

Recent Update:

Sugar physical market showed a mixed trend today in India. Sugar prices in the Delhi market traded higher at Rs. 3440/qtl as compared to yesterday evening, Kolhapur market remained stable at Rs. 3250 per quintal.

The untimely rains have affected the sugarcane crop in Medak district. Overall crops like Sugarcane, Jowar, paddy, mango, tomato, papaya are 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 crore till 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 production in Thailand has reached 10.998 million tonnes, raw value, which is 1.275 million more than which was produced by the same period last year. Besides the larger amount of cane crushed sugar output is aided this season by a record sugar extraction rate of 11.87% in raw value terms, up from 11.13% a year ago. Around 24 out of 57 sugar mills had ended cane-crushing operation by 18th March 23. The rate of mill closures suggests that the total crush may reach around 95 million tonnes this season.

Daily cane crushing has fallen to around 250,000 tonnes and Thailand's total cane crush was 92.658 million tonnes as of 19th March 23, up from 87.362 million processed by the same period last year.

Indonesia is planning to import 215,000 tonne of sugar. With the increase in sugar demand due to Ramdan and Eid-ul-Fitr, Indonesian government is planning to import 215,000 tonne of sugar in the coming months. Sugar production in Indonesia during January-December 2023 period is expected to reach around 2.6 million tonne and the demand is likely to remain high at about 3.4 million tonne.

As per UNICA, In 2023-24 season center-south regions of Brazil are expected to crush record sugarcane. Usually, sugar season in Brazil starts in April but the mills have started processing earlier as they are expecting a bumper crop this season. In the first half of March, around 24 mills have already started operations, and they have crushed about 608,000 tonnes of cane against 142,000 tonnes last year. In the second half of March, around 36 mills are expected to operate taking the total number of operating mills to 60 as against 25 during the same period last year.

Weather Forecast

Thunderstorms accompanied with lightning at isolated places over Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sub-Himalayana West Bengal, Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karaikal, and Kerala & Mahi.

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 Friday, Mar 24th, 2023									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
Sugar #11(ICE)									
23-May	230324	20.97	20.99	20.65	20.82	-0.07	55,324	356,012	-1,614
23-Jul	230324	20.41	20.47	20.18	20.34	-0.05	33,285	244,583	2,377
23-Oct	230324	20.12	20.17	19.92	20.07	-0.04	17,825	130,680	1150
24-Mar	230324	20.05	20.1	19.86	20	-0.05	11,307	103,584	1122
24-May	230324	19.03	19.04	18.8	18.94	-0.06	3,068	29,308	252
24-Jul	230324	18.29	18.29	18.02	18.18	-0.06	2561	26,100	1024
24-Oct	230324	17.78	17.8	17.54	17.7	-0.08	1317	19,349	231
25-Mar	230324	17.67	17.67	17.44	17.6	-0.07	654	14,086	261
Total Volume and Open Interest							125,482	934,315	4,897

Source: MRCI

International Sugar Futures LIFFE (US \$/MT)

Daily Futures Price Listing Friday, Mar 24th 2023									
Most Recent Information							Previous Day		
Month	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume	Open Int	Change
London Sugar (LCE)									
23-May	230324	597.8	600	594.1	597.6	-0.2	7,947	43,452	-568
23-Aug	230324	583.5	584.8	579.3	583.2	0.2	6,393	22,757	553
23-Oct	230324	567.2	568.3	563.8	567.3	0.7	3290	12,192	218
23-Dec	230324	553.4	555.9	551.3	554.7	0.6	1312	7,271	18
24-Mar	230324	541.9	544.9	540.5	544	-0.2	640	4,471	358
Total Volume and Open Interest							19,876	91,735	754

Source: MRCI

DOMESTIC (SUGAR/ JAGGERY) PRICES AND ARRIVAL

Sugar Prices at Key Spot Markets:					
Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Sugar			27-Mar-23	25-Mar-23	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3440	3430	10
	Delhi	S-Grade	3420	3410	10
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3510	3515	-5
	Ramala	M-Grade	3430	3440	-10
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3455	3460	-5
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3435	3440	-5
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3505	3510	-5
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3610	3610	Unch
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3390	3386	4
	Nagpur	M-Grade	NR	3375	-
	Nagpur	S-Grade	NR	3275	-
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	NR	3250	-
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	NR	3150	-
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	NR	3461	-
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	NR	3470	-
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade (With Duty)	3700	3700	Unch

	Vijayawada	S-Grade (With Duty)	3680	3680	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3850	3850	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3400	3400	Unch
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3810	3750	60
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3840	3840	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3850	3850	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
Jaggery(Gur)			27-Mar-23	25-Mar-23	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	3313	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	4000	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2925	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	3288	NA	-
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2700	NA	-
	Hapur	Chaurasa	NA	2600	-
	Hapur	Balti	NA	2740	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4850	NA	-
	Gulbarga/Kalaburgi	Other (Average)	3000	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	NA	3750	-
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	NA	3650	-
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	NA	3600	-
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	NA	3700	-
	Shimoga/Shivamogga	Achhu (Average)	NA	NA	-

INTERNATIONAL MARKET

International Sugar Futures ICE						(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar	
		24-Mar-23	17-Mar-23	24-Feb-23	24-Mar-22	24-Mar-23	
Mar-23	11.12	3684	3667	3945	3315	82.23	
May-23	16.52	3835	3818	3646	3291		
Jul-23	14.25	3747	3722	3565	3279		

International Sugar Futures LIFFE					(Rs/Qtl)	
Futures month	% Change over previous year	Today	Week ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	RBI Dollar
		24-Mar-23	17-Mar-23	24-Feb-23	24-Mar-22	24-Mar-23
Mar-23	14.52	4473	4435	4317	3906	82.23
May-23	16.99	4914	4825	4651	4201	
Aug-23	17.45	4796	4713	4530	4083	

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