	1,274	20,829	130
20-Dec	200526	340	342	336.2	340.4	3.5	364	9,863	-124
21-Mar	200526	339	340	335	338.6	3.1	232	9,688	-25
21-May	200526	343	343.5	338.5	341.8	2.2	27	3,957	-5
Total Volume and Open Interest							5,061	94,924	39

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			27-May-20	26-May-20	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3150	3110	40
	Delhi	S-Grade	3130	3090	40
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3155	3160	-5
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3120	3125	-5
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3100	3105	-5
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3170	3175	-5
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3540	3540	Unch
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3360	3360	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3275	3275	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3150	3150	Unch
	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	3600	3600	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3540	3540	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3530	3530	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3650	3650	Unch
	Dindigul*	M-Grade (DCA)	3640	3640	Unch
	Coimbatore*	M-Grade (DCA)	3650	3650	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3700	3700	Unch

Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)

*DCA: Department of consumer affairs

Jaggery (Gur) Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Jaggery(Gur)			27-May-20	26-May-20	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3000	3100	-100
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	5000	12000	-7000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2878	2825	53
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	3100	3038	63

	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2600	2563	38
	Hapur	Chaursa	NR	NR	-
	Hapur	Balti	NR	NR	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NA	NA	-
		White	4300	4300	Unch
		Black	4000	4000	Unch
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	NA	4450	-
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	3200	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	3327	3348	-21
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3300	3250	50
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3150	3200	-50
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3200	3150	50
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3380	3450	-70
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3750	3750	Unch

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