

**Recent Update:**

**Sugar physical market continued to show a stable trend today in India.** Sugar prices reported up by Rs 5/Qtl in the Delhi market to Rs. 3480/qtl and in Kolhapur prices remained steady at Rs. 3225 per quintal.

As per market sources, around 45-50 lakh tonnes of sugar exports contract have already been signed for the 2022-23 season. Out of which, 6 lakh tonne has been physically exported up to 30<sup>th</sup> November' 2022. Also, about 8-9 lakh tonne of sugar is in pipeline to be exported in the month of December'22. AgriWatch estimates sugar exports of around 75 lakh tonnes during the 2022-23 season, mainly due to the expectation of increased production in 2022-23 season along with comparatively lower domestic prices.

As per the Indian sugar mills association, Sugar production in India has reached 82.10 lakh tonne as against 77.90 lakh tonne till 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The crushing operations were delayed this year because of rains during late October month and early November. The sugarcane crushing season is in full swing and around 497 sugar mills are currently operating in the country.

State	Sugar Production		Mills in Operation	
	(as of 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec'22)		(as of 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec'21.)	
	No. of Operating Mills	Sugar Production	No. of Operating Mills	Sugar Production
Uttar Pradesh	116	20.3	117	19.8
Maharashtra	193	33.0	186	31.9
Karnataka	73	18.9	69	18.4
Gujarat	16	2.6	15	2.3
Tamil Nadu	17	1.7	11	0.6
Others	82	5.6	81	4.9
<b>All India</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>77.9</b>

Source: ISMA, Unit: Lakh Tonne

The government may allow additional sugar exports in January 2023 after reviewing the local production. In anticipation of higher prices, Indian sugar mills are holding sugar exports contract supplies. Export prices have come down by about 3-4% from their peak, after India allowed shipments starting 5<sup>th</sup> November 22 following a fall in global sugar futures prices.

**Weather Forecast**

Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in next two days.

Scattered to light rainfall over Karnataka in the coming days.

**International Market Updates:**

The Pakistan government has granted permission to the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) to export half a million tonnes of sugar. The export would bring in \$250 million and the government has stated that the domestic prices will not be affected due to sugar exports. As per the Ministry of Production, Pakistan in the first phase, about one lakh tonnes of sugar will be exported. After taking review, an additional five lakh tonnes of sugar will be exported in the next fortnight.

Sugarcane crushing in the Center-South region of Brazil has increased in the second half of November 2022 as compared to the previous season around the same time. The sugarcane crushing was around 318.75% higher at 16.23 million tonnes in November 2022. Sugar production has increased by 532.3% to 1.03 million tonne while ethanol production was 887.26 million litres higher by around 148%.

**Jaggery:**

Jaggery demand in Erode district remained weak despite a month left for the Pongal festival. Around 100 jaggery production units are operating in Mullamparappu, Arachalur, Kavundapadi and Ammapettai areas. The poor demand for jaggery apart from an increase in the labour cost and low price had affected the jaggery producer in Mullamparappu.

As per market sources, sugarcane farmers are demanding the government to make a policy for jaggery units so that farmers would not get exploited as few jaggery makers are procuring cane at lesser rates than State Advised Price in Haryana. The Haryana government has fixed the SAP of sugarcane at Rs. 362 per quintal and is yet to fix the SAP for the current season.

AgriWatch estimates, Jaggery prices to trade weak in the domestic market despite improved winter demand in December month. The increase in supply activities have resulted in prices being weak.

Jaggery Price at Kolhapur Benchmark Market (Rs./Quintal)		
Forecast Date	Past Week	Week under review
12-Dec-22	4000	4000-4250

### Ethanol:

Government is encouraging sugar mills to divert excess sugarcane & sugar to ethanol production. The government has allowed production of ethanol from B-Heavy molasses, sugarcane juice, sugar syrup and sugar and has also been fixing the remunerative ex-mill price of ethanol derived from various feed stocks.

In current sugar season 2022-23, about 45-50 LMT of excess sugar is targeted to be diverted to ethanol. By 2025, it is targeted to divert 60 LMT of excess sugar to ethanol, which would solve the problem of high inventories of sugar, improve liquidity of mills thereby help in timely payment of cane dues of farmers. In sugar seasons 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 about 59.60 LMT, 70 LMT & 109 LMT of sugar was exported respectively. As a result of these measures, financial conditions of sugar mills has improved and more than 99% of cane dues upto sugar seasons 2020-21 and 97.40% of cane dues for sugar season 2021-22 have been cleared.

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

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday, Dec 22nd, 2022									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
<a href="#">23-Mar</a>	221222	20.75	21.03	20.6	20.89	0.14	74,725	3,95,940	3,486
<a href="#">23-May</a>	221222	19.3	19.55	19.22	19.44	0.12	34,956	2,06,857	2,555
<a href="#">23-Jul</a>	221222	18.38	18.5	18.31	18.44	0.07	21,411	1,25,700	2078
<a href="#">23-Oct</a>	221222	18.09	18.2	18.06	18.15	0.06	7,737	79,899	590
<a href="#">24-Mar</a>	221222	18.13	18.25	18.13	18.22	0.05	3,381	50,939	484
<a href="#">24-May</a>	221222	17.34	17.4	17.3	17.38	0.06	765	15,445	174
<a href="#">24-Jul</a>	221222	16.77	16.84	16.75	16.84	0.07	83	14,854	17
<a href="#">24-Oct</a>	221222	16.53	16.61	16.51	16.61	0.07	49	14,036	2
Total Volume and Open Interest							1,43,238	9,22,300	9,471

Source: MRCI

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

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday, Dec 22nd, 2022									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar (LCE)									
<a href="#">22-Dec</a>	221222	564.9	573.7	564.7	571.3	5.2	5,486	46,961	1245
<a href="#">23-Mar</a>	221222	543.5	550	543	548.3	4.2	1,472	19,622	-4
<a href="#">23-May</a>	221222	521.9	527.2	521.6	525.7	3.7	651	8,908	74
<a href="#">23-Aug</a>	221222	504.4	507	502.8	505.8	3.3	265	7,693	103
<a href="#">23-Oct</a>	221222	495.8	498.5	495.8	497.2	1.8	15	2,931	-8
Total Volume and Open Interest							7,938	88,177	1444

Source: MRCI

## DOMESTIC (SUGAR/ JAGGERY) PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			23-Dec-22	22-Dec-22	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3480	3475	5
	Delhi	S-Grade	3460	3455	5
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3665	3665	Unch
	Ramala	M-Grade	3420	3420	Unch
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3500	3500	Unch
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3480	3480	Unch
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3550	3550	Unch
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3600	3606	-6
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3530	3530	Unch
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3375	3375	Unch
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3275	3275	Unch
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3250	3250	Unch
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3150	3150	Unch
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3461	3461	Unch
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3470	3470	Unch

Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade (With Duty)	3800	3800	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade (With Duty)	3760	3760	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3870	3870	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3400	3400	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3800	3800	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3840	3840	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3900	3900	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
			23-Dec-22	22-Dec-22	
Jaggery(Gur)					
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3163	3020	143
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	5000	4000	1000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2800	2800	Unch
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	3103	3078	25
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2500	2425	75
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2620	2620	Unch
	Hapur	Balti	2700	2750	-50
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NR	NR	-
		White	NR	NR	-
		Black	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4400	4400	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	4000	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	NA	3100	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3100	3160	-60
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3100	3100	Unch
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	2950	3000	-50
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3150	3080	70
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3850	3850	Unch

## INTERNATIONAL SUGAR PRICES

International Sugar Futures ICE		(Rs/Qtl)				
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		22-Dec-22	15-Dec-22	22-Nov-22	22-Dec-21	21-Dec-22
Oct-22	8.14	3361	3290	3253	3108	82.77
Mar-23	18.72	3868	3691	3616	3258	
May-23	13.06	3599	3470	3416	3184	

International Sugar Futures LIFFE					(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		22-Dec-22	15-Dec-22	22-Nov-22	22-Dec-21	21-Dec-22
Oct-22	16.95	4345	4226	4192	3716	82.77
Dec-22	13.00	4110	4043	3986	3637	
Mar-23	20.53	4532	4373	4328	3760	

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