

Recent Update:

Sugar physical market showed a stable trend today in India. Sugar prices in the Delhi market traded higher at Rs. 3420/qtl as compared to yesterday evening, Kolhapur market remained lower at Rs. 3150 per quintal.

The untimely rains have affected the sugarcane crop in Medak district. Overall crops like Sugarcane, Jowar, paddy, mango, tomato, papaya is grown in 1500 acres and had got damaged due to the heavy rainfalls during past few days.

Around 207 sugar mills have operated in the 2022-23 crushing season in Maharashtra, and about 73 sugar mills have paid full FRP to the sugarcane farmers. The mills owned FRP of Rs. 2,658 crores still February 2023. Out of that about 67 mills have cleared 80-90% of the cane dues, 39 mills have paid cleared dues up to 60-70% and 28 mills have paid 59% of the FRP to cane farmers. Sugar mills in the state have crushed 876 lakh tonnes of sugarcane till February end and procured cane worth 27,443 crores. The mills have so far cleared RS 25,399 crores.

Indian Sugar Mills Association estimates sugar production in India at 281.8 lakh tonne till 15th March 2023 against 284.5 lakh tonne during the corresponding date last year. About 194 sugar mills have closed their crushing operations while 336 sugar mills are still operating in the country.

Sugar Production as on 15th March 2023

S.No.	State	No. of Working Factories		Net estimated Sugar Production (without Diversion)		Estimated Sugar Diversion into ethanol		Actual Sugar Production (after Diversion)	
		2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22
1	Uttar Pradesh	108	104	90.7	87.4	11.1	9.1	79.6	78.3
2	Maharashtra	113	184	111.6	117.6	9.7	8.6	101.9	109.0
3	Karnataka	20	49	62.7	62.3	9.2	6.9	53.5	55.4
4	Others*	95	101	47.9	42.6	1.1	0.8	46.8	41.8
Total		336	438	312.9	309.9	31.1	25.4	281.8	284.5

*Others include -Tamil Nādu, Gujarat, A.P., Telangana, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, M.P., Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand & Odisha

Source- ISMA: unit-Lakh tonne

International Market

Sugar prices in Bangladesh have maintained an upward trend at both wholesale and retail level despite a reduction in import duty. After the reduction, the overall import cost of raw and refined sugar is expected to decline by Tk 6,500 and Tk 9,000 per tonne at the import stage, respectively. But despite that, the price of sugar remained higher by Tk 130 in the wholesale market. The price increase came amid continued supply shortage and a spike in demand for Ramdan.

Weather Forecast

As per IMD latest press release, a thunderstorm with hailstorm is expected over northwest, Central and eastern India between 21st March – 25th March 2023.

Thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds & Hailstorm is expected as on:

21st March: Uttarakhand, East Uttar Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha

23rd March: Uttarakhand and West Rajasthan

24th March: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana

Heavy rainfall at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Punjab. Thunderstorms accompanied with lightning at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, West Uttar Pradesh and north Rajasthan, and with lightening at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Gujarat State, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahi, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam.

Jaggery:

Jaggery arrivals in Muzaffarnagar market have been affected due to heavy rainfalls since last 2 days. Whereas Chaku prices remained higher at 3250 per quintal.

Muzaffarnagar Stock Update Jaggery	Weekly Stock (Quintal)	
	20-Mar-23	20-Mar-22
Chaku	586386	642574
Rascut	39251	23220
Papdi	142149	89294
Khurpa	26554	21914
Total	1089893	1096663
Surplus	6770	

Ethanol:

As per ISMA, the sugar diverted for ethanol production between October to February was highest at 28.5 lakh tonne as compared with 21.9 lakh tonnes during the same period in the preceding year.

World ethanol production in 2022 is estimated to have reached 109.4 billion liters, up from 104.6 billion liters in 2021. For 2023, ethanol output is expected to recover further, reaching 111.8 billion liters. Meanwhile ethanol consumption is expected to be at 104.2 billion liters in 2022, revised lower from 104.5 billion liters. Consumption in 2023 is expected to rise to 106.9 billion liters, driven by increases in India.

International Sugar Futures ICE (US Cent/lb)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday, Mar 23rd, 2023									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
23-May	230323	21.15	21.34	20.81	20.89	-0.25	36,603	357,626	154
23-Jul	230323	20.59	20.72	20.32	20.39	-0.17	19,713	242,206	62
23-Oct	230323	20.27	20.41	20.03	20.11	-0.14	9,139	129,530	588
24-Mar	230323	20.19	20.32	19.96	20.05	-0.14	4,905	102,462	746
24-May	230323	19.14	19.24	18.92	19	-0.13	1,825	29,056	590
24-Jul	230323	18.44	18.45	18.15	18.24	-0.12	1,271	25,076	335
24-Oct	230323	17.92	17.98	17.72	17.78	-0.11	720	19,118	229
25-Mar	230323	17.79	17.87	17.64	17.67	-0.12	205	13,825	89
Total Volume and Open Interest							74,393	929,418	2,800

Source: MRCI

International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Thursday, Mar 23rd 2023									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar (LCE)									
23-May	230323	603.9	608.1	596	597.8	-6.1	4,292	44,020	-190
23-Aug	230323	588.5	592	582	583	-5.2	3,619	22,204	255
23-Oct	230323	571	574.4	565.6	566.6	-4	1,585	11,974	-82
23-Dec	230323	557.1	560.5	553.6	554.1	-2.7	433	7,253	-57

24-Mar	230323	545.7	548.1	543.1	544.2	-2.5	293	4,113	174
Total Volume and Open Interest							10,257	90,981	107

Source: MRCI

DOMESTIC (SUGAR/ JAGGERY) PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			24-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3420	3415	5
	Delhi	S-Grade	3400	3395	5
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3515	3520	-5
	Ramala	M-Grade	3440	3440	Unch
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3460	Closed	-
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3440	Closed	-
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3510	Closed	-
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3610	Closed	-
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3386	Closed	-
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3375	Closed	-
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3275	Closed	-
	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)	3900	3900	Unch
	Vijayawada	S-Grade (With Duty)	3880	3880	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3850	3850	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3400	3400	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3730	3730	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3840	3840	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	NA	NA	-
Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)					

Jaggery (Gur) Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)	Change
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Jaggery(Gur)			24-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3388	3375	13
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	1000	2000	-1000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2988	2963	25
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	3378	3313	65
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2690	2700	-10
	Hapur	Chaurasa	NA	NA	-
	Hapur	Balti	NA	NA	-
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NR	NR	-
		White	NR	NR	-
		Black	NR	NR	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4850	4850	Unch
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	0	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	0	-
	Bijapur/Vijayapura	Achhu	NA	0	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	3000	3100	-100
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	3800	-
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	3600	-
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	3400	-
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	3750	-
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	3800	3600	200

INTERNATIONAL MARKET

International Sugar Futures ICE					(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		23-Mar-23	16-Mar-23	21-Feb-23	23-Mar-22	23-Mar-23
Mar-23	16.21	3844	3845	3954	3308	82.15
May-23	14.43	3752	3747	3694	3279	
Jul-23	13.21	3701	3695	3600	3269	

International Sugar Futures LIFFE					(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		23-Mar-23	16-Mar-23	21-Feb-23	23-Mar-22	23-Mar-23
Mar-23	26.25	4911	4842	4708	3890	82.15
May-23	14.79	4789	4725	4569	4172	
Aug-23	14.79	4655	4601	4457	4055	

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