Price Outlook:

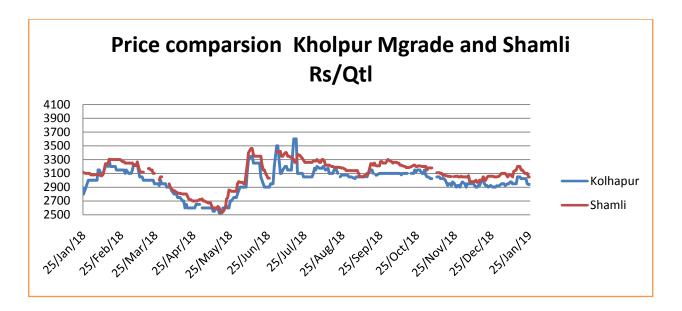
Indian Sugar markets were weak during the week. We expect sugar prices may trade lower as good physical supplies from mills are continuing in the physical market. Prices are supportive after Jan due to the expectation of weak cane crush this season in the key producing states of UP, Maharashtra and Karnataka. The release quota for January month of 18.50 lakh MT little lower then December month. UP and Maharashtra mills are demanding extra sales quota, as due to the low quota, mills are unable to sell their sugar and repay the farmers on time.

Price Projection for the Next week

As per the Agriwatch estimate, spot sugar prices (M grade) in benchmark Kolhapur market are likely to range between Rs 2950–Rs 3300 per quintal for next week.

Domestic Sugar Market Summary

Notably, the average price for sugar 'M' grade in key Kolhapur market settled at Rs 2976 per quintal during the week down by INR 46 from the previous week; while spot sugar prices for the same grade in Shamli district is 3080 per quintal at the end of week, down by100 INR against previous week's average price.



Fundamental summary:

Price Drivers	Impact
Sugar production during the current 2018-19 SS is estimated to be lower considering the adverse impact of weather and rainfall in the three largest sugarcane producing States.	Bullish
After announcement of the export incentives for sugar millers in the country	Bullish
Higher cane acreage for 2018-19	Bearish
Tightening of restriction on monthly sales	Bullish



MSP at MilL gate fixed at Rs 2900/ Qtl for refined Sugar	Bullish
Announcement for creation of 3 mn tonnes of buffer stock	Bullish

Domestic Market Highlights

Recent Updates:

- The prices of M-30 and S-30 grades of sugar remains steady in Kolhapur market on Friday at Rs 2940 and 2900 respectively. While March NY world sugar on Friday closed down -0.54 (-4.16%) and March ICE London white sugar closed down -12.10 (-3.45%). Sugar prices closed higher Thursday on signs of smaller sugar production in Brazil after Unica reported 2018/19 Brazil Center-South sugar production through mid-Jan was down -26.5% y-o-y at 26.350 MMT, with the percentage of cane used for sugar production falling to 35.5% from 46.9% last year and the percentage of cane used for ethanol production rising to 64.5% from 53.1% last year.
- Sugar mills in the country would be able to attain the export target of 5 mt unless the government puts pressure or levy penalty on the mills which fail to achieve their quota. As of now, the export target that would be achieved is 3.5 mt.
- Karnataka, is expected to produce 4.2 MT of sugar in 2018-19 SS, against 3.75 MT produced in 2017-18 SS. As on January 20, 2019, Karnataka has produced 2.67 MT of sugar, with 65 sugar mills were in operation, against 2.13 MT on the corresponding date in 2018.

Previous Updates

- Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) has lowered India's 2018-19 sugar production estimate by 2.5% to 307 lakh tonnes from first advance estimate of 315 lakh tonnes issued in October 2018. ISMA has procured the satellite images of cane area already harvested and remaining un harvested area in the fields, across the country during mid-season i.e. in the second week of January 2019. On the basis of these images of harvested and balance area, trend of yields and sugar recoveries achieved till now as also expected yield/sugar recovery in the balance period of the sugar season, sugar production in the current season is estimated to be around 307 lakh tonnes, against the first advance estimates of 315 lakh tonnes released by ISMA in October 2018. This is after considering estimated diversion of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar into production of ethanol through 'B' heavy molasses.
- Cane payment arrears reached Rs 19,000 crore for the season up to December 31. This was more than double last year's arrears at the same date. Of the total, around Rs 5,000 crore was carried over from last year. Excess sugar production and depressed domestic sugar price have led to accumulation of cane price arrears of farmers in sugarcane growing States including Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

- The mills have already asked for an increase in the minimum sale price of sugar by Rs 5 a kg, to Rs 34 a kg. Prices in the country are inching up but are still only Rs 2,950 a quintal (Rs 29.5 a kg) in the wholesale market.
- The sugar production of Maharashtra till January 6, 2019 has gone up by 13.29 per cent as compared to same time last year. A total of 185 sugar mills were in operation in Maharashtra and have produced 489.51 lakh quintals of sugar, as compared to 424.50 lakh quintals produced by 182 sugar mills after crushing at least 411.22 lakh MT of cane as on January 6, 2018.

Technical Analysis - Sugar (M grade) Spot Market at Kolhapur market

- Sugar spot prices at benchmark Kolhapur market closed at Rs 2976 quintal this week.
- Next resistance and support level for the coming month has been seen at Rs 3200 and Rs 2950 per quintal respectively.
- Relative Strengths Indicator is indicating upward movement.



Technical Analysis - Chaku Sukha-gur (fresh) at Spot (Muzaffarnagar) market. Gur Market Scenario

- Prices of Chaku variety of gur in key Muzaffarnagar market closed at Rs 2531 /quintal this week
- Next resistance and support level for the coming month has been seen at Rs 3300 and Rs 2500 per quintal respectively.



Domestic Sugar Market Technical Analysis (Future Market)

Commodity: Sugar Exchange: NCDEX

Contract: Sugar 1 M Con (Dec)



Strategy: Wait								
Intraday Supports 8	S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2			
Sugar	NCDEX	Dec	2850	2900	2989	3200	3250	
Intraday Trade Call		Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL		
Sugar	NCDEX	Dec	Wait					

^{*} Do not carry-forward the position next day

Technical Commentary:

- There is no trade volume in near month future contract. Market participants are advised to wait until trade in volume starts.
- In the daily chart the prices has gained but there is no bullish reversal pattern has evolved.
- Seems that the prices are to consolidate in the range with good probability of touching the recent lows again.
- RSI showing some strength with prices remaining below 9 and 18 days EMA.

Sugar Domestic Balance Sheet

SUGAR BALNCE SHEET 2018-19(LT)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Carry in stock	77	34.1	67.95	67.95	87.35	183.85	143.57
Estimated sugar production	202.85	321	320	98.2	160.2	44.42	17.18
Imports	4.46	2.85	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated sugar availability (A + B + C)	284.31	357.95	387.95	166.15	247.55	228.27	160.75
Exports	4.6	30	30	3	10	7	10
Availability for domestic consumption (D - E)	279.71	327.95	357.95	163.15	237.55	221.27	150.75
Estimates sugar consumption	245.61	260	263	75.8	53.7	77.7	55.8
Carry out stock (F - G)	34.1	67.95	94.95	87.35	183.85	143.57	94.95

Source: Agriwatch and ISMA

- Note: Indian sugar marketing year begins from October September.
- As per the Agriwatch latest estimate, India's sugar production is expected to be 320 LT in 2018/19 then 321 last year. A couple of major cane growing regions of Maharashtra, including Marthawada, had poor rainfall this season. And mild white grub infestation has been reported in States of Karnataka and few parts of Maharashtra. Apart from from that, cane yield and sugar recovery are expected to decline in Uttar Pradesh due to water logging in the fields.
- On the other hand, sugar domestic consumption is expected to rise to 263 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 (01st October, 2018 30th September, 2019).
- At the same time, with a higher domestic sugar production and an urge to earn more foreign exchange, the country's exports are expected to rise from 30 LT in 2018-19

International Market Highlights

Recent Updates:

March NY world sugar #11 on Thursday closed up +0.01 (+0.08%) and March ICE London white sugar closed up +0.50 (+0.14%). Sugar prices closed higher Thursday on signs of smaller sugar production in Brazil after Unica reported 2018/19 Brazil Center-South sugar production through mid-Jan was down -26.5% y-o-y at 26.350 MMT, with the percentage of cane used for sugar production falling to 35.5% from 46.9% last year and the percentage of cane used for ethanol production rising to 64.5% from 53.1% last year.



Previous Updates

- EU members exported 133,000 tonnes of sugar in November 2018, down from 267,000 in October and sharply below 324,000 in the same month last year, according to the European Commission.
- Philippines sugar production in the week ended December 16 amounted to 72,534 tonnes, raw value, compared with 63,253 tonnes in the same period a year ago, SRA data showed.
- Mexico produced 225,000 tonnes of sugar, tel quel, in the week to December 29, up from 221,000 in the corresponding week last year, official data showed.
- As crushing operations slowed down for the New Year celebrations, the country's sugar mills had processed 29.1 mln tonnes of cane against 20.1 mln in the same period a year ago.
- Sugar exports in December amounted to 1.634 mln tonnes, raw value, down from 1.934 mln in November and also below the 1.937 mln seen in December 2017.
- New York closed a little lower during the month. March futures are now near some support at about 1200. London was lower as well. Sugar was hurt by the weakness in petroleum futures that have hurt demand ideas. Brazil has been using a majority of its Sugarcane harvest to produce ethanol this year instead of Sugar, and there is some talk the mills might switch back to Sugar unless petroleum prices improve soon. Dry conditions continue in Brazil, the EU, and Russia, but conditions are mostly good in Ukraine. Very good conditions are reported in Thailand.

International Sugar Market Summary:

• March NY world sugar #11 (SBH19) on Friday closed down -0.54 (-4.16%) and March ICE London white sugar (SWH19) closed down -12.10 (-3.45%). Sugar prices tumbled to 2-week lows Friday on concern that a glut of U.S. gasoline will drag ethanol prices lower and prompt Brazil's sugar producers to divert more cane crushing toward sugar production instead of ethanol production, which would boost sugar supplies. U.S. gasoline supplies are robust after Thursday's EIA data showed that U.S. gasoline inventories rose +4.05 million bbl to a record high of 259.6 million bbl. Weakness in the Brazilian real against the dollar Friday kept sugar prices on the defensive since the weak real encourages exports by Brazil's sugar producers. On the positive side is smaller sugar production in Brazil after data from Unica Wednesday showed that 2018/19 Brazil Center-South sugar production through mid-Jan was down -26.5% y/y at 26.350 MMT, with the percentage of cane used for sugar production falling to 35.5% from 46.9% last year and the percentage of cane used for ethanol production rising to 64.5% from 53.1% last year.



Bullish and Bearish factors for International sugar

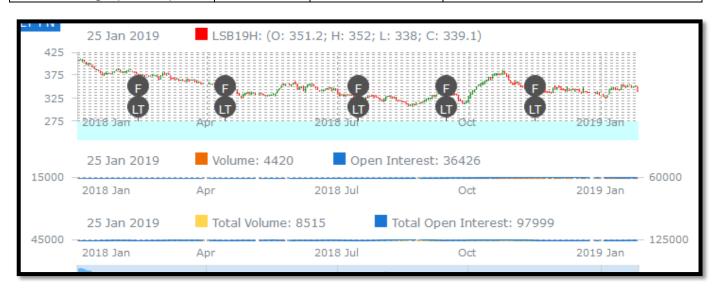
Factors	Impact
Brazil 2018/19 ethanol production estimate to a record 32.2 bln liters (+18.6% y/y), citing the action by Brazil's sugar millers to divert less cane juice to produce sugar.	Bullish
ISO's forecast that global 2018/19 sugar production will rise +0.6% y/y to a record 185.2 MMT and that there will be a 2018/19 sugar surplus of 2.2 MMT (vs 2017/18's 7.3 MMT),.	Bearish
Concern about smaller global production after Unica forecasted that Brazil's Center South 2018/19 sugar production will fall -28% y/y to 26 MMT	Bullish
USDA's FAS forecast for 2018/19 sugar production in India, the world's second-largest sugar producer, to climb +5.2% y/y to a record 35.87 MMT,	Bearish
The recent plunge in crude oil prices to a 17-month low, which is negative for ethanol prices and may prompt Brazil's sugar mills to divert less cane to making ethanol,	Bearish

International Sugar Futures Price Projection

LIFFE (White Sugar Exchange) Future Market Sugar Scenario (Mar 19 Contract) Technical Commentary

- LIFFE future market trends weakfor the week.
- Last candlestick of the WEEK depicts bearishness in the market.
- Strategy: sell below 345,T1 355

International Sugar Futures Price Projection							
	Contract Month	Present Quote	Expected Price level for next week				
LIFFE Sugar (US \$/MT)	Mar'19	339	340-355				





ICE (Raw Sugar Exchange) Future Market Scenario (Mar'19 Contract) Technical Commentary:

- ICE raw sugar futures trend downward for the week.
- Last candlestick of the week depicts bearishness in the market. Strategy: sell at 12.50 Targeting 14.

International Sugar Futures Price Projection						
	Contract Month	Present Quote	Expected Price level for next week			
ICE Sugar #11 (US Cent/lb)	Mar'19	12.44	11-14			



Spot Sugar Prices Scenario (Weekly) (Average)							
Commodity			Average Pr	Average Prices (Rs/Qtl)			
Sugar	Centre	Variety	18th to 24 th Jan 2019	11 th to 17 th Jan 2019	Change		
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3057	3073	-17		
	Delhi	S-Grade	3037	3053	-17		
	Khatauli	M-Grade	3302	3333	-31		
	Ramala	M-Grade	0	0	Unch		
Uttar Pradesh	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3060	3080	-20		
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3040	3060	-20		
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3110	3130	-20		
	Mumbai	M-Grade	3204	3183	20		
Maharaahtra	Mumbai	S-Grade	3093	3086	7		
Maharashtra	Nagpur	M-Grade	3135	3115	20		
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3045	3045	Unch		



	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3010	2990	20	
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	2920	2920	Unch	
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3228	3228	Unch	
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3240	3240	Unch	
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3440	3440	Unch	
	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3400	3400	Unch	
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3530	3480	50	
	Chennai	S-Grade	3120	3107	13	
Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	M-Grade	3428	3450	-22	
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	3450	3450	Unch	
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3500	3500	Unch	
Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)						

Spot Jaggery(Gur) Prices Scenario (Weekly) (Average) Commodity Prices (Rs/Qtl) 18th to 24 11 th to 17 **Variety** Change Centre Jaggery(Gur) th Jan th Jan 2019 2019 Muzaffarnagar **60** Chaku Fresh 2507 2447 Muzaffarnagar Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag) 17000 35000 -18000 2264 Muzaffarnagar Khurpa (Fresh) 2282 -17 **Uttar Pradesh** -41 Muzaffarnagar Laddoo (Fresh) 2513 2555 Muzaffarnagar Rascut (Fresh) 2051 2052 -1 Hapur Chaursa 2200 2169 31 Hapur Balti 2175 2169 6 3933 3900 533 Gold Andhra Pradesh Chittur White 3633 3400 200 3100 2900 Black Maharashtra Latur Lal Variety 0 0 Unch 4150 4150 Bangalore Mudde (Average) Unch Mudde (Average) 3150 3225 -75 Belgaum 0 0 Belthangadi Yellow (Average) Unch Bijapur Achhu 2583 2660 -77 Gulbarga Other (Average) 3029 3078 -49 Karnataka Mahalingapura Penti (Average) 3004 749 2255 Mandya Achhu (Medium) 2700 2817 -117 Mandya Kurikatu (Medium) 2600 2717 -117 Mandya Other (Medium) 2600 2650 -50 Mandya Yellow (Medium) 2713 3000 -288 Shimoga Achhu (Average) 3275 3200 **75**



Spot Sugar Prices Scenario (Weekly)								
Commodity			Today	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Sugar	Centre	Variety	24-Jan- 19	17-Jan-19	24-Dec-18	24-Jan-18		
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3150	3039	3000	3277		
Deini	Delhi	S-Grade	3130	3019	2980	3257		
	Khatauli	M-Grade	3260	3360	3150	3254		
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	0	0	0		
Uttar Pradesh	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3000	3100	3040	3150		
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	2980	3080	3020	3130		
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3050	3150	3090	3200		
	Mumbai	M-Grade	3206	3206	3162	3360		
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3092	3110	3080	3170		
Maharashtra	Nagpur	M-Grade	3065	3175	3050	3025		
Wanarashtra	Nagpur	S-Grade	3025	3075	3025	3125		
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	2940	3050	2925	2900		
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	2900	2950	2900	3000		
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3207	3258	3207	3309		
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3220	3270	3220	3320		
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade	3440	3440	3440	3500		
Andria Pradesh	Vijayawada	S-Grade	3400	3400	3440	3440		
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3540	3530	3420	3550		
	Chennai	S-Grade	3075	Closed	3050	3500		
Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	M-Grade	3420	3450	3460	0		
	Coimbatore	M-Grade	3450	3450	3450	0		
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	3500	3500	3600	0		
Sugar Prices are in INR/Quintal. (1 Quintal=100 kg)								

Spot Jaggery(Gur) Prices Scenario (Weekly)								
Commodity			Today	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Jaggery(Gur)	Centre	Variety	24-Jan- 19	17-Jan-19	24-Dec-18	24-Jan-18		
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha	NA	0	2700	2600		
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	3000	6000	8000	3000		
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa	2263	2263	2413	2613		
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo	2500	2528	2730	2625		
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut	2038	2075	2090	2125		
	Hapur	Chaursa	2225	2175	Closed	2375		
	Hapur	Balti	2200	2163	Closed	2400		
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	4000	Closed	4000	0		
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		Black	3000	Closed	NA	0
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	0	0	0
	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4150	4150	4150	4800
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	3200	3250	3500
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	0	0	0
	Bijapur	Achhu	2600	2350	2850	NA
	Gulbarga	Other (Average)	3100	3050	3150	3450
Karnataka	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	3146	3024	2980	3242
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	2650	2700	2800	3250
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	2500	2600	2600	3100
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	2500	2600	2600	3100
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	2700	2750	2800	3250
	Shimoga	Achhu (Average)	3200	3200	3300	NA

International Sugar Prices (Weekly)				
	Contract Month	24-Jan-19	17-Jan-19	Change
ICE Sugar #11 (US Cent/lb)	19-Mar	12.98	12.85	0.13
	19-May	13.11	13.00	0.11
	19-Jul	13.26	13.15	0.11
LIFFE Sugar (US \$/MT)	19-Mar	351.20	348.50	2.70
	19-May	359.50	356.80	2.70
	19-Aug	365.40	361.90	3.50

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