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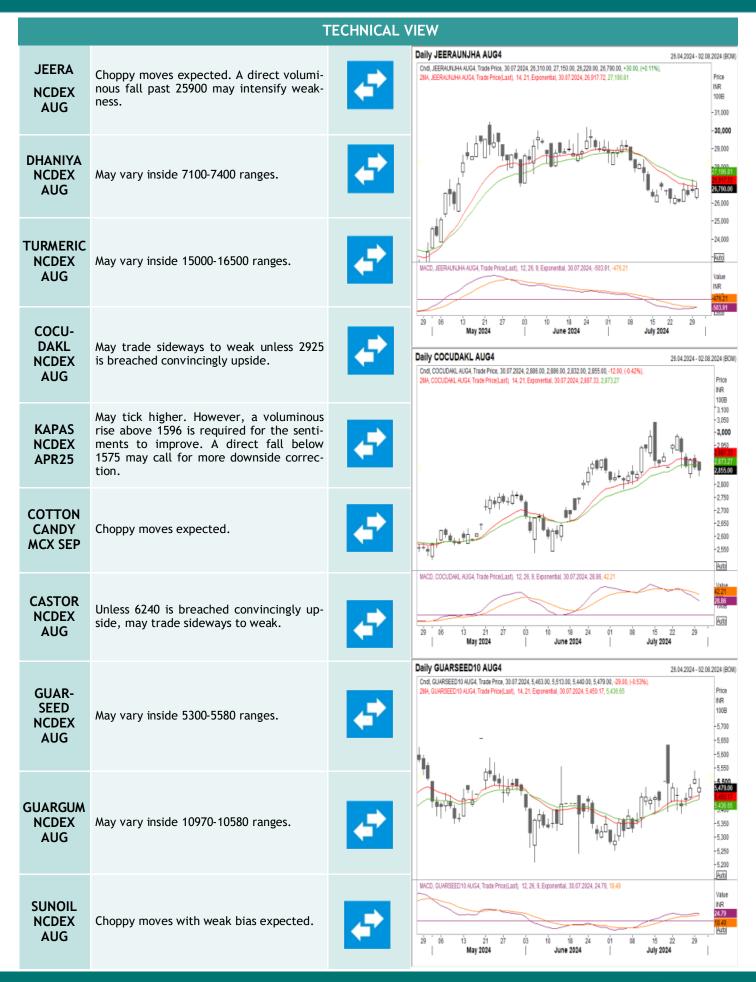
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MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- The Cotton Association of India today said it has retained the country's production estimate for 2023-24 (Oct-Sep) at 31.8 mln bales (1 bale = 170 kg). The association updates its estimates almost every month, based on information received from its members in 11 cotton-growing states and other trade sources. Cotton production in the north zone, which comprises Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan, is estimated at 4.6 mln bales, up 300,000 bales from last year, the association said in a press release. As of Jun 30, the region had produced 4.5 mln bales of cotton. The estimate for the central zone, which comprises Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, is 19.3 mln bales, down from 19.5 mln bales last year. As of Jun 30, 18.9 mln bales of cotton had been produced in this zone. The estimate for the south zone is 7.3 mln bales compared to 7.5 mln bales last year. The zone has produced 6.7 mln bales of cotton as of Jun 30. Other states account for rest of the output. The opening stock for the season starting October was estimated at 2.9 mln bales, the association said. The total supply of cotton for the 2023-24 season is estimated at 36.3 mln bales, up from 35.5 mln bales a year ago. The association has estimated imports in 2023-24 at 1.64 mln bales, higher than the 1.25 mln bales imported in 2022-23. The association has estimated domestic demand in 2023-24 at 31.7 mln bales in the previous cotton season. Consumption till Jun 30 is estimated at 24 mln bales.
- Farmers across the country have sown kharif crops over 81.2 mln ha as of today, up 2.3% from a year ago, data from the farm ministry showed. The sowing of kharif crops has begun well as the Southwest monsoon rainfall has picked up after a slow start. The forecast of above-normal rainfall this season has boosted the acreage of key crops such as pulses and oilseeds from the previous year. The area under paddy, one of the main kharif crops, was tad down 0.2% on year at 21.6 mln ha as of today. The acreage under pulses was 10.2 mln ha as of today, up from 8.9 mln ha a year ago. Within pulses, acreage under tur surged 34% to 3.8 mln ha from 2.9 mln ha a year ago, the ministry data showed. The sharp increase in tur acreage is mainly due to the early onset of the monsoon in top tur-producing states such as Karnataka. During the last kharif season, the sowing of kharif crops was delayed due to erratic monsoon. This also weighed on production of tur and maize and delayed the sowing of rabi crops as well. However, the forecast of an above-normal Southwest monsoon this year by the India Meteorological Department bodes well for the agricultural sector as most kharif crops are heavily reliant on rainfall. Staggered withdrawal of the monsoon would benefit kharif crops and improve the soil moisture for the rabi season too. Last month, the government raised the minimum support prices of key kharif crops to encourage farmers to sow more pulses and oilseeds. It increased the minimum support prices of 14 key kharif crops by 1.4-12.7% for the 2024-25 marketing season (Oct-Sep). The minimum support price of tur has been increased by nearly 8% to 7,550 rupees per 100 kg for the upcoming season, and that of urad has been raised by 6.5% to 7,400 rupees per 100 kg. The area under oilseeds was 17.2 mln ha as of today, up 3.8% from the corresponding period a year ago. Soybean acreage rose 4.1% on year to 12.2 mln ha. The acreage under cotton was at 10.6 mln ha, down 6.9% from a year ago. Last week, cotton acreage was down 3.4% from a year ago. The higher acreage under kharif crops is likely to help the government keep food inflation in check. India's CPI food price inflation was 9.36% in June, higher from 8.69% in May, the latest data by the National Statistical Office showed. The acreage under maize was up 13.6% on year at 7.9 mln ha as of today. The acreage under coarse cereals turned positive this week and was up 5% on year at 15.3 mln ha. The area under millets such as bajra was significantly lower than a year ago. The area under bajra fell 6.8% to 5.6 mln ha from 6.1 mln ha a year ago. Jowar has been sown over 1.2 mln ha so far, against 1.1 mln ha a year ago, the data showed.
- Water level in 150 key reservoirs of the country as of Thursday was 69.27 bcm, 39% of the total live storage capacity of 178.784 bcm, according to data from the Central Water Commission. The current water storage is down 18% from a year ago and 4% from the average of the past 10 years. In the northern region, the water level in the reservoirs was 5.786 bcm, 29% of the live storage capacity compared with 75% a year ago. In the eastern region, the water level was 5.630 bcm, 28% of the live storage capacity against 26% a year ago. In the western region, the water level was 15.274 bcm, 41% of the live storage capacity against 54% a year ago. In the central region, the water level was 16.042 bcm, 33% of the live storage capacity. A year ago, the level was 52% of the live storage capacity. In the southern region, the water level was 26.538 bcm, 50% of the live storage capacity compared with 35% a year ago. The water level in reservoirs in Assam, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tripura, Nagaland, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu was higher in percentage terms compared with the same period last year. However, those in Rajasthan, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh were down from last year. The water level in reservoirs in Odisha was the same as last year. Of the 150 reservoirs, 106 reported more than 80% of normal storage, while 44 reported 80% or lower of normal storage levels. Of the 44 reservoirs, 18 had storage up to only 50% of the normal level. Since Jun 1, India has received 399.2 mm of rainfall, 2% above the normal of 389.7 mm for the period, according to the India Meteorological Department.





TECHNICAL LEVELS												
Commodity	Exchange	Open*	High*	Low*	LTP*	S 3	S 2	S 1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
JEERAUNJHA AUG4	NCDEX	26310	27150	26220	26790	25360	25790	26290	26720	27220	27650	28150
TMCFGRNZM AUG4	NCDEX	15562	15788	14970	15542	14261	14615	15079	15433	15897	16251	16715
DHANIYA AUG4	NCDEX	7112	7238	7112	7232	7024	7068	7150	7194	7276	7320	7402
CASTORSEED AUG4	NCDEX	6206	6215	6130	6160	6037	6130	6122	6168	6207	6253	6292
GUARSEED10 AUG4	NCDEX	5463	5513	5440	5479	5369	5404	5442	5477	5515	5550	5588
GUARGUM5 AUG4	NCDEX	10760	10849	10405	10780	10063	10234	10507	10678	10951	11122	11395
MENTHAOIL AUG4	MCX	962.8	968.7	955.2	958.0	939	947	953	961	966	974	980
COCUDAKL AUG4	NCDEX	2886	2886	2832	2855	2775	2804	2829	2858	2883	2912	2937
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	1580.5	1587.0	1563.0	1585.5	1546	1555	1570	1579	1594	1603	1618
COTTONCNDY SEP4	MCX	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420	56420
SUNOIL AUG4	NCDEX	908	908	905	906	901	903	904	906	907	909	910

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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	Exchange	View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised
JEERAUNJHA AUG4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.33%	21.1%
TMCFGRNZM AUG4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	2.07%	32.9%
DHANIYA AUG4	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.05%	16.6%
GUARSEED10 AUG4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.73%	11.6%
GUARGUM5 AUG4	NCDEX	FLAT/CHOPPY	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.03%	16.4%
CASTORSEED AUG4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.87%	13.7%
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.51%	8.1%
COTTONCNDY SEP4	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.57%	9.1%
COCUDAKL AUG4	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.47%	23.3%
MENTHAOIL AUG4	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.17%	18.5%
SUNOIL AUG4	MCX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.69%	10.9%

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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