

INDIAN SESAME CROP REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

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2019-20 Balance Sheet

Sesame Season (Oct-19 : Sep-20)	MT
Carry Over 2019	25,000
Winter Crop (13.1 Lakh Ha Sown)	240,000
Summer Crop (Gujarat)	100,000
Exports	293,000
Imports	148,000
Processing Loss (Hulled)	30,000
Local Consumption	150,000
Carry Over 2020 (Net Figure)	40,000



2020-21 Winter Crop

State	Crop Situation	Area (In '000 Ha)	Yield Est (In Kg)	MT
Gujarat	Excess Rains, Crop Badly Affected, Only 40% Sown area actually Harvested	150	160	25,000
Madhya Pradesh	Normal Crop Situation, Sufficient Rainfall	330	270	89,100
Uttar Pradesh	Rains less than required, Yields affected due to this	390	200	78,000
Rajasthan	Normal Crop Situation, West Raj: More rains, East Raj: Less Rains	280	350	98,000
Other States				15,000
Total				305,100

- Acreage: Stable from several years now
- Weather: Main Driver for Crop Size
- Pest & Disease: No major Impact overall
- Quality: Overall Ok, Seed Size smaller in comparison to 2019 Crop. Starting arrivals in Gujarat mostly rain damaged.



2020-21 Summer Crop

- Too early to put any number or give out any concrete details.
- Overall water availability is good. Prices are remunerative for farmers, expect a bigger crop than last season, if no adverse developments in the next 3/4 months.
- Prices of Peanuts (alternate crop) are also good, so developments of new areas required for substantial increase in Crop Size.



Impact of Covid-19

- **On Absolute Demand:** Demand from QSR and tourism related segments impacted while demand from Edible Oil segment appears to be more than pre-Covid levels.
- **On Demand Uncertainty:** Sudden lockdowns are affecting demand forecasts of Buyers, most of them buying hand-to-mouth, asking for prompt shipments.
- **On Container availability:** Severe impact on Container availability due to mismatch in Import and Export volumes, leading to higher lead time for Exporters.
- **On Government Policy:** Govt. focus on dealing with Pandemic and Food distribution to Poor. Less focus on trade/exports resulting in slower refunds of Tax and Incentives, leading to liquidity crunch.

Impact of EtO issue

- **Suspension of Exports:** Indian side has suspended Exports to the EU for want of clarity on testing methods and harmonisation of sampling and testing in India and the EU.
- **Latest update:** Continuous dialogue on both sides is expected to resolve the issue in the coming weeks.



Thank You

Best Regards

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