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MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- The sowing of summmer crops across the country has progressed to 3.26 million hectares as of Thursday, up 22.6% on year, according to data from the agriculture ministry. The acreage under summer crops at this time last year was 2.65 million hectares. The area under rice, the largest summer crop, was 2.51 million hectares as of Thursday, up 12.7% on year from 2.22 million hectares a year ago. Similarly, the area under maize, which is the largest coarse cereal grown during the season, rose to 136,300 hectares from 115,000 hectares last year. The acreage under bajra, the second largest course cereal, also rose to 21,300 hectares from 15,100 hectares last year. The area sown under all pulses rose by a whopping 207.5% on year to 435,700 hectares from 141,700 hectares last year. Under pulses, moong acreage jumped to 317,500 hectares from 99,700 hectares sown a year ago. The area sown under urad also rose to 109,300 hectares from 37,800 hectares sown last year. The government is yet to announce an extension of the duty-free imports of urad, set to expire on Mar. 31. Oilseeds acreage was down at 145,900 hectares from 152,600 hectares a year ago. The area under sesamum, the major summer oilseed crop, was at 30,000 hectares, lower than 34,900 hectares a year ago. Similarly, groundnut acreage also fell to 102,100 hectares from 104,200 hectares last year.
- Chana production in Australia is expected to hit a record high of 2.27 million tonnes in the crop year 2024-25 (Jul-Jun), up a whopping 362% on year from 491,000 tonnes in 2023-24, according to the quarterly crop report released by the country's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry. The likely rise in production is due to larger acreage driven by India's tarifffree period for chana imports.
- The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India procured 2.89 million tonnes of oilseeds as of Sunday, slightly more than the 2.85 million tonnes purchased as of Feb. 23, according to data by the central procurement agency released Monday. So far, NAFED has procured 53% of the total 5.48 million tonnes approved by the government under the price support scheme.
- India imported 30,025 tonnes of pulses through the Chennai port from Feb. 15-24, according to data released by the India Pulses and Grains Association. At 18,300 tonnes, shipment of pulses from Myanmar was the highest, making up nearly 61% of the total imports.
- Cotton Corp. of India has procured 9.4 million bales of cotton so far, even as prices continue to be below the minimum support price due to weak demand, the Hindu Businessline newspaper reported Tuesday. "Procurement is still going on across all states. CCI (Cotton Corp. of India) field officials will be present in all the market yards till last arrivals," the report quoted Lalit Kumar Gupta, managing director of Cotton Corp., as saying. The corporation has not yet decided when to sell the crop from the 2024-25 season, Gupta said. Daily arrivals have dropped below 90,000 bales, of which 40,000-50,000 bales is being purchased by the corporation, the report said, quoting Atul Ganatra, president of the Cotton Association of India. "Ginners are hardly getting 40,000-45,000 bales, but mills need 100,000 bales a day. So mills have started increasing their purchases slightly and want to build up inventory at these rates. However, mills are not buying at higher price and sticking to their own price," Ganatra said. Prices will stabilise once arrivals slow down, but Indian cotton prices will not increase until ICE futures rise. The pressed cotton prices are hovering between INR 53,000 and INR 54,500 per candy, depending on the quality, Ganatara said
- The area under summer crops in Gujarat stood at 271,470 hectares as of Monday, down 6.4% from 289,981 hectares a year ago, according to a report released by the state agriculture department. Paddy acreage in the state rose 36.3% on year to 106,304 hectares. On the other hand, the acreage of maize fell to 2,968 hectares from 3,124 hectares a year ago, according to the report. The area under bajra was down at 32,529 hectares against 46,271 hectares a year ago. In Gujarat, summer crops are sown in February and March, and harvested in May and June. Bajra, paddy, sesamum, and moong are the main crops grown in the state during the summer. The area under moong in the state so far was 6,581 hectares, down from 9,352 hectares a year ago, the report showed. Similarly, the acreage of urad fell to 837 hectares from 2,086 hectares. Groundnut acreage in the state fell to 8,326 hectares from 12,830 hectares a year ago. The area under sesame fell to 16,159 hectares from 19,713 hectares. The acreage of sugarcane rose to 6,718 hectares from 4,909 hectares a year ago, the report showed. The area under onion fell to 870 hectares from 1,542 hectares, while that under vegetables fell to 28,190 hectares from 34,231 hectares.
- Turnover of commodity derivatives across Indian exchanges rose 13.1% from a month ago to INR 58.55 trillion in January, the Securities and Exchange Board of India said in its monthly bulletin. The turnover in January increased on three exchanges, the report showed. The turnover of derivatives trading on the Multi Commodity Exchange of India rose nearly 13% on month to INR 57.17 trillion and that on the BSE was nil in January. The turnover in futures contracts on MCX during Apr-Jan of 2024-25 (Apr-Mar) was up 16.7% on year at INR 58.22 trillion. The turnover on options during the same period was up 77.7% on year at INR 402.8 trillion. Options turnover is based on notional value, the report said. The turnover on commodity derivatives on the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange rose 19.4% to INR 134.45 billion in January. The turnover on futures contracts on NCDEX during Apr-Jan fell 42.3% on year to INR 1.19 trillion. The turnover on options during the same period was INR 88 billion. The turnover on the National Stock Exchange was up 21% from the previous month at INR 1.25 trillion in January. The MCX accounted for 97.6% of the turnover in January, followed by the NSE at 2.1%, and the NCDEX at 0.2%. The share of farm commodities in the overall turnover was nearly 0.2% and that of non-agricultural commodities was 99.8%, the regulator said. The overall turnover of the agri segment increased 10.4% on month to INR 109.5 billion in January and that of the non-agri segment was up 14% on month at INR 58.44 trillion. The share of futures and options contracts in the overall turnover was 10% and 90%, respectively. The overall turnover of futures rose 9% on month to INR 6 trillion in January, while that of options rose 14.6% on month to INR 52.5 trillion.





TECHNICAL LEVELS												
Commodity	Exchange	Open*	High*	Low*	LTP*	S 3	S2	S 1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
JEERAUNJHA MAR5	NCDEX	20900	21065	20750	20965	20473	20612	20788	20927	21103	21242	21418
TMCFGRNZM APR5	NCDEX	12180	12180	11800	11876	11344	11572	11724	11952	12104	12332	12484
DHANIYA APR5	NCDEX	7958	8012	7930	7978	7853	7891	7935	7973	8017	8055	8099
CASTORSEED MAR5	NCDEX	6270	6336	6270	6303	6204	6270	6270	6303	6336	6369	6402
GUARSEED10 MAR5	NCDEX	5234	5298	5230	5278	5171	5201	5239	5269	5307	5337	5375
GUARGUM5 MAR5	NCDEX	10024	10165	10020	10106	9884	9952	10029	10097	10174	10242	10319
MENTHAOIL MAR5	MCX	906.0	922.0	899.0	914.5	879	889	902	912	925	935	948
COCUDAKL MAR5	NCDEX	2586	2614	2586	2609	2564	2575	2592	2603	2620	2631	2648
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	1432.0	1440.0	1428.5	1437.5	1419	1424	1431	1435	1442	1447	1454
COTTONCNDY MAR5	MCX	52500	52600	52500	52510	52373	52437	52473	52537	52573	52637	52673

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

TRADING SIGNALS									
Commodities	Exchange	Intraday Med		n term	RSI		Volatility		
		View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised	
JEERAUNJHA MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.37%	21.7%	
TMCFGRNZM APR5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.55%	24.5%	
DHANIYA APR5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.77%	12.2%	
GUARSEED10 MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.58%	9.2%	
GUARGUM5 MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.82%	13.0%	
CASTORSEED MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.03%	16.4%	
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	FLAT/CHOPPY	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.51%	8.1%	
COTTONCNDY MAR5	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.75%	11.9%	
COCUDAKL MAR5	NCDEX	FLAT/CHOPPY	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.84%	13.3%	
MENTHAOIL MAR5	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.52%	8.3%	
SUNOIL MAR5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Strong	0.65%	10.3%	

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.

Annualised Volatility >			Risk %	Ratings	Risk %	Ratings	Risk %	Ratings	Risk %	Ratings
	> 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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