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MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- Farmers in India have sown rabi crops over 66.10 million hectares as of Friday, up 1.5% from a year ago, according to data from the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Rabi acreage was 4.1% higher than the normal area of 63.35 million hectares for the season. The area under wheat, the largest rabi crop, was 2.1% higher on year at 32.49 million hectares, the data showed. The current wheat acreage has also exceeded the normal area of 31.24 million hectares for the season. The area under rabi paddy was up 4.8% on year at 4.25 million hectares. The acreage of maize rose 8.8% on year to 2.37 million hectares. The area under pulses was 14.09 million hectares, up 2.2% from 13.78 million hectares a year ago, the data showed. Under pulses, the acreage of chana was 9.86 million hectares, up 2.8% from a year ago. Chana is the main legume grown during the rabi season. Masur acreage was unchanged at 1.74 million hectares. The area under oilseeds was down 1.8% on year at 9.75 million hectares. Mustard acreage was 8.93 million hectares, down 2.8% from a year ago. The area under groundnut was up 6.7% at 365,000 hectares, while the area under sunflower was up 39.6% at 74,000 hectares.
- The Solvent Extractors' Association of India will hold the '23rd SEA-Global Castor Conference 2025' on Feb. 14-15 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, according to a release by the association. The conference will include discussions of the latest status of Indian and global castor oil scenarios, and a presentation on the findings of India's 'Castor Crop Survey-2024-25' conducted by Agriwatch in key castor growing states, which include Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh, the release said. There will also be a panel discussion on 'Castor Oil Price Outlook-2025', it said.
- Sowing of rabi crops in Andhra Pradesh has progressed to 1.6 million hectares as of Wednesday, up 16.6% on year from 1.4 million hectares sown during the same period last year, according to a report released by the state's Department of Agriculture. Chana acreage in the state rose by 4.3% to 292,000 hectares from 280,000 hectares last year. The acreage under black gram, or urad, rose to 253,000 hectares from 213,000 hectares a year ago, the report showed. The total area sown under all pulses was 689,000 hectares from 583,000 hectares last year. Rabi crops are sown after the monsoon rains are over, and harvested between April and May in the state. Paddy, maize, Bengal gram or desi chana, urad, and groundnut are the top rabi crops grown in Andhra Pradesh. The state has set a sowing target of 2.3 million hectares for the ongoing season, of which it has achieved nearly 70% so far, the report showed. Paddy acreage as of Wednesday was 549,000 hectares, up from 456,000 hectares sown last year. The area sown under maize also rose to 152,000 hectares from 117,000 hectares a year ago, according to the report. The total area sown under all oilseeds so far was 57,000 hectares, down from 75,000 hectares a year ago. Under oilseeds, groundnut acreage fell to 46,000 hectares from 57,000 hectares last year. Tobacco acreage as of Wednesday was 107,000 hectares, up from 74,000 hectares sown in the previous year. Rabi paddy is in the 'transplantation to panical initiation' stage, according to the report. Jowar and tobacco are in the vegetative stage, while moong and urad are in the 'vegetative to harvesting' stage. Horse gram, or kulthi dal, are in the 'pod development to harvesting' stage, and chana is in the 'pod development to harvesting' stage, the report said. Maize is at the 'vegetative to tasselling' stage. Groundnut is at the 'vegetative to peg formation' stage, the report said. Kharif crops such as tur are in the 'pod maturity to harvesting' stage, while sugarcane is in the harvesting stage, according to the report. The water level in reservoirs across the state was 64.3% of the live storage capacity as of Friday, compared to 33.6% a year ago, according to the state's water resources department.
- The agriculture ministry is set to seek before March end Cabinet's approval for the pulses mission, which boasts a total budget of INR 10 billion, according to a senior government official. This initiative was announced during the presentation of the Union Budget for 2025-26 (Apr-Mar) in Parliament on Saturday.
- The government is considering reimposing import duties on both chana and yellow peas, a top government official said. "With the government's decision to work on making India self-reliant on pulses alongside the fact that policies so far have helped keep prices of the two commodities low, it is only just that the policy be looked at again," the official told Informist.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has extended the suspension of derivatives trade in wheat, chana, moong, paddy (non-basmati), mustard seeds and its derivatives, soybean and crude palm oil till Mar. 31.
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- The Indian Sugar Mills & Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association sees sugar production in the sugar year 2024-25 (Oct-Sep) at 27.3 million tonnes, down 14.4% on year from 31.9 million tonnes in 2023-24, according to its second advance estimate.





TECHNICAL LEVELS												
Commodity	Exchange	Open*	High*	Low*	LTP*	S 3	S 2	S 1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
JEERAUNJHA MAR5	NCDEX	21300	21300	20810	20850	20183	20497	20673	20987	21163	21477	21653
TMCFGRNZM APR5	NCDEX	13212	13350	13054	13232	12778	12916	13074	13212	13370	13508	13666
DHANIYA APR5	NCDEX	8112	8200	8112	8124	8003	8057	8091	8145	8179	8233	8267
CASTORSEED FEB5	NCDEX	6324	6324	6268	6309	6221	6268	6277	6300	6333	6356	6389
GUARSEED10 FEB5	NCDEX	5360	5375	5332	5340	5280	5306	5323	5349	5366	5392	5409
GUARGUM5 FEB5	NCDEX	10179	10180	10080	10110	9967	10023	10067	10123	10167	10223	10267
MENTHAOIL FEB5	MCX	920.1	922.8	919.0	920.7	915	917	919	921	923	925	926
COCUDAKL FEB5	NCDEX	2708	2714	2688	2691	2655	2672	2681	2698	2707	2724	2733
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	1467.0	1473.5	1466.0	1469.5	1458	1462	1466	1470	1473	1477	1481
COTTONCNDY MAR5	MCX	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780	53780

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	Freebourne	Intraday	Mediun	n term	RS		Volatility	
Commodities	Exchange	View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised
JEERAUNJHA APR5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.07%	17.0%
TMCFGRNZM APR5	NCDEX	FLAT/CHOPPY	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	1.83%	29.0%
DHANIYA MAY5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.93%	14.8%
GUARSEED10 MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.63%	10.0%
GUARGUM5 MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.90%	14.3%
CASTORSEED MAR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.55%	8.7%
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.28%	4.4%
COTTONCNDY MAR5	MCX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.69%	10.9%
COCUDAKL MAR5	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.77%	12.2%
MENTHAOIL FEB5	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.59%	9.4%
SUNOIL FEB5	MCX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.86%	13.6%

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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