

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

*Steady to weak tone are extended in Sugar & gur physical markets today in India. Sugar prices closed down by Rs 40 to 3160/q against Rs 3200/q while prices closed steady at Rs3100/q in Kolhapur and Rs3550/q in Vijayawada.*

*Distillery units and other companies likely to have diverted 0.8 MT of sugar production towards ethanol during the last season, which may be lower than the target, as cane acreage was lower in Maharashtra and Karnataka. It is expected that up to 2.5 MT of sugar production can get diverted for ethanol production in 2020-21 sugar season.*

*The labours and contractors have gone on strike demanding higher wages from the sugar mills in Maharashtra. At present, the labours are offered at rate of Rs.239 for harvesting per tonne cane and the yare demanding more as the rate sugar harvesting machine per tonne provides Rs.350-400. The contractors also want additional 10 per cent hike in the commission from 18.5 per cent.*

*In Uttar Pradesh, the mills had diverted around 5LT cane to produce ethanol from B- molasses in 2019- 20 season. And the mills are expected to divert around 6-10 LT this year (2020-21). One of the reasons for the increase in diversion is that the OMCs are directed to release the payment within 30 days and the central government's aid given to the distillery units for the expansion of ethanol production capacity. The state had offered 105 crore litre of ethanol to OMCs in 2019-20 season, of which 63.73 crore litre has already been supplied.*

*Ethanol production in 2020-21 which starts from December and continues till November is estimated to increase to 360 crore liters. This would help the government to achieve a target of 7.5 to 8% ethanol blending in petrol up from the current 5.1%. Currently, the ethanol prices are between Rs. 43.75 and Rs.59.48 per litre depending on the quality of molasses from which it is extracted. To encourage the cane crushing towards ethanol production, the government is mulling raising the price of ethanol derived from B-heavy molasses by Rs.3.34 per litre, C-heavy molasses by Rs.1.94 per litre, and 100% cane juice by Rs.3.17 per litre.*

*Pakistan likely to import 1.517 lakh tonnes of sugar to meet the domestic demand. According to private dealers, the sugar stocks of 0.445 million tonnes are available till 4th November'20 in Punjab and 0.565 million tonnes sugar would be available on 9th November'20 in Sindh. The sugarcane crushing in Punjab will start in the first week of November whereas the sugarcane crushing in Sindh would start by mid-November.*

**Weather Forecast:**

*Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman Islands, Madhya Maharashtra and Konkan & Goa and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Gujarat region, Marathawada, Kerala & Mahe and Coastal Karnataka. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Gujarat state and Kerala & Mahe.*

**Previous Updates:**

***According to Australian Sugar report released by Australian sugar milling council, the cumulative cane crush reached 19.08 million tonnes (62%) since the beginning of the season from Jun'20 while the operations were ahead in 2019 by crushing around 66% of cane during the same time last year. The crushing operations were delayed and slowed down during the beginning of the season this year. The country is expecting rains in Queensland, the major cane growing state due to which further delay in crushing is expected. Australia in 2020-21, is estimated to produce 30.9 million tonnes of sugarcane against 30.04million tonnes produced in 2019-20 season.***

***The sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are expected to start crushing from 15th Oct'20 and no announced has been done regarding hike in MSP. The government would increase the sugar sales quota for the coming months so as to increase the sales so that the mills could pay cane arrears. However, the demand was weaker in 2019-20 season, but is expected to increase in the coming season until all the social gathering places becomes operational by 100 per cent.***

***The government has been encouraging the sugar mills to divert cane crushing towards ethanol production so as to avoid surplus sugar production. Therefore, the government has given a one month duration to the mills for submitting their proposals to avail loans at a subsidized interest rate for increase ethanol capacity in the country. So far, 68 proposals worth Rs.3,500 crore have been approved and banks have sanctioned the loan.***

***The domestic sugar prices fall after the announcement of sales quota for the September month. The sugar traders consider that the quota is higher against the demand considering the surge in number of coronavirus cases and the sugar industry is awaiting for any announcement regarding rise in sugar MSP.***

***The monthly sales quota for October 2020 was fixed at 23 Lakh MT, distributed among 547 mills. The Oct'20 sales quota is 2 LT higher compared to the previous year quota during the same month and 1 LT higher compared to the previous month's quota (22 LT). The demand for sugar expected to increase during October amid upcoming Hindu festivals (Durga puja and Dussehra) and keeping in view the easing of lockdown nationwide.***

***Recently, the Thailand Sugar Mills Corporation recently reported that Thailand 2020-21 sugar production likely to fall by 13% compared to the previous year to an 11-year low of 7.2 MMT as dry weather this year devastated cane crop. Also, USDA recently declined Australia 2020-21 sugar production estimate to 4.3 MMT from an April forecast of 4.5 MMT and sugar export estimate to 3.40 MMT from an April forecast of 3.54 MMT.***

## 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	387.10	4.50

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

Daily Futures Price Listing Tue 13, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
<a href="#">21-Mar</a>	201013	13.86	14.15	13.85	14.01	0.17	45,524	441,085	8,090
<a href="#">21-May</a>	201013	13.45	13.69	13.41	13.58	0.16	21,720	152,994	-1,364
<a href="#">21-Jul</a>	201013	13.05	13.28	13.03	13.2	0.15	15,481	122,890	1,507
<a href="#">21-Oct</a>	201013	12.98	13.14	12.91	13.07	0.15	6,475	100,803	1,566
<a href="#">22-Mar</a>	201013	13.2	13.34	13.17	13.28	0.13	2,756	53,112	58
<a href="#">22-May</a>	201013	12.72	12.85	12.71	12.79	0.12	837	37,545	37
<a href="#">22-Jul</a>	201013	12.53	12.53	12.37	12.46	0.11	583	29,631	51
<a href="#">22-Oct</a>	201013	12.3	12.31	12.28	12.31	0.09	227	20,480	12
Total Volume and Open Interest							93,730	962,612	2,308

Source: MRCI

## International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Future Price Listing Tue 13, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
<a href="#">20-Dec</a>	201013	386.5	390.2	384	387.1	4.5	4,887	38,564	5
<a href="#">21-Mar</a>	201013	386.4	389.8	383.4	386.8	4.1	4,611	25,075	646
<a href="#">21-May</a>	201013	384.3	387.4	381.2	384.9	3.6	2,426	15,263	387
<a href="#">21-Aug</a>	201013	378	380.9	375.5	378.8	3.5	663	6,501	226
<a href="#">21-Oct</a>	201013	372.3	373.3	370.5	373.3	3.1	59	4,226	17
Total Volume and Open Interest							11,121	90,930	93

Source: MRCI

## DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			14-Oct-20	13-Oct-20	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3160	3200	-40
	Delhi	S-Grade	3140	3180	-40
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3150	3205	-55
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3150	3150	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3130	3130	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3200	3200	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3404	3420	-14
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3280	3280	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3100	3100	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	3560	3560	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3620	3620	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3680	3680	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3890	3890	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3780	3780	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3620	3620	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3600	3600	Unch

Jaggery (Gur) Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Jaggery(Gur)			14-Oct-20	13-Oct-20	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3350	3438	-88
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	6000	5000	1000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2750	2625	125
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	3125	3063	63
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2575	2600	-25
	Hapur	Balti	2638	2675	-38
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	3124	
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3300	3250	50
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3150	3120	30
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	2980	2950	30
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3210	3250	-40
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3600	3600	Unch

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