

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

Steady to firm tone are continued in Sugar & gur physical markets today in India. Sugar prices closed higher at Rs. 3265/q in Delhi against Rs. 3245/q while prices are steady at Rs. 3150/q in Kolhapur market and Rs. 3540/q in Vijayawada respectively.

The retreating monsoon rains have damaged kharif crops in few districts of South Maharashtra and Karnataka (Belagavi). According to the preliminary reports, there is no significant damage to the sugarcane crop so far. Standing crops including sugarcane from Pune, Sangli, Satara, Kolhapur and other parts of Maharashtra have been under water since last 4-5 days that could affect the sugar recovery in the state. Maharashtra this year is likely to be dependent on harvesting machines due to the shortage of labour.

The Maharashtra government is taking serious action against the sugar mills that have failed to clear the pending cane arrears. Around 190 sugar mills had applied for crushing licenses for season 2020-21. The government has granted licenses to only 90 sugar mills that have cleared the cane dues of the farmers. And 20 sugar factories had paid the cane dues in the past week after their licenses were put on hold.

The heavy rainfall in Maharashtra is expected to delay the crushing operations for 2020-21 sugar season. Karnataka is also facing difficulty to harvest cane due to the wet fields. Therefore, the crushing is likely to start by the end of 1st week of November in both the states while the mills in Uttar Pradesh expects crushing to start from 25th Oct'20.

After the introduction of the new Farm Bill, the farmers in Muzzafarnagar are able to sell jaggery anywhere out of the mandi without any tax. Now, a farmer does not have to pay tax where a tax of 2.5% was applicable if sold in mandi. Whereas, the mandi officials are in distress and appealing the government to remove mandi tax, if not they will be in huge loss as farmers would prefer selling without tax.

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.

Weather Forecast:

Heavy to very heavy rainfall with extremely falls at isolated places likely over Assam & Meghalaya and heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Previous Updates:

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 they are 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.

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.

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 30.04 million 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.

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	399	5.70

International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thu 22, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
21-Mar	201022	14.5	14.94	14.47	14.78	0.28	43,812	449,874	-87
21-May	201022	13.82	14.17	13.82	14.07	0.24	15,164	160,109	755
21-Jul	201022	13.37	13.59	13.35	13.54	0.18	13,179	126,618	144
21-Oct	201022	13.22	13.41	13.22	13.37	0.15	6,955	103,029	-305
22-Mar	201022	13.49	13.65	13.49	13.61	0.13	3,050	57,493	488
22-May	201022	13.11	13.27	13.11	13.22	0.12	2,069	38,933	325
22-Jul	201022	12.93	13.06	12.91	12.99	0.1	1,990	33,018	-10
22-Oct	201022	12.89	13.01	12.85	12.96	0.11	1,618	22,816	970
Total Volume and Open Interest							88,620	1,008,665	2,640

Source: MRCI

International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Future Price Listing Thu 22, 2020									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
20-Dec	201022	394.4	403.3	394	399	5.7	5,499	35,786	-1,358
21-Mar	201022	395.1	404.2	395.1	401.1	6.3	4,794	27,720	760
21-May	201022	392.3	399.2	392.3	396.9	6.2	1,831	17,059	-95
21-Aug	201022	385	389.4	385	387.8	5.2	805	9,332	196
21-Oct	201022	379.5	381	378.8	380.3	3.5	97	4,426	8
Total Volume and Open Interest							13,142	97,535	1,739

Source: MRCI

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			23-Oct-20	22-Oct-20	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3265	3245	20
	Delhi	S-Grade	3245	3225	20
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3125	3115	10
	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	3426	3420	6
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3282	3282	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	3540	3540	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3610	3610	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3680	3680	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3600	3600	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3810	3810	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)			23-Oct-20	22-Oct-20	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3000	3163	-163
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	10000	7000	3000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2500	2625	-125
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2913	2913	Unch
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2400	2425	-25
	Hapur	Balti	2450	2500	-50
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NR	NR	-
		White	NR	NR	-
		Black	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	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	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3533	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3300	3400	-100
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3200	3200	Unch



	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3200	3180	20
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3200	3300	-100
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3600	3600	Unch

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