

Sugar & Gur Domestic & International Fundamentals

Recent Update:

A firm tone was witnessed in Sugar physical markets today in India. Major markets are closed in India due to the increase in coronavirus cases all across the country and lockdown restrictions in some states. Sugar prices were higher in Delhi by 10-30 at Rs. 3230/q. Prices were lower in Kolhapur at Rs. 3100/q.

Pune Sugar mills closed their cane crushing operation for the current sugar season. Sugarcane crushing season in Maharashtra is in the final phase, sugar mills from Kolhapur, Nanded, and Solapur division have already closed their crushing operations earlier. Now, mills in the Pune region too ended the sugar season. Out of 190 sugar mills from Maharashtra that took part in the cane crushing operations, 184 have closed their operations till May 11. In the Pune division, 31 sugar mills took part in the cane crushing operations in the ongoing crushing season. These sugar mills have produced 252.70 lakh quintal sugar by crushing 230.55 lakh tonne sugarcane with a recovery rate of 10.96 percent.

Weather Forecast:

Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty winds is very likely at isolated places over West Madhya Pradesh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana, Rayalaseema, Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe, and Lakshwadeep and with lightning at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Sub Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, and Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal. Heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few place with extremely heavy falls very likely at isolated places over Coastal & South Interior Karnataka, heavy to very heavy rainfall with extremely heavy falls at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karikal, heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over and north Konkan and Kerala and at isolated places over Madhya Maharashtra, North Interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal, and Lakshwadeep and heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Rayalaseema.

Previous Updates:

India is expected to reach the export target of 60 lakh tonnes for the current sugar season. Sugar exports from India have reached 50 lakh tonnes in the current sugar season 2020-21, this is 90 percent more than the total MAEQ quantity for the 2020-21 sugar season. Out of this, 25.24 lakh tonnes of sugar have been physically exported out of the country from January 2021 – March 2021. Sugar exports are estimated to be 10 lakh tonnes in April 2021, taking the total exported quantity to over 35 lakh tonnes and another 8-10 lakh tonnes of sugar is expected to be physically exported in May 2021. It is expected that Indian sugar mills may achieve their target of exporting 60 lakh tonnes of sugar by the end of June 2021, three months before the season ends. In the previous year, sugar mills have exported 59 lakh tonnes of sugar. The surge in exports is mainly due to firm global prices and subsidy which have made the overseas markets lucrative. Also, in the current sugar season, Indonesia and Afghanistan have emerged as the major sugar importers from India whereas in the previous season it was Iran and Afghanistan, because of currency restriction this year India's export to Iran was affected.

Uttar Pradesh Sugar mills will soon generate oxygen in their ethanol plants. The state has decided to follow the footsteps of Maharashtra to produce oxygen in their sugar mills to meet the shortage of the oxygen required for treating COVID patients. Out of the 195 sugar mills in Maharashtra 137 mills have ethanol plants. The state is aiming to produce 300 metric tonnes of oxygen. The oxygen production plants will be set up with the assistance of the National Sugar Institute and Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune.

Maharashtra Sugar season is in its final phase and is likely to end by May 20. Sugar mills in Maharashtra have produced 106.05 LMT of sugar with a recovery rate of 10.49%. Sugar production was higher at 71.92 percent this season compared to the previous season. Out of 190 mills, 181 mills have ended their crushing for the season 2020-21; four mills will be ending crushing this week while remaining by May 20, 2021.

Tikaula sugar mill has completed the sugarcane crushing for the current sugar season. The mill had issued the remaining sugarcane slips before giving the notice to stop crushing. Other sugar mills from the district have already closed their crushing operations, Bhaisana (Budhana) and Khaikheri sugar mills have completed the cane crushing activities.

Sugarcane crushing season in Maharashtra is in the final phase. Around 190 sugar mills had participated in the ongoing sugar season and out of that about 181 sugar mills have ended their cane crushing season and only 9 are operating. Sugar mills have produced around 1059.72 lakh quintal sugar by crushing 1009.84 lakh tonne sugarcane till May 6. The mills have reported an average recovery rate of 10.49 percent.

Global sugar output is likely to increase to 2.74 million tonnes in 2021/22 from a deficit of 1.51 million tonnes in 2020/21. Good sugar crops in India along with the production recovery in Thailand and higher yield in Europe despite frosts in France are the main reason behind the hike in sugar surplus. Although sugar output in Brazil is expected to decrease the global output will have a surplus. Sugar output in Brazil is likely to drop to 36.3 million tonnes from 38.5 million tonnes compared with last season. India is expected to produce around 30 million tonnes this season and Thailand's production is expected to increase to 85 million tonnes from 66 million tonnes last season.

International Sugar Futures ICE(US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday, May 13 th , 2021									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
Jul-21	210513	17.80	17.80	17.01	17.11	-0.73	69,371	438,920	+3,256
Oct-21	210513	17.85	17.86	17.12	17.23	-0.67	40,028	215,899	+5,651
Mar-22	210513	17.81	17.81	17.10	17.21	-0.60	17,905	128,364	+1,292
May-22	210513	16.78	16.80	16.24	16.37	-0.47	6,280	73,393	+369
Jul-22	210513	16.15	16.17	15.66	15.83	-0.37	8,135	71,154	+737
Oct-22	210513	15.80	15.87	15.40	15.56	-0.34	3,371	50,869	+206
Mar-23	210513	15.81	15.86	15.46	15.61	-0.26	2,149	20,061	+199
May-23	210513	14.87	15.03	14.70	14.84	-0.10	217	9,473	-29
Total Volume and Open Interest							147,600	1,030,575	+11,712

Source: MRCI

International Sugar Futures LIFFE(US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday, May 13 th , 2021									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Mth	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar(LCE)									
Aug-21	210513	470.10	470.80	455.50	455.50	-16.30	5,587	45,894	+737
Oct-21	210513	471.00	471.70	456.40	456.40	-16.50	1,840	15,964	+365
Dec-21	210513	471.90	472.00	457.80	457.80	-15.70	491	7,848	+72
Mar-22	210513	468.50	468.50	458.80	458.80	-15.00	678	5,462	+161
May-22	210513	458.70	458.70	449.90	449.90	-13.30	458	3,655	-56
Total Volume and Open Interest							9,424	81,337	+1,436

Source: MRCI

DOMESTIC PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/QTL)		Change
Sugar			14-May-21	12-May-21	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3250	3215	35
	Delhi	S-Grade	3230	3195	35
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	Closed	3370	-
	Ramala	M-Grade	Closed	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	3317	-
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	3297	-
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	Closed	3367	-
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3340	3340	Unch
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3220	3220	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3225	3225	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3125	3125	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3100	3100	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3000	3000	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3309	3309	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3320	3320	Unch
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade (With Duty)	3600	3600	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade (With Duty)	3580	3580	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3500	3500	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3600	3600	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3540	3540	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3540	3540	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	NA	NA	-
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)			14-May-21	12-May-21	

Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	Closed	3200	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	Closed	2000	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	Closed	2875	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	Closed	3125	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	Closed	2600	-
	Hapur	Chaurasa	Closed	Closed	-
	Hapur	Balti	Closed	Closed	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NR	NR	-
		White	NR	NR	-
		Black	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	NR	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	0	4350	-4350
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	0	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	0	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	0	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	0	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	0	3138	-3138
	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	3450	-3450

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