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#### MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- The area under rabi crops in Telangana was at 6.7 mln acres (1 acre = 0.40 ha) as of Wednesday, 8% lower than 7.3 mln acres a year ago, according to data from the state government. The acreage so far has exceeded the normal rabi crop area of 5.5 mln acres for the entire season by 22%, the data showed. Maize, Bengal gram, jowar, and groundnut are the main rabi crops grown in the state. The total area under major millets, which include jowar, bajra, maize, and ragi, rose to 907,377 acres from 785,780 acres a year ago, the data showed. The area under maize rose to 664,597 acres from 648,526 acres a year ago. The season's normal area for maize is 511,521 acres, and it covers the maximum area under major millets, as per data. Jowar, the second major millet in the state, was sown across 231,427 acres, nearly 82% higher than 126,927 acres a year ago. However, the area under paddy and pulses fell compared with that of last year. Paddy acreage was down 9% on year at 5.1 mln acres, though it was higher than the season's normal acreage at 4.05 mln acres. Area under pulses fell 26% on year to 319,687 acres. The normal rabi acreage for pulses is 421,163 acres. Acreage of Bengal gram was down nearly 30% on year at 255,338 acres. The area under food grains fell nearly 7% on year to 6.4 mln acres. Oilseed acreage was at 279,211 acres, down from 332,088 acres a year ago. The normal area for oilseeds in the season is 371,037 acres. Groundnuts accounted for 75% of the total oilseed acreage at 209,818 acres, down from 242,781 acres a year ago. Telangana has received scanty rainfall at 5.4 mm in March so far. The cumulative rainfall in the state since June has been normal at 920.30 mm from 1,275.80 mm a year ago, the data showed. The water level in major reservoirs in the state as of Wednesday was 287.06 bln cuft, down from 432.13 bln cu ft a year ago, according to government data.
- Farmers in Gujarat have sown crops across 868,132 ha as of today for the 2023-24 summer season, down 3.5% from 900,034 ha in the corresponding period a year ago, according to data from the state agriculture department. The normal acreage for the season, which is the average of the past three years, is 1.1 mln ha. Bajra, paddy, sesamum, and moong are the main crops grown in the state during summer. Summer crops are grown for a short time period between Kharif and Rabi crops, mainly from March to June. The total area under cereals was 313,286 ha, up from last year's area of 307,480 ha. The area under bajra, the key crop grown during summer, was lower at 214,670 ha from last year's acreage of 222,566 ha. However, paddy was sown over 92,505 ha, up 17.5% from last year. Paddy is the second-largest cereal grown in the state. Pulses grown during the season are urad and moong. The acreage under pulses was 57,000 ha, down from 58,476 last year. Moong was sown over 37,779 ha as of today, lower from 38,759 ha during the same period last year. Urad acreage was down at 19,221 ha from 19,717 ha in the same period of the previous year. Groundnut and sesamum are the main oilseed crops sown during the season in the state. Groundnut has been sown over 46,910 ha, up from 43,447 ha last year. Sesamum acreage fell to 99,246 ha from 104,747 ha last year. The area under vegetables was 79,341 ha, up from 79,190 ha a year ago. Onion acreage rose to 10,780 ha from 9,229 ha a year ago. Sugarcane acreage has dropped to 9,069 ha from 9,227 ha a year ago, the data showed. Fodder acreage fell 12.2% on year to 243,455 ha, according to the data.
- The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has urged the government to direct agencies to set up procurement centres at major mandis to procure mustard seed at the minimum support price. Such a move will ensure market stability and the welfare of farmers, the association's president, Ajay Jhunjhunwala, wrote in the letter. Currently, market prices of mustard are below the minimum support price of 5,650 rupees per 100 kg, and this necessitates immediate government intervention, the association said. On Thursday, prices in Jaipur were 5,475-5,500 rupees per 100 kg, according to traders. Minimum support price remains a concern, as the oilseed harvesting season is underway, SEA said. "Despite reaching a peak of 100 lakh (10 mln) hectares in acreage during the current season, mustard cultivation faces stagnation due to declining prices," it said. India has maintained a policy of free export of oilseeds, oilmeals, and edible oil alongside unrestricted import capabilities that affect the domestic market negatively. Excess imports have led to surplus inventory, posing a challenge to both the government and the industry. "Import dependency for edible oils continues to escalate annually, with last year witnessing imports of 165 lakh tonnes (16.5 mln tn) valued at Rs. 1.4 lakh crores (1.4 trln rupees)," he SEA said.
- Farmers in the country have sown summer crops across 4.1 mln ha as of today, down nearly 3% from a year ago, data from the agriculture ministry showed. The acreage under crops at this time last year was 4.2 mln ha. Acreage under pulses was up 28% on year at 642,000 ha with sowing of urad rising 27% from last year to 192,000 mln tn. The acreage under moong also rose 28% to 433,000 ha from last year. Rice acreage rose 10% on year to 2.8 mln ha. Acreage of oilseeds was at 671,000 ha, up 10% from the previous year. The government has not yet updated the acreage for coarse cereals such as maize, jowar, and ragi, in this week's crop report for summer.
- The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange of India has decided to advance the expiry date of some farm futures contracts as voting for the general election is scheduled at the basis centres of the contracts on the earlier expiry date, it said in a release. Physical markets in these centres will remain closed on the said date due to the general election, the exchange said. Futures contracts of bajra, barley and groundnut, which were to expire on Apr 19, will now expire on Apr 18, the exchange said, as voting in Jaipur, Sriganganagar and Bikaner, the respective basis centres, is scheduled on Apr 19. "Accordingly, the staggered delivery period for the said contracts shall commence from April 10, 2024," the exchange said. Elections to constitute the 18th Lok Sabha will begin on Apr 19 and will be held over seven phases till Jun 1. Votes will be counted on Jun 4







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Commodity	Exchange	Open*	High*	Low*	LTP*	<b>S</b> 3	<b>S2</b>	<b>S</b> 1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
JEERAUNJHA APR4	NCDEX	23700	23730	23420	23555	23097	23258	23407	23568	23717	23878	24027
TMCFGRNZM APR4	NCDEX	17492	17580	16800	17150	15993	16397	16773	17177	17553	17957	18333
DHANIYA APR4	NCDEX	7656	7666	7600	7600	7512	7556	7578	7622	7644	7688	7710
CASTORSEED APR4	NCDEX	6055	6073	6015	6040	5954	6015	6012	6043	6070	6101	6128
GUARSEED10 APR4	NCDEX	5055	5135	5050	5133	4992	5021	5077	5106	5162	5191	5247
GUARGUM5 APR4	NCDEX	9935	10150	9860	10105	9637	9748	9927	10038	10217	10328	10507
MENTHAOIL APR4	MCX	933.0	936.0	923.1	928.4	909	916	922	929	935	942	948
COCUDAKL APR4	NCDEX	2541	2585	2541	2551	2489	2515	2533	2559	2577	2603	2621
KAPAS APR4	NCDEX	1530.5	1532.0	1518.0	1520.0	1501	1509	1515	1523	1529	1537	1543
COTTONCNDY MAY4	MCX	62000	62000	61840	62000	61733	61787	61893	61947	62053	62107	62213
SUNOIL APR4	NCDEX	864	864	863	864	862	863	863	864	864	865	866

Pivot Point: A predictive indicator of the market which is calculated as an average of significant prices from the performance of a market in the prior trading period. An open above the pivot point is generally considered bullish and vice versa.

S1, S2 & S3 are supports and R1, R2, and R3 are resistances from where a turnaround can be anticipated.

\*Open, High, Low and Close prices of previous trading day / ^Cottonseed Oil Cake

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Commodities	Exchange	Intraday	Mediun	Medium term		RSI		Volatility	
		View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised	
JEERAUNJHA MAY4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	2.51%	39.8%	
TMCFGRNZM APR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	2.91%	46.2%	
DHANIYA APR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.27%	20.2%	
GUARSEED10 APR4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.95%	15.1%	
GUARGUM5 APR4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.12%	17.7%	
CASTORSEED MAY4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Strong	1.36%	21.5%	
KAPAS APR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.43%	6.8%	
COTTONCNDY MAR4	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.82%	13.1%	
COCUDAKL APR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.40%	22.2%	
MENTHAOIL MAR4	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.78%	12.4%	
SUNOIL APR4	MCX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.76%	12.1%	

Trading signals is prepared based on statistical analysis and is purely on technical indicators like exponential moving averages (EMAs), Relative strength Index (RSI) and stochastic, putting altogether provides an idea about intraday, short, medium and long term trend of the commodities. It also signals the risk of an investment in both agricultural and global commodities as well. Based on all listed indicators above, investors were able to fix a daily, near-term and long term trends. However, must be cautious especially for real-time intraday traders/jobbers.

### Trading Strategy based on EMA

Trading strategies mentioned in the report is mainly based on 3, 5, 13, 22, 45 & 60 days exponential Moving Averages. 3 and 5 day EMA has taken for developing Intraday trading strategy, 13 days and 22 days EMA for Short term and Medium term, while 45,60 days EMA for Long term. Here, we use EMAs for POSITIVE and NEGATIVE signals. POSITIVE signal is formed when a short-term moving average (eg: 30 day) crosses from below a longer-term average (eg: 60 day), which is considered bullish. Likewise, NEGATIVE signal is formed when a short-term moving average (eg: 30 day) crosses from above a longer-term moving average (eg: 60 day), which is considered bearish.

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Volatility >	> 35%	Very High risk	27 to 34%	High risk	20 to 26%	Moderate risk	11 to 19%	Low risk	1 to 10%	Very Low risk

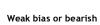
Source: Informist (Cogencis), Reuters, e-News , NCDEX, MCX, and other International exchanges.







Strong bias or bullish







Mild bullish bias



Mild bearish bias



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Choppy with negative note



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