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MARKET NEWS/UPDATES

- Indian farmers have sown summer crops across 6.88 million hectares as of Friday, up 15.2% on year from 5.97 million hectares sown in the same period a year ago, according to data released by the agriculture ministry relased on Monday. Rice, which is the largest summer crop both in terms of acreage and production, was sown across 3.16 million hectares as of Friday, up 14.4% from 2.76 million hectares a year ago. The acreage of coarse cereals remained unchanged from last week. The area sown under maize, the largest coarse cereal grown during the season, rose to 685,000 hectares from 532,000 hectares last year. On the other hand, the acreage of bajra, the second-largest coarse cereal, fell to 408,000 hectares from 411,000 hectares a year ago. The area under all pulses rose by 23.2% to 1.66 million hectares from 1.34 hectares sown in the corresponding period last year. Under pulses, acreage of moong rose to 1.37 million hectares from 1.10 million hectares a year ago, while that of urad rose to 271,000 hectares from 230,000 hectares last year. The total area sown under all oilseeds rose to 916,000 hectares from 877,000 hectares a year ago, according to the data. The acreage under sesamum, the major summer oilseed crop, rose nearly 6% on year to 443,000 hectares. Similarly, groundnut acreage rose nearly 5% on year to 431,000 hectares. As of Thursday, the water level in 161 key reservoirs in the country was 66.823 billion cubic metres, which is nearly 40% of the total live storage capacity, data from the Central Water Commission showed. The water levels are up 15% from a year ago, which is aiding summer crop acreage this year. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department has forecast above normal southwest monsoon rainfall this year as neutral El Nino conditions are seen prevailing throughout the period. The weather bureau said overall rainfall during Jun-Sept is likely to be 105% of the long-period average with a model error of plus or minus 5%.
- The sowing of summer crops in Gujarat has progressed to 1.23 million hectares as of Monday, up 6.8% on year from 1.15 million hectares sown in the corresponding period last year, according to a report released by the state agriculture department. Paddy acreage rose by 34.3% on year to 126,182 hectares from 95,466 hectares last year. The area sown under bajra was 321,107 hectares, up from 316,038 hectares sown a year ago, the report showed. Similarly, the acreage under maize rose to 7,472 hectares from 7,085 hectares last year. Moong acreage in the state stood at 59,113 hectares, up from 45,751 hectares last year, according to the report. The area sown under urad also rose to 30,196 hectares from 21,500 hectares a year ago. The acreage under sesamum so far rose to 122,469 hectares from 115,237 hectares sown in the same period last year, the report showed. On the other hand, the area sown under groundnut fell to 56,261 hectares from 59,960 hectares a year ago. The area sown under vegetables was 107,247 hectares, up from 105,150 hectares last year, while that of onion rose to 10,944 hectares from 10,865 hectares a year ago. The acreage under sugarcane rose to 12,563 hectares from 10,250 hectares sown in the previous year. 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 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, soya bean, and crude palm oil by another year, till Mar. 31, 2026, the regulator said in a release on Monday. In 2021, the government had imposed a ban on derivatives trading in the seven commodities for a year to check rising prices. The ban was extended consecutively each year till December 2024, and twice more till Mar. 31 this year.
- India's oilmeal exports in March rose 3% on year to 409,148 tonnes, according to data released by the Solvent Extractors' Association of India on Friday. However, total oilmeal exports in Apr-Mar fell 11% to 4.3 million tonnes, mainly due to decline in export of rapeseed meal and castorseed meal, it added. In terms of value, oilmeal exports fell 21% on year to INR 121.7 billion in Apr-Mar.
- The El Nino-Southern Oscillation continues to be in the 'neutral' category, the Australian Bureau of Meteorology said in its fortnightly report on Tuesday. It said neither El Nino nor La Nina are likely until at least September, which aligns with the predictions of the other international models it reviewed.
- The Food Corp. of India has procured 12.73 million tonnes of wheat as of Sunday, marking a 70.2% on-year surge, aided by better crop availability and an early start to procurement. The government has so far met 40.7% of its procurement target of 31.27 million tonnes for 2025-26 (Apr-Mar) amid strong buys in Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, an FCI official said. The procurement window ends in June.



TECHNICAL LEVELS												
Commodity	Exchange	Open*	High*	Low*	LTP*	S 3	S2	S 1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
JEERAUNJHA MAY5	NCDEX	24000	24075	23180	23280	22053	22617	22948	23512	23843	24407	24738
TMCFGRNZM MAY5	NCDEX	15184	15974	14764	14764	13151	13957	14361	15167	15571	16377	16781
DHANIYA MAY5	NCDEX	7644	7670	7520	7530	7327	7423	7477	7573	7627	7723	7777
CASTORSEED MAY5	NCDEX	6336	6356	6306	6315	6245	6306	6295	6326	6345	6376	6395
GUARSEED10 MAY5	NCDEX	5260	5263	5140	5168	4995	5067	5118	5190	5241	5313	5364
GUARGUM5 MAY5	NCDEX	10066	10090	9864	9875	9570	9717	9796	9943	10022	10169	10248
MENTHAOIL APR5	MCX	915.4	926.5	915.2	919.0	903	909	914	920	925	932	937
COCUDAKL MAY5	NCDEX	2962	3005	2962	2983	2919	2940	2962	2983	3005	3026	3048
KAPAS APR5	NCDEX	1461.5	1466.0	1458.5	1461.5	1451	1455	1458	1462	1466	1470	1473
COTTONCNDY MAY5	MCX	55480	55480	54930	54930	54197	54563	54747	55113	55297	55663	55847

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	Mediun	n term	RSI		Volatility		
		View	13 day EMA	22 day EMA	Condition	Trending	1 day	Annualised	
Jeera May NCDEX	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	1.67%	26.5%	
Turmeric May NCDEX	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Weak	2.77%	43.9%	
Dhaniya May NCDEX	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.79%	12.6%	
Guarseed10 May NCDEX	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.83%	13.1%	
Guargum May NCDEX	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Oversold	Strong	0.95%	15.0%	
Castor May NCDEX	NCDEX	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.68%	10.8%	
Kapas19 Apr NCDEX	NCDEX	FLAT/CHOPPY	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Neutral	Strong	0.51%	8.1%	
Cocudakl May NCDEX	NCDEX	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	Overbought	Strong	0.92%	14.6%	

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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Annualised			Risk %	Ratings	Risk %	Ratings	Risk %	Ratings	Risk %	Ratings
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.





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