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#### MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- The area under rabi crops in Telangana was 4.93 mln acres (1 acre = 0.40 ha) as of Wednesday, 13.4% lower than 5.70 mln acres a year ago, according to data from the state government. The acreage so far accounts for 90% of the normal rabi crop area of 5.5 mln acres for the entire season, the data showed. The area under pulses fell 26% on year to 305,397 acres. Acreage of Bengal gram was down nearly 28% on year at 251,585 acres. For the rabi season, the normal acreage for pulses is 421,163 acres. Maize, Bengal gram, jowar, and groundnut are the main rabi crops grown in the state. The total area under major millets, which includes jowar, bajra, maize and ragi, rose to 671,869 acres from 643,460 acres a year ago, the data showed. Maize was sown over 513,751 acres, lower than 545,429 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 over 157,152 acres, nearly 63.5% higher than 96,139 acres a year ago. Paddy sowing fell 15% on year to 3.65 mln acres. The season's normal acreage is 4.05 mln acres. The area under food grains fell 14% on year to 4.63 mln acres. Oilseed acreage was at 241,176 acres, down from 279,791 acres a year ago. Groundnuts accounted for 83% of the total oilseed acreage, and was at 200,235 acres, down from 228,960 acres a year ago. The normal area for oilseeds in the season is 371,037 acres. Telangana received scanty rainfall at 0.1 mm in January, and so far, the cumulative rainfall in the year has been normal at 913.8 mm, the data showed. The water level in major reservoirs in the state as of Wednesday was 348.73 bln cu ft, down from 574.39 bln cu ft a year ago, according to government data.
- The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange and the Institute of Rural Management Anand have launched a centre for excellence for commodity markets in Anand, Gujarat, the NCDEX said in a release. The newly launched Tribhuvandas Patel Centre of Excellence for Commodity Markets aims to develop the commodities derivatives ecosystem, product development, capacity building, and policy advocacy, the release said. "The project seeks to redefine policymakers' perspectives on commodity derivatives markets, fostering a deeper understanding of price discovery in commodities markets," it added. "NCDEX is involved in organizing dozens of activities to create awareness around the derivatives market and IRMA has a deep understanding of the rural ecosystem," Umakant Dash, director, Institute of Rural Management Anand, said. The government will sell rice under the scheme through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India, National Cooperative Consumers Federation and Kendriya Bhandars.
- Mustard acreage across India was reported at 10.0 mln ha, up 5% from the 9.6 mln ha previous year, as per the survey cited by the Solvent Extractors' Association of India. However, mustard acreage fell 8% in Gujarat and was largely flat in Rajasthan as prices fell below the minimum support price of 5,650 rupees per 100 kg. Further, the area under mustard crop fell in Gujarat, Chattisgarh, Assam, and West Bengal due to socio-economic reasons, said the association. The mustard area in Uttar Pradesh rose to 1.8 mln ha compared with 1.4 mln ha last year. Similarly, the area under mustard in Madhya Pradesh increased to 1.4 mln ha from 1.3 mln ha, SEA said, citing the RMSI Cropalytics Pvt Ltd survey. On crop health, the survey found conditions optimal in states like Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, the condition was found to be moderate in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. Mustard crop health in various states was analysed using normalized difference vegetation index by RMSI. Crop condition is termed as normal if the index value is beyond 0.45, said the release. Better moisture content in the crop canopy represents healthier vegetation and its optimal growth, the release said.
- The area under summer crops in Karnataka fell 45.5% on year to 112,900 ha in the current season as of Saturday, according to the state agriculture department's report. The normal area for the season was at 144,000 ha. The state had sown crops over 207,000 ha in the same period a year ago. The state has set a target of 654,000 ha for this season and so far 17.3% of the target area has been covered. The acreage under paddy was 29,200 ha, down 77% on year from 126,000 ha. The state has set a target of 380,500 ha for the season, accounting for over 58% of the total area to be sown. Chana was sown over 500 ha against nil in the previous year. The state has set a target area of 3,300 ha for chana sowing for this season. The total area under summer pulses was 4,300 ha, up from 4,000 ha a year ago. The target area for pulses for the current season has been set at 15,000 ha. Karnataka, the top maize producer, has sown the crop over 14,800 ha, down from 16,000 ha a year ago. The target for the area under maize is set at 54,000 ha in the current season. The area under cereals fell to 49,100 ha as of Saturday, down from 146,000 ha a year ago. As of Monday, the area under oilseeds at 49,700 ha was up from 47,000 ha last year. The target for the current season has been set at 132,900 ha. Groundnut acreage was 47,100 ha, up from 44,000 ha a year ago, it showed. Groundnut, sunflower, and safflower are the key oilseeds grown in the state.
- The area under rabi crops across the country was 70.93 mln ha as of today, marginally higher than 70.91 mln ha a year ago, according to final area under coverage data from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The acreage of wheat, the major rabi crop, was 0.7% higher on year at 34.2 mln ha, according to the data. In India, wheat is sown only in the rabi season, and is the most important crop. The area under rabi paddy was 2.7% lower on year at 3.93 mln ha so far, while that under pulses was 3.7% lower on year at 16.0 mln ha, the data showed. Maize acreage was up 2% on year at 2.3 mln ha as of today, the data showed. Informist on Wednesday reported that the Food Corp of India sold 7.1 mln tn wheat and 162,000 tn rice under the Open Market Sales Scheme through weekly electronic auctions since June. Among pulses, the acreage of chana was at 10.47 mln ha, down 5.4% from a year ago. Chana is a major variety of pulse grown in the rabi season. As of today, the all-India daily average consumer wholesale price of chana dal was up 13.8% on year at 7,287.61 rupees per 100 kg, according to the consumer affairs department. The area under oilseeds rose marginally to 11.1 mln ha from 11.0 mln ha, according to the data. Mustard acreage was 10.04 mln ha, up 2.5% from a year ago. Farmers have been sowing more mustard compared to other crops, as it is more remunerative.





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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 MAR4	NCDEX	27300	27590	26550	26850	25363	25957	26403	26997	27443	28037	28483
TMCFGRNZM APR4	NCDEX	15614	15900	14818	15720	13977	14397	15059	15479	16141	16561	17223
DHANIYA APR4	NCDEX	7928	7966	7714	7820	7449	7581	7701	7833	7953	8085	8205
CASTORSEED MAR4	NCDEX	5625	5640	5547	5595	5455	5547	5548	5594	5641	5687	5734
GUARSEED10 MAR4	NCDEX	5421	5426	5315	5348	5189	5252	5300	5363	5411	5474	5522
GUARGUM5 MAR4	NCDEX	10410	10420	10156	10243	9862	10009	10126	10273	10390	10537	10654
MENTHAOIL FEB4	MCX	923.0	929.0	911.2	911.2	887	899	905	917	923	935	941
COCUDAKL MAR4	NCDEX	2567	2568	2510	2536	2450	2480	2508	2538	2566	2596	2624
KAPAS APR4	NCDEX	1492.0	1492.0	1478.5	1485.0	1465	1472	1478	1485	1492	1499	1505
COTTONCNDY MAR4	MCX	57420	57900	57420	57700	56967	57193	57447	57673	57927	58153	58407
SUNOIL FEB4	NCDEX	843	843	835	835	824	830	832	838	840	846	848

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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Communication	Exchange	Intraday Medi		n term	RSI		Volatility	
Commodities		View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised
JEERAUNJHA MAR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	4.24%	67.4%
TMCFGRNZM APR4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Weak	3.00%	47.6%
DHANIYA APR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	3.24%	51.4%
GUARSEED10 MAR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.16%	18.5%
GUARGUM5 MAR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.68%	26.6%
CASTORSEED MAR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.58%	9.3%
KAPAS APR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.43%	6.8%
COTTONCNDY MAR4	MCX	FLAT/CHOPPY	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Weak	0.85%	13.5%
COCUDAKL MAR4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.18%	18.8%
MENTHAOIL FEB4	MCX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.86%	13.7%
SUNOIL JAN4	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.98%	15.5%

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

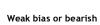
Source: Informist (Cogencis), Reuters, e-News , NCDEX, MCX, and other International exchanges.







Strong bias or bullish







Mild bullish bias



Mild bearish bias



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