

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

Steady to weak tone are witnessed sugar & Gur physical markets today in India. Sugar prices in Delhi declined by Rs.50 to Rs.3250/q against Rs. 3300/q. Prices are steady in Kolhapur and Vijayawada market at Rs. 3300/q & Rs. 3640/q respectively.

The Ministry has allocated monthly sugar sales quota for September 2020 at 22LT to each of 547 mills. The July'20 sales quota was 2.5 MT higher compared to the previous year quota during the same time and 1.5 LT higher compared to the previous month's quota (20.5 LT). The allocated quota is higher in the view of fulfilling the demand that is likely to arise from the upcoming festivals.

Philippines is expected to produce more sugar this year to around 2.2 MMT in 2020-21 compared to 2.15 MMT in 2019-20. Therefore, the country is planning to export more to US so as to avoid the excess sugar stock accumulation and to stabilize the sugar prices in the domestic market. The sugar imports have been already declined to avoid the oversupply. The demand of the sugar in the local market has been reduced as the operations of the manufacturing companies have remained limited and the hotels and restaurants are not fully operational.

According to UNICA, overall ethanol sales in Brazil were down in July'20. Mills in the south-central region sold 2.67 billion liters of ethanol in July, down 9.31 percent when compared to last year. Mills in the south-central region of Brazil crushed 50.48 MMT of sugarcane during the second half of July, up 1.15 percent compared to the same period of last year. Ethanol production for the second half of July was 2.39 billion liters, down from 2.66 billion liters produced during the same period of last year. While, from the beginning of the current harvest season, ethanol production was at 14.52 billion liters, down 6.6 percent.

The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane has been approved and announced by the cabinet in the recent meeting held on 19th Aug'20. The government has increased the FRP of sugarcane for sugar season by Rs.10/q for 2020-21 to Rs. 285/q for a basic recovery rate of 10%. The cabinet is also providing a premium of Rs. 2.85/q for recovery at 11%. And, where the sugar recovery is 9.5% or less such farmers will get Rs. 270/q for sugarcane instead of Rs. 261.25/q in the current season.

It becomes necessary to all the sugar producing states to ensure that at least 85% of the installed capacity to be used by the mills. The department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), has taken the decision to help the mills to trim the sugarcane price arrears. The government has also set a mill-wise target of ethanol production for every mill that has a distillery unit. The revenue from production and supply of ethanol to OMCs is realized by mills within three weeks of supply.

According to UNICA, a total of 19.73 million tonnes of sugar has been produced till July'20 since the beginning of the season in April in Brazil, a surge of 48% was reported this season so far. The mills allocated 46.9% of the cane to produce sugar, compared to 35.25% at this time last year. The amount of sugarcane crushed was around 326 million tonnes during the same period, up by 5.66% compared to the same time previous year. Ethanol demand is weak after Unica reported that total ethanol sales by Brazil Center-South mills in the first half of July fell -19% to 741.4 million liters, which indicates pressure for less ethanol production and more sugar production.

Government is likely to release a part of subsidy amount of around 20 billion rupees on exports to the sugar mills by the end of first week of September. The credited money will be useful to start the season. For the current sugar year, the government is providing 62.7 billion rupees as subsidy to mills to export 6 million tonne sugar. The subsidy will go directly into farmer's bank accounts against payment of outstanding cane dues and the balance amount will be credited to accounts directly of sugar mills.

Sugar mills across India have asked the Union Cabinet to extend the sugar buffer stock scheme that expired on 31st July'20. The Union Cabinet had approved the creation of a 40 LT sugar buffer stock last year for which the government has reimbursed the carrying cost of about Rs. 1,674 crore. But the government is not in favour with the extension of buffer stock as it encourages the mills to overproduce, and so is an additional expense for the government.

Sugar mills in Maharashtra have cleared 99 per cent cane dues to the farmers. The millers have paid arrears of around Rs.13,759 crores out of Rs.13,891 crores, therefore, Rs.132 crore is the remaining balance. Whereas, the UP sugar mills have paid Rs.24,151 crores as on 10th Aug'20. According to the government, mills across India have purchased sugarcane of around Rs 72,000 crore from farmers during 2019-20 sugar season. Of that, less than Rs 20,000 crore of arrears are yet to be paid to farmers. The cane payment is being done at good pace compared to last year, hence, encouraging the farmers to plant cane on large area.

Weather Forecast:

Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal & Sikkim, Odisha, Nicobar Islands, Assam & Meghalaya, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Rayalaseema, South Interior Karnataka and Kerala & Mahe.

Previous Updates:

Indonesia has imported around 5,535 tonnes in 2019-20 FY from India, compared to only 144 tonnes in 2018-19 FY. In 2019-20, approximately 2.26 million metric tons of sugar cane is expected to produce in Indonesia. As per the Indonesian Sugar Association, the country has witnessed 25 per cent dip in sugar consumption between March and June. Sugar demand is expected to be around 2.25 lakh tonnes this month as against usual demand of 2.5 to 2.6 lakh tonnes per month.

After a long dry weather, Thailand received as much as 20% more rainfall so far this year than a year earlier. This change in weather may limit the sugarcane crop loss as expected earlier in the starting of the season. White-sugar premium fell to the lowest in more than two-weeks on Wednesday on speculation beneficial rains will boost supply outlook. In 2020-21 sugar production is estimated to recover to 12.9 MMT, up 56 percent from 2019- 20. In 2019-20 sugar production is forecast to decline to 8.3 MMT in earlier estimates in May.

In UP, so far 14.62 million litre of sanitizer has been produced till 3rd Aug'20, out of which 13.58 million litre of sanitizer has been supplied within the state and to other states of the country. At present the state is producing are 5.83 lakh litre sanitizers daily. Uttar Pradesh is leading in the production of hand sanitizer. While Maharashtra has produced around 11 million litre sanitizer as on 3rd Aug'20 and producing 1.36 million litre per day. As coronavirus has created panic among the people and Maharashtra is facing the

highest number of Covid-19 cases, therefore, the demand will continue to be flowing as it is now an essential item required on a daily basis.

Philippines sugar production likely to decline in 2020-21 to the lowest levels since 2017 amid erratic weather conditions. According to the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), the country's total sugar supply, including the 2.14MMT (higher from earlier estimates of 2.025) output for the current sugar crop year 2019-20 (Sep-Aug), now stood at 2.39 MMT (+3.5% y-o-y). Philippines is seen to import 0.4 MMT of sugar as local production of the sweetener may fall to its lowest level in a decade.

The sugar retail prices in Nepal surged to around Rs.100/kg from earlier Rs. 85/kg. Sugar prices have surged due to sugar shortage. The annual demand of the sugar in the country is around 250,000 tonnes and the maximum sugar is consumed during three months of the year starting from July when the festival season starts. Nepal's one of the largest sugar importer is India. India exported around 35,126 tonnes in 2019-20 (Apr-Mar), up by 32% compared to the previous year during the same period. The sugar exports to Nepal declined in April'20 to 2,271 tonnes from 14,264 tonnes in Mar'20 due to pandemic. Although, the improvement in port operations and unlocking in both the countries has helped increase in exports by India and expected to reach around 4,157 tonnes in June'20 from 3,305 tonnes in May'20.

The area under sugarcane increased to 51.78 lakh ha as on 31st July'20, up by around 1% in 2020-21 sugar season compared to the corresponding time last year. The top three sugarcane producing states; Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka are leading in area for 2020-21 sugar season by covering 23.87 lakh ha, 9.82 lakh ha and 5.51 lakh ha. Maharashtra is likely to revive this year as the state has faced bad weather conditions last year and likely to cover around 10.5 to 11 lakh ha compared to 8.4 lakh ha covered in 2019-20 season.

The monthly quota has been released for Aug'20 and allocated 20.5 LT of sugar sales limit to 547 mills. The July'20 sales quota is 1.5 MT higher compared to the previous year quota during the same time. Millers had witnessed fresh buying due to the rumours of hike in Minimum Selling Price (MSP) of sugar. Some demand had also been witnessed due to the easing nationwide lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the trade sources, India exported around 3.4 LT of total sugar (including White refined and raw sugar) in June'20. Around 1.6 LT of refined sugar and 1.25 LT of white sugar has been exported out of the total sugar exports. Sudan, Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Lybia, Kenya, Qatar, Tanzania were the major importers for refined sugar. While Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, China were the largest importer of white sugar and Iran was the largest importer for raw sugar in June month.

In order to clear cane dues of farmers, the cane commissioner of Uttar Pradesh has announced that 85 percent amount of sale value of byproducts of sugarcane (molasses, bagasse, press-mud and ethanol) derived by sugar mills will be tagged for cane price payment to farmers. Thus, 30% of the sale value of ethanol produced from C-grade molasses, 55% produced from B-heavy molasses and 80% produced directly from sugarcane juice will be used for repaying the dues.

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 Icumsa	359.70	0.00

International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Mon 31, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
20-Oct	200831	12.65	12.74	12.56	12.66	0.06	50,487	361,898	-3,632
21-Mar	200831	13.27	13.37	13.19	13.28	0.06	27,023	266,219	3,983
21-May	200831	13.02	13.14	12.96	13.06	0.08	9,477	135,250	1,892
21-Jul	200831	12.72	12.86	12.69	12.79	0.09	6,905	97,914	288
21-Oct	200831	12.7	12.77	12.61	12.71	0.09	3,165	75,889	540
22-Mar	200831	12.93	12.99	12.85	12.93	0.08	1,470	47,478	323
22-May	200831	12.44	12.48	12.36	12.42	0.06	1,394	32,338	144
22-Jul	200831	12.08	12.11	11.96	12.05	0.04	1,322	22,627	281
Total Volume and Open Interest							102,917	1,068,332	4,439

Source: MRCI

International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Future Price Listing Fri August 28, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
20-Oct	200828	362.1	364.2	358.9	359.7	-2.3	6,117	36,328	-1,602
20-Dec	200828	368.5	369.4	364.1	365.2	-2.3	3,948	29,043	-409
21-Mar	200828	372.9	374.1	368.4	369.2	-3	1,818	20,293	541
21-May	200828	377.8	378.5	372	372.3	-4.4	393	9,760	103
21-Aug	200828	375.5	375.6	369	369.1	-5.1	18	4,301	-5
Total Volume and Open Interest							12,298	104,965	-1,374

Source: MRCI

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			1-Sep-20	31-Aug-20	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3250	3300	-50
	Delhi	S-Grade	3230	3280	-50
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3305	3315	-10
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3250	3250	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3230	3230	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3300	3300	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	Closed	3496	-
	Mumbai	S-Grade	Closed	3360	-
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3425	3425	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3325	3325	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3300	3300	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3200	3200	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3512	3512	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3520	3520	Unch

Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3640	3640	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3700	3700	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3730	3730	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3680	3680	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3780	3780	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3620	3620	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 (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Jaggery(Gur)			1-Sep-20	31-Aug-20	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Chaursa	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Balti	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NR	NR	-
		White	NR	NR	-
		Black	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3400	3600	-200
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3500	3500	Unch
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3350	3400	-50
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3450	3550	-100
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3700	3700	Unch

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