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#### **Recent Update:**

**Sugar physical market continued to show mostly stable trend today in India.** Sugar prices reported down by Rs. 5/qtl in the Delhi market to Rs. 3525/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 Pr               | oduction              | Mills in Operation (as of 15th Dec'21.) |                  |  |  |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|--|--|
|               | (as of 15              | <sup>th</sup> Dec'22) |   |                  |  |  |
|               | 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              |  |  |
| All India     | 497                    | 82.1                  | 479                                     | 77.9             |  |  |

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.



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#### **Weather Forecast**

Cold day conditions likely over West Uttar Pradesh in next five days. However, no significant change in temperature over rest parts of the country in the coming days.

#### **International Market Updates:**

A survey by S&P Global Commodity Insights estimated Brazil mills have produced around 360,000 tonnes of sugar in the first half of December.

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 tonness 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 |  |  |  |  |



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#### **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 Friday Dec 30th, 2022 |       |       |         |         |        |        |              |        |  |
|---------------|---|-------|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--|
|               | Most Recent Information                           |       |       |         |         |        |        | Previous Day |        |  |
| Month         | Date  | Open  | High  | Low     | Close   | Change | Volume | Open Int     | Change |  |
|               |   |       |       | Sugar # | 11(ICE) |        |        |              |        |  |
| <u>23-Mar</u> | 221230  | 20.4  | 20.43 | 20.01   | 20.04   | -0.25  | 49,490 | 3,95,126     | -5,584 |  |
| <u>23-May</u> | 221230  | 19.02 | 19.05 | 18.68   | 18.72   | -0.2   | 19,948 | 2,14,977     | 2,730  |  |
| <u>23-Jul</u> | 221230  | 18.23 | 18.26 | 17.94   | 17.98   | -0.15  | 10,351 | 1,34,347     | 1817   |  |
| <u>23-Oct</u> | 221230  | 18.05 | 18.06 | 17.77   | 17.82   | -0.11  | 3,458  | 82,827       | -63    |  |
| <u>24-Mar</u> | 221230  | 18.09 | 18.09 | 17.86   | 17.91   | -0.09  | 900    | 51,454       | 0      |  |
| <u>24-May</u> | 221230  | 17.19 | 17.19 | 17.09   | 17.14   | -0.05  | 136    | 15,922       | -14    |  |
| <u>24-Jul</u> | 221230  | 16.64 | 16.68 | 16.63   | 16.67   | -0.02  | 132    | 14,974       | 28     |  |
| <u>24-Oct</u> | 221230  | 16.42 | 16.48 | 16.42   | 16.48   | -0.01  | 44     | 14,324       | 23     |  |
| Total Volume  | e and Open Inte                                   | erest |       |         |         |        | 84,459 | 9,42,738     | -1,063 |  |

Source: MRCI



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

|               | Daily Futures Price Listing Friday Dec 30th, 2022 |            |       |       |       |        |              |             |        |  |
|---------------|---|------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|--|
|               | Most Recent Information                           |            |       |       |       |        | Previous Day |             |        |  |
| Month         | Date  | Open       | High  | Low   | Close | Change | Volume       | Open<br>Int | Change |  |
|               | London Sugar (LCE)                                |            |       |       |       |        |              |             |        |  |
| <u>23-Mar</u> | 221230  | 562.3      | 565.4 | 553   | 554.4 | -7.4   | 6,419        | 45,894      | -1232  |  |
| <u>23-May</u> | 221230  | 540.5      | 541.8 | 532.8 | 534.4 | -3.7   | 2,972        | 19,711      | 124    |  |
| <u>23-Aug</u> | 221230  | 520.9      | 520.9 | 514.1 | 515.6 | -1.8   | 1768         | 9,764       | 344    |  |
| <u>23-Oct</u> | 221230  | 501.7      | 502.2 | 498   | 499   | -0.9   | 380          | 7,944       | 103    |  |
| <u>23-Dec</u> | 221230  | 494.6      | 494.6 | 490.7 | 491.7 | -1.5   | 144          | 2,910       | 47     |  |
| Total Volu    | ime and Ope                                       | n Interest |       |       |       |        | 11,751       | 88,338      | -583   |  |

Source: MRCI

### DOMESTIC (SUGAR/ JAGGERY) PRICES AND ARRIVAL

| Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets: |            |                     |           |           |        |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|--|
| Commodity                         | Centre     | Variety             | Prices (  | (Rs/Qtl)  | Change |  |  |
| Sugar                             | Centre     | variety             | 31-Dec-22 | 30-Dec-22 | Change |  |  |
| Delhi                             | Delhi      | M-Grade             | 3525      | 3525      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Delhi      | S-Grade             | 3505      | 3505      | Unch   |  |  |
| Uttar Pradesh                     | Khatauli   | M-Grade             | 3645      | 3645      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Ramala     | M-Grade             | 3410      | 3410      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Dhampur    | M-Grade Ex-Mill     | 3470      | 3470      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Dhampur    | S-Grade Ex-Mill     | 3450      | 3450      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Dhampur    | L-Grade Ex-Mill     | 3520      | 3520      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Mumbai     | M-Grade             | 3582      | 3590      | -8     |  |  |
|                                   | Mumbai     | S-Grade             | 3526      | 3526      | Unch   |  |  |
|                                   | Nagpur     | M-Grade             | 3425      | 3400      | 25     |  |  |
| Maharashtra                       | Nagpur     | S-Grade             | 3325      | 3300      | 25     |  |  |
|                                   | Kolhapur   | M-Grade             | 3300      | 3275      | 25     |  |  |
|                                   | Kolhapur   | S-Grade             | 3200      | 3175      | 25     |  |  |
| Assam                             | Guhawati   | S-Grade             | 3512      | 3487      | 25     |  |  |
| Meghalaya                         | Shillong   | S-Grade             | 3520      | 3495      | 25     |  |  |
| Andhra Pradesh                    | Vijayawada | M-Grade (With Duty) | 3800      | 3800      | Unch   |  |  |
| Andnra Pradesn                    | Vijayawada | S-Grade (With Duty) | 3760      | 3760      | Unch   |  |  |
| West Bengal                       | Kolkata    | M-Grade             | 3810      | 3810      | Unch   |  |  |
| Tomal Node                        | Chennai    | S-Grade (With GST)  | 3400      | 3400      | Unch   |  |  |
| Tamil Nadu                        | Dindigul   | M-Grade (DCA)       | 3800      | 3800      | Unch   |  |  |



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|             | Coimbatore | M-Grade (DCA)          | 3840 | 3840 | Unch |
|-------------|------------|------------------------|------|------|------|
| Chattisgarh | Ambikapur  | M-Grade (Without Duty) | 3800 | 3800 | Unch |

Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)

| Jaggery (Gur) Pric | es at Key Spot Markets: |                          |                                       |      |        |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Commodity          | Centre                  | Variety                  | Prices (Rs/Qtl)  31-Dec-22 30-Dec- 22 |      |        |
| Jaggery(Gur)       |                         |                          |                                       |      | Change |
|                    | Muzaffarnagar           | Chaku Fresh              | 3063                                  | 3125 | -63    |
|                    | Muzaffarnagar           | Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag) | 7000                                  | 6000 | 1000   |
| Uttar Pradesh      | Muzaffarnagar           | Khurpa (Fresh)           | 2850                                  | 2863 | -13    |
|                    | Muzaffarnagar           | Laddoo (Fresh)           | 3188                                  | 3238 | -50    |
|                    | Muzaffarnagar           | Rascut (Fresh)           | 2425                                  | 2438 | -13    |
|                    | Hapur                   | Chaursa                  | 2600                                  | 2600 | Unch   |
|                    | Hapur                   | Balti                    | 2700                                  | 2730 | -30    |
| Andhra Pradesh     |                         | Gold                     | NR                                    | NR   | -      |
|                    | Chittur                 | White                    | NR                                    | NR   | -      |
|                    |                         | Black                    | NR                                    | NR   | -      |
| Maharashtra        | Latur                   | Lal Variety              | NA                                    | NA   | -      |
| Transiti d         | 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)          | 2810                                  | 2800 | 10     |
| Karnataka          | Mahalingapura           | Penti (Average)          | NA                                    | NA   | -      |
|                    | Mandya                  | Achhu (Medium)           | 3050                                  | 3100 | -50    |
|                    | Mandya                  | Kurikatu (Medium)        | 3100                                  | 3000 | 100    |
|                    | Mandya                  | Other (Medium)           | 2850                                  | 2950 | -100   |
|                    | Mandya                  | Yellow (Medium)          | 3080                                  | 3000 | 80     |
|                    | Shimoga/Shivamogga      | Achhu (Average)          | 3850                                  | 3850 | Unch   |



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#### INTERNATIONAL SUGAR PRICES

| International Sugar Futures ICE |                                    |           |           |           | (Rs/Qtl)  |            |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                                 | %<br>Change                        | Today     | Week ago  | Month Ago | Year Ago  | RBI Dollar |
| Futures month                   | Change<br>over<br>previous<br>year | 30-Dec-22 | 23-Dec-22 | 28-Nov-22 | 30-Dec-21 | 30-Dec-22  |
| Oct-22                          | 8.62                               | 3304      | 3380      | 3217      | 3042      |            |
| Mar-23                          | 18.51                              | 3716      | 3894      | 3549      | 3136      | 82.78      |
| May-23                          | 12.44                              | 3471      | 3619      | 3360      | 3087      |            |
|                                 | •                                  |           |           |           |           |            |

| International Sugar Futures LIFFE |                        |           |                  |           |           |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Futures<br>month                  | % Change over previous | Today     | y Week ago Month | Month Ago | Year Ago  | RBI Dollar |
|                                   | year                   | 30-Dec-22 | 23-Dec-22        | 28-Nov-22 | 30-Dec-21 | 30-Dec-22  |
| Oct-22                            | 17.67                  | 4268      | 4346             | 4146      | 3627      |            |
| Dec-22                            | 13.67                  | 4070      | 4121             | 3956      | 3581      | 82.78      |
| Mar-23                            | 20.92                  | 4424      | 4541             | 4257      | 3658      |            |
|                                   |                        |           |                  |           |           |            |

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