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MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- The government is considering offloading its reserve stock of about 500,000 tn of chickpeas to cool prices of the commodity, a senior official at the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution told Informist. Prices of chanahave been rising over the past two weeks, owing to strong festival demand and limited supply. Wholesale prices of chana dal were 8,402 rupees per 100 kg as of Wednesday, up 321 rupees per 100 kg from a month ago, data from the consumer affairs ministry showed. Compared to a year ago, prices have risen by 1,487 rupees. The government has been scrambling to find a way to contain the price rise. On Friday, it held a meeting with agricultural analysts and trade representatives to better understand the situation and find a way out. "The price rise has been very steep, which has the government worried. We are considering all options as prices may rise further due to ongoing festive demand. Using our 500,000 tn reserve is one of the options which should have an immediate effect on prices," the official said. Such a move will help millers as well as traders, industry representatives say. "Even if the government offloads the small number of reserves they have, it will benefit the industry which is currently completely dry," said Deepak Gupta, a chana trader from Delhi. "Millers have very low stocks and are almost sitting idle. Any supply will be helpful," he said. The government is also considering removing the import duty of 40% currently levied on kabuli chana to improve availability of the commodity across the country. The decision to remove the duty could be notified in the first week of September, Informist had reported on Aug 16. Production of chana, a major rabi variety of pulses, in 2023-24 (Jul-Jun) has been pegged at 11.6 mln tn, lower than 12.3 mln tn the previous year, according to the third advance estimates. The drop is primarily due to erratic rainfall during last year's kharif season, which delayed sowing of the rabi σop this year. More heatwaye days this summer als
- The International Cotton Advisory Committee has forecast global cotton production is likely to increase to 26.33 mln tn in 2024-25, the highest level since 2017-18 driven by rebounds in major producing countries such as the US, India, China, Brazil and Pakistan. Global production is expected to rise 9.2% in 2024-25 from 24.12 mln tn a year ago, according to the committee's report - Cotton Review of the World Situation - released on Tuesday. The global cotton consumption is estimated to rise to 25.87 mln tn, the highest since 2018-19, according to the report. The global cotton consumption for 2023-24 is estimated at 24.98 mln, up nearly 6% from a year ago. The expected growth in consumption in 202425 is likely to be driven by rising demand in the textile and apparel industries, particularly in major cotton-consuming countries such as China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Vietnam, according to the report. China is expected to remain the world's largest consumer of cotton at 8.5 mln tn in 2024-25, the report said. India's cotton consumption is estimated at 5.6 mln tn, and Pakistan's at 2.1 mln tn, according to the report. Global cotton trade in 2024-25 is expected to reach 10.3 mln tn from 9.9 mln tn in 2023-24 "reflecting continued growth from the recent low in 2022-23", the report said. This marks the second-highest trade volume since 2020-21, it said. The US is likely to remain the largest exporter in 202425 at 2.83 mln tn, the report said. Brazil, Australia, Turkey, and India are likely to be the other top exporters, the report said. Global cotton prices for 2024-25 are estimated to be at a fiveyear low due to the projected increase in ending stocks, which are expected to rise to 19 mln tn, the report said. The higher production relative to consumption will exert downward pressure on prices, it said. While prices remain under pressure, the overall market outlook is positive, it said. Cotton prices are highly volatile and are influenced by global supply and demand dynamics, trade policies, and economic conditions, it said. India's cotton production is estimated at 5.5 mln tn in 2024-25, unchanged from last year, the report said. The domestic cotton consumption is expected to rise to 5.6 mln tn in 2024-25 from 5.4 mln tn a year ago, driven by robust demand from the textile sector, it said. The government's support for the textile industry and favourable trade policies contribute to this growth, it said, adding that the Indian textile sector benefits from a large domestic market and strong export demand. Cotton exports from India are projected at 300,000 tn in 2024-25, as against 459,000 in 2023-24, the report said. "The Indian government supports the cotton export sector through various initiatives, including export incentives and infrastructure improvements. Additionally, India benefits from long standing trade relationships with major cotton-importing countries," the report said.
- Farmers in Maharashtra have sown kharif crops over 14.6 mln ha as of Monday, nearly 3% higher than the corresponding period last year, according to the data released by the state's agricultural department. The area under kharif crops during the same period last year was 14.3 mln ha. Kharif crops are sown at the beginning of the southwest monsoon season around June and harvested around October. The area sown under paddy as of Monday fell to 1.45 mln ha from 1.49 mln ha a year ago, the report showed. The acreage under maize was at 1.1 mln ha compared to 900,191 ha a year ago. The acreage under total food grains so far was 5.1 mln ha, up from 4.6 mln ha last year, the report said. The acreage under total pulses rose to 1.9 mln ha from 1.6 mln ha in the same period last year. Under pulses, tur acreage as of Monday was 1.2 mln ha, up from 1.1 mln ha a year ago, the report said. The acreage under total oilseeds rose to 5.3 mln ha from 5.2 mln ha a year ago, the report said. Under oilseeds, the soybean acreage was 5.1 mln ha, up from 5 mln ha a year ago. The acreage for groundnut also rose to 147,569 ha from 141,916 ha a year ago. Cotton acreage as of Monday was 4.1 mln ha, down from 4.2 mln ha a year ago. The area sown under sugarcane fell to 193,572 ha from 270,337 ha a year ago, the report showed. The water levels in dams of Maharashtra is at 75.9% of the live storage capacity as of today, compared to 63.5% a year ago, according to data from the state water resources department.







TECHNICAL LEVELS												
Commodity	Exchange	Open*	High*	Low*	LTP*	S 3	S2	S 1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
JEERAUNJHA SEP4	NCDEX	25830	26100	25310	25600	24450	24880	25240	25670	26030	26460	26820
TMCFGRNZM OCT4	NCDEX	12772	13600	12410	13494	11546	11978	12736	13168	13926	14358	15116
DHANIYA SEP4	NCDEX	6920	7010	6920	6966	6831	6875	6921	6965	7011	7055	7101
CASTORSEED SEP4	NCDEX	6060	6134	6053	6120	5990	6053	6071	6102	6152	6183	6233
GUARSEED10 SEP4	NCDEX	5342	5365	5275	5290	5165	5220	5255	5310	5345	5400	5435
GUARGUM5 SEP4	NCDEX	10610	10632	10404	10489	10157	10280	10385	10508	10613	10736	10841
MENTHAOIL SEP4	MCX	986.0	986.4	979.2	983.7	973	976	980	983	987	990	994
COCUDAKL SEP4	NCDEX	3567	3589	3516	3551	3442	3479	3515	3552	3588	3625	3661
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	1616.0	1635.0	1616.0	1623.5	1596	1606	1615	1625	1634	1644	1653

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	Medium	n term	RSI		Volatility	
		View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised
JEERAUNJHA SEP4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.92%	30.5%
TMCFGRNZM OCT4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	2.20%	34.9%
DHANIYA SEP4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.12%	17.8%
GUARSEED10 SEP4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.19%	18.8%
GUARGUM5 SEP4	NCDEX	FLAT/CHOPPY	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.59%	25.2%
CASTORSEED SEP4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.63%	9.9%
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Strong	0.81%	12.9%
COTTONCNDY SEP4	MCX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Weak	0.77%	12.3%
COCUDAKL SEP4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Strong	2.07%	32.9%
MENTHAOIL AUG4	MCX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.30%	20.7%
SUNOIL AUG4	MCX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Strong	0.59%	9.3%

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

Weak bias or bearish





Mild bullish bias



Mild bearish bias





Choppy with positive note

Choppy with negative note



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