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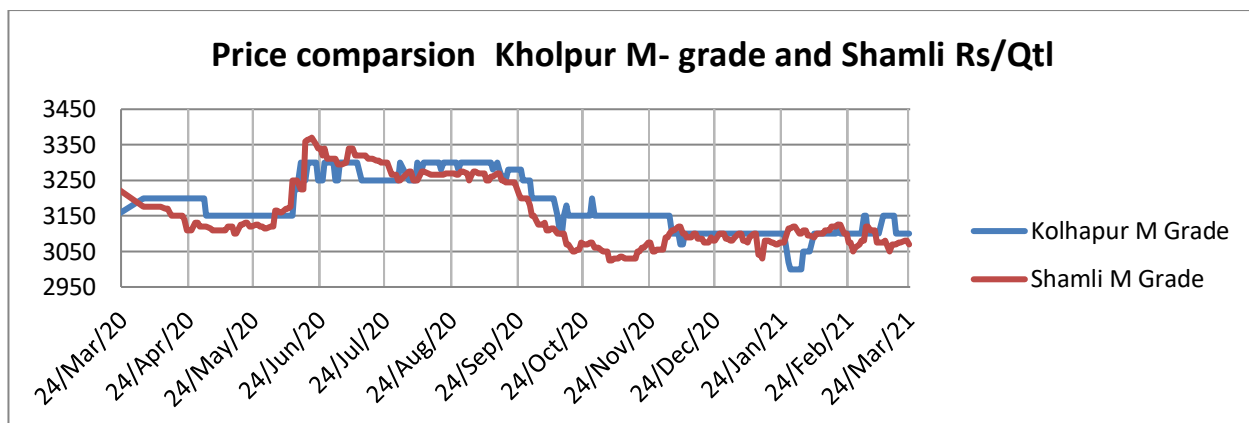
Maharashtra sugar mills have produced around 957 lakh quintals of sugar. Sugar mills are now at their final phase of crushing and about 171 sugar mills have ended their cane crushing operation across the country. The average sugar prices increased in Khatauli market at Rs.3085/q from Rs.3076/q previous week. The prices in Maharashtra also stood slightly firm at Rs.3300/q.

Price Projection for the Next week

As per the Agriwatch estimates, spot sugar prices (M grade) in benchmark Kolhapur market are likely to remain steady and in range next week between Rs.3100 -3150 per quintal for next week.

Domestic Sugar Market Summary

Average prices for sugar 'M' grade in key Kolhapur market were range bound at Rs.3100 per quintal, while spot sugar prices for the same grade in Shamli district stood at Rs.3075 per quintal during the week.

**Domestic Market Highlights****Recent Updates:**

- **Bilal sugar mill has recorded the highest recovery rate of more than 13 percent.** Bilal sugar mills from Madhya Pradesh have recorded the highest recovery rate of 13.25. In the current season, the sugar mills in the district have started cane crushing operations on time and that has helped in increasing the sugar recovery in the district.

Previous Updates

- **Sugar mills from Maharashtra have cleared 87 percent of the Fair and Remunerative price (FRP) to the cane farmers.** Sugar mills have cleared Rs. 15,836 crore which is around 86.91 percent of the total FRP for this season, the mills are expected to clear the remaining Rs. 2,385 crore dues in the coming weeks. Around 187 sugar mills have participated in the crushing operations this season and out of that 86 mills have cleared 100 percent of the FRP while 65 cleared 60-69 percent of FRP. Sugar mills in India have signed contracts to export 43 lakh tonnes of sugar which include contract of 20 lakh tonne from Maharashtra sugar mills.

- Maharashtra Sugar mills produces around 957.57 lakh quintals of sugar.** Sugar mills in Maharashtra have produced 957.57 lakh quintal sugars after crushing 920.23 lakh tonne sugarcane with a sugar recovery rate of 10.41 percent. The sugarcane crushing season is in the final phase and about 52 sugar mills have closed their crushing operations. 28 sugar mills are operating in Kolhapur division and 9 have stopped operations, where else in Solapur division out of 41 sugar mills, 31 mills have closed operations and 10 are operating. In Pune and Ahmednagar division, 3 each sugar mills have ended the operations whereas 2 each sugar mills in Aurangabad, Nanded, and Amravati division have shut their operations.
- About 76 percent of the sugarcane has been harvested till 19th March 21.** About 48.51 lakh hectares was the estimated total coverage under sugarcane in the rabi season of 2020-21 and around 76 percent harvesting has been done till 19th March'21. In some parts of the country, the sugar mills have closed their crushing operations while some are at their final phase of crushing.
- India's Sugar production is up by 19.69 percent compared to previous year.** According to Indian Sugar Mills Association, around 258.68 lac tons of sugar have been produced till 15th March'21 against 216.13 lac tons produced last year by 15th March'20. About 171 mills have stopped cane crushing operation and 331 sugar mills are currently operating in the country against 319 mills operating previous year, till 15th march'20 around 138 sugar mills had stopped cane crushing operations.

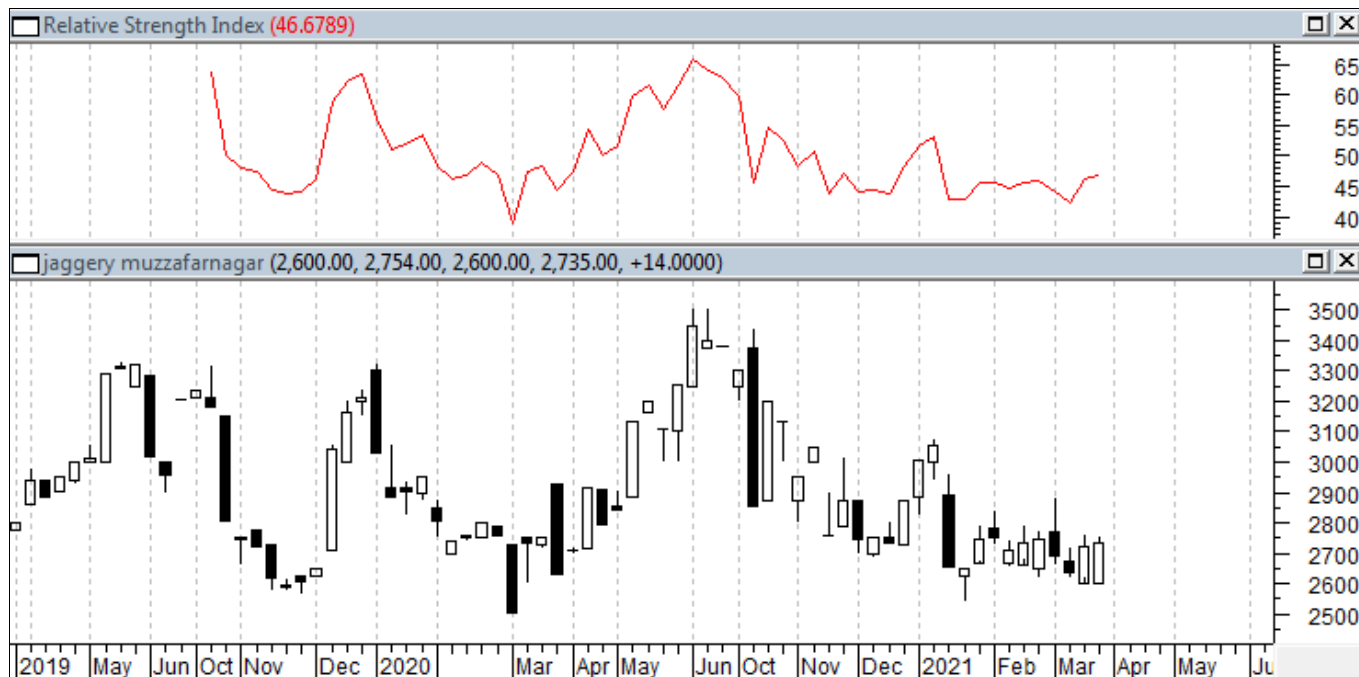
Technical Analysis - Sugar (M grade) Spot Market at Kolhapur market

- The sugar spot prices at benchmark Kolhapur market remained high during last week and ended at Rs.3100/q.
- Next resistance and support level for the next week is expected at Rs.3200 and Rs.3100 per quintal respectively.
- RSI is in the neutral region.



Technical Analysis - ChakuSukha-gur(fresh) at Spot (Muzaffarnagar)market.**Gur Market Scenario**

- There was a decrease in arrivals and it stood around 32000 last week of Chaku variety of gur in key Muzaffarnagar market.
- The average price during the week decreased at Rs. 2746/q and the prices in the last year during the same time were lower at Rs. 2749/q.
- RSI stood in the neutral region.

**International Market Highlights****Recent Updates:**

Sugarcane crushing season is likely to end in March'21. Sugarcane crushing operations in Thailand are likely to end by March-end with the country expecting to complete crushing of around 66.5 million MT of sugarcane. The mills in the country had crushed 66.48 million MT of sugarcane till 22nd March'21 this year which was down by 13% from the same period during the last year. Usually the cane crushing activities continues till April-May but due to the shortage of cane, the crushing is expected to end by March 31.

Previous Updates

- **Kyrgyzstan has banned sugar exports.** The rising prices of sugar in the domestic market have led the Kyrgyzstan government to impose a ban on the exportation of sugar. The government is trying all the possible ways to come over the shortage of sugar in the country and the lower prices.

- According to the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA), the prices of sugar are likely to increase above Rs 89 per kg. The country may face shortage of sugar with the coming Ramzan, as a result Pakistan may import 50,000 metric tonnes of sugar in the current season.
- Brazil sugar output is likely to fall at 36.7 million tonnes in the new crop season that begins in April as compared to 38.5 million tonnes in the previous season. The unfavourable weather has affected the sugar output in the region. The sugarcane production is likely to fall from 607 million tonnes in 2020-21 to 586 million tonnes in 2021-22. The ethanol production may also fall to 30.6 billion litres from the previous year of 29.4 billion litres. Brazil ethanol exports have increased around 4.1 percent in February'21. Brazil has exported 156.66 million litres of ethanol in February'21, the exports have reached 343.31 million litres in the first two months of 2021. The country has exported maximum ethanol to South Korea (81.83 million), Netherland (23.83 million) and china (16.22 million litres) and U.S. around 1.85 million litres.

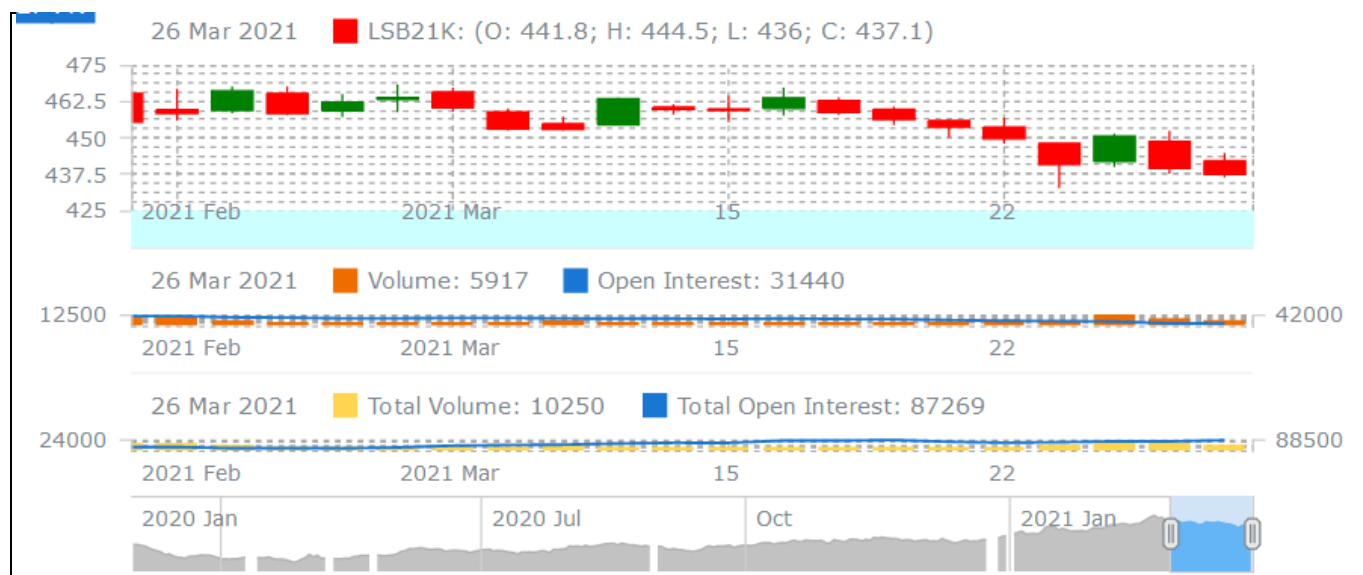
International Sugar Futures Price Projection

LIFFE (White Sugar Exchange) Future Market Sugar Scenario (May'21 Contract)

Technical Commentary

- LIFFE future market remained steady to weak during the week.
- Total volume increased & open interest increased over a week.
- Strategy: Buy at level 443, T1 436

International Sugar Futures Price Projection			
	Contract Month	Present Quote	Expected Price level for next week
LIFFE Sugar (US \$/MT)	May'21	444	442-450

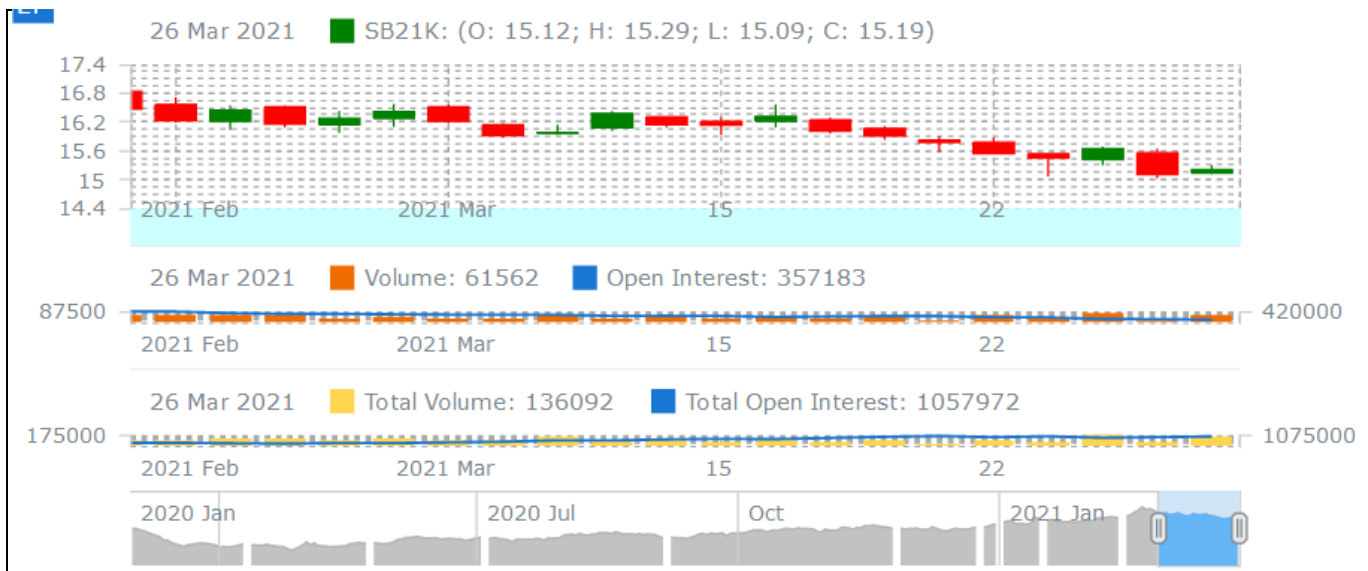


ICE (Raw Sugar Exchange) Future Market Scenario (May'21 Contract)**Technical Commentary:**

- ICE raw sugar futures remained steady to weak during the week.
- Both total volume increased & open interest decreased in a week.
- Strategy: Buy at rate 15.28 Targeting 15.18.

International Sugar Futures Price Projection

	Contract Month	Present Quote	Expected Price level for next week
ICE Sugar #11 (US Cent/lb)	May'21	15.29	15.28 – 16

**Spot Sugar Prices Scenario (Weekly) (Average)**

Commodity	Centre	Variety	Average Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			18th Mar'21 to 24th Mar'21	12th Mar'21 to 17th Mar'21	
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3157	3146	11
	Delhi	S-Grade	3137	3126	11
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3085	3076	9
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	NA	-
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3118	3074	44
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3098	3054	44
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3168	3124	44

Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3360	3350	10
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3202	3206	-4
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3225	3275	-50
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3125	3175	-50
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3100	3150	-50
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3000	3050	-50
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3260	3310	-50
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3320	3370	-50
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade (With Duty)	3630	3660	-30
	Vijayawada	S-Grade (With Duty)	3600	3600	Unch
West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3520	3520	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade (With GST)	3470	3450	20
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3540	3540	Unch
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3540	3540	Unch
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	NA	NA	-

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

*DCA: Department of consumer affairs

Spot Jaggery(Gur) Prices Scenario (Weekly) (Average)

Commodity	Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Jaggery(Gur)			18th Mar'21 to 24th Mar'21	12th Mar'21 to 17th Mar'21	
Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Fresh	2744	2726	19
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	32000	38000	-6000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa (Fresh)	2542	2448	95
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo (Fresh)	2790	2705	85
	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut (Fresh)	2267	2237	31
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2511	2450	61
	Hapur	Balti	2418	2400	18
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NA	NA	-
		White	NA	NA	-
		Black	NA	NA	-
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NA	NA	-
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4217	4150	67
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Bijapur	Achhu	NA	NA	-
	Gulbarga	Other (Average)	NA	NA	-
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	3204	NA	-
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3805	3651	154
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3448	3525	-77

	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3473	3413	61
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3635	3520	115
	Shimoga	Achhu (Average)	3450	3450	Unch

Spot Sugar Prices Scenario (Weekly)

Commodity	Centre	Variety	Today	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Sugar			25-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	23-Feb-21	24-Mar-20
Delhi	Delhi	M-Grade	3175	3140	3140	Closed
	Delhi	S-Grade	3155	3120	3120	Closed
Uttar Pradesh	Khatauli	M-Grade	3050	3080	3150	Closed
	Ramala	M-Grade	NA	0	0	Closed
	Dhampur	M-Grade Ex-Mill	3100	3100	3090	Closed
	Dhampur	S-Grade Ex-Mill	3080	3080	3070	Closed
	Dhampur	L-Grade Ex-Mill	3150	3150	3140	Closed
Maharashtra	Mumbai	M-Grade	3330	3382	3332	Closed
	Mumbai	S-Grade	3202	3202	3202	Closed
	Nagpur	M-Grade	3175	3225	3225	Closed
	Nagpur	S-Grade	3125	3125	3125	Closed
	Kolhapur	M-Grade	3050	3100	3100	Closed
	Kolhapur	S-Grade	3000	3000	3000	Closed
Assam	Guhawati	S-Grade	3309	3309	3309	Closed
Meghalaya	Shillong	S-Grade	3320	3320	3320	Closed
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	M-Grade (With Duty)	3600	3660	3700	Closed
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West Bengal	Kolkata	M-Grade	3520	3520	3600	3560
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	S-Grade	3450	3450	3480	Closed
	Dindigul	M-Grade (DCA)	3540	3540	3680	3560
	Coimbatore	M-Grade (DCA)	3540	3540	3540	3700
Chattisgarh	Ambikapur	M-Grade (Without Duty)	NA	0	3600	4000

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Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku Sukha	2750	2788	2675	2625
	Muzaffarnagar	Chaku(Arrival)(40kg Bag)	3000	5000	12000	8000
	Muzaffarnagar	Khurpa	2563	2525	2525	2413
	Muzaffarnagar	Laddoo	2700	2850	2800	2725

	Muzaffarnagar	Rascut	2213	2288	2450	2375
	Hapur	Chaurasa	2508	2513	2550	Closed
	Hapur	Balti	2425	2413	2500	Closed
Andhra Pradesh	Chittur	Gold	NR	0	0	Closed
		White	NR	0	0	Closed
		Black	NR	0	0	Closed
Maharashtra	Latur	Lal Variety	NR	0	0	0
Karnataka	Bangalore	Mudde (Average)	4350	4150	4400	0
	Belgaum	Mudde (Average)	NA	0	0	0
	Belthangadi	Yellow (Average)	NA	0	0	0
	Bijapur	Achhu	NA	0	0	0
	Gulbarga	Other (Average)	NA	0	0	0
	Mahalingapura	Penti (Average)	NA	3204	2957	0
	Mandya	Achhu (Medium)	3730	3830	3300	0
	Mandya	Kurikatu (Medium)	3480	3560	3100	0
	Mandya	Other (Medium)	3410	3490	3100	0
	Mandya	Yellow (Medium)	3500	3650	3300	0
	Shimoga	Achhu (Average)	3450	3450	3350	0

International Sugar Prices (Weekly Average)

	Contract Month	18th Mar'21 to 24th Mar'21	12th Mar'21 to 17th Mar'21	Change
ICE Sugar #11 (US Cent/lb)	21-Mar	15.34	15.89	-0.55
	21-May	15.65	15.65	Unch
	21-Jul	15.38	15.17	0.21
LIFFE Sugar (US \$/MT)	20-Dec	424.58	431.30	-6.72
	21-Mar	424.24	429.90	-5.66
	21-May	449.92	460.13	-10.21

Source: MRCI

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