

Media Release - Sugar production upto 15th April, 2013

- Sugar crushing season 2012-13 is slowly coming to an end, with only 131 sugar mills still crushing sugarcane, as compared to 169, which were operational last year during same corresponding period.
- Till 15th April, 2013, sugar mills have crushed about 2400 lac tonnes of sugarcane to produce 241.1 lac tonnes of sugar, which is about 2% less than last year of 245.71 lac tonnes. Till date, sugar recovery is about 10.11% which is again less by 0.18 units than last year.
- Uttar Pradesh has crushed 793 lac tonnes of sugarcane to produce 72.9 lakh tonnes of sugar, which is about 5% higher than last year. Only 60 mills are crushing cane as against 14 mills last year and 121 mills at start of the current season. However, over all recovery is up in the State, which is 9.19% i.e. about 0.13 units higher than last year. Sugar recoveries reported are higher in Western & Central Uttar Pradesh while in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, there is slightly downward trend in recoveries over last year. It is estimated that Uttar Pradesh crushing operations for 2012-13 will close, by this month end.
- Maharashtra has produced 79.10 lakh tonnes of sugar with 11.38% recovery. Out of total 170 mills under crushing during 2012-13, now only 18 mills are crushing, which will also close by this month end. Till date, sugar production is down by 7%, with 0.19 units less recovery, than last year. Last year, 76 mills were crushing and the State had produced 89.9 lac tonnes of sugar in the season.
- Karnataka has already closed their 2012-13 crushing season with 33.33 lac tonnes of sugar, which is about 10% less than last year. Reported recovery of 2012-13 of 10.44% is less by 0.52 units than last year.
- In Tamil Nadu, about 33 sugar mills are crushing and have produced 14.7 lac tonnes of sugar which is almost same as that of last year. However, sugar recovery of 9.25% is less by 0.5 units than last year.
- Andhra Pradesh is currently crushing with 3 sugar mills and produced 9.8 lakh tonnes of sugar with 9.67% recovery.
- Gujarat has also almost closed crushing for the season 2012-13 with 11.3 lakh tonnes of sugar production.
- There are smaller States like Haryana and Uttaranchal which are also operating with 11 and 5 sugar mills, but will soon close their crushing operational for the season 2012-13.