

Sugar exports to resume next month

3 MT exported so far against 6 MT approved for season

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SUGAR EXPORTS WILL resume next month after a small gap.

Since the sugar quota of 6 million tonne (MT) was issued in November last year, 3 MT of sweetener has been exported and by May the entire quantity

approved for exports will be shipped by the mills.

"We are getting divergent views about the quantum of sugar production this year by industry association and in the next couple weeks we will firm our estimate on output," Sanjeev Chopra, department of food and public distribution, on Thursday said.

He said that based on estimated domestic consumption and allocation for ethanol manufacturing programme, the government will consider the second tranche of sugar exports.

SHIPMENTS

(million tonne)



Source: food ministry, *industry projection, season (Oct-Sept)

sioner and we will re-assess the production estimate of sugar for the current then will take a call on allowing additional quantities of sugar for exports," Subodh Kumar Singh, additional secretary, department of food and public distribution said.

The country's sugar production was initially projected to rise to a record 36.5 MT in the current year, now it is being revised to 34.3 MT because of excessive rainfall and cloudy weather conditions which prevailed in September and October last year impacting the

yield. According to ISMA, the country's sugar output for the 2022-23 season (October-September) is estimated to be around 4.1 MT which includes around 4.5 MT to be diverted towards making ethanol. The domestic consumption would be around 27.5 MT.

In the 2020-21 season, sugar exports rose to 7.1 MT and in the last season exports was reported at 11.2 MT. In sugar seasons 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, only about 0.6 MT, 3.8 MT and 5.9 MT of sugar was exported.

the government may allow an additional 3-4 MT of shipments for the current season.

"Next month we will have a meeting with the cane commis-

According to Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), about 5 MT contracts for exports of sugar have already been entered into so far. Sources told FE that

