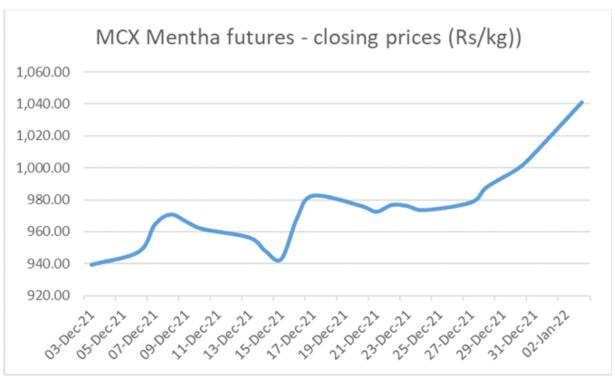
SPECIAL REPORT ON

MENTHA OIL

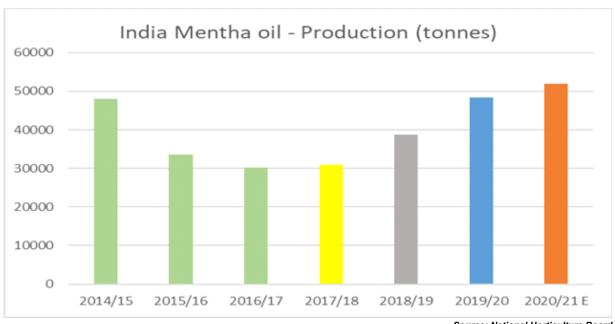


Mentha oil Jan prices surged about 12% in last one month supported by increase in demand from its derivatives like mentha oil, crystals and essential oils. Most of the pharma companies as wells as FMCG production like tooth paste, cough syrup and sanitizer companies are procuring mentha products in very large quantities due to increasing cases of new corona variant.



Mentha Oil Production

As per the estimates published by the National Horticultural Board, the mentha production is increasing in the country from 33,000 tonnes in 2017/18 to more than 47,000 tonnes in 2020/21. As per the market estimates the production in 2020/21 have crossed 50,000 tonnes, which have created huge inventories in the country keeping the prices under pressure. New season sowing of mentha will be commencing during the first week of February while transplantation in the field is done in March-April and harvesting starts in May-June.

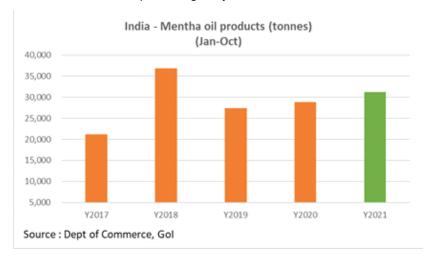


Source: National Horticulture Board



Exports increased 2021/22

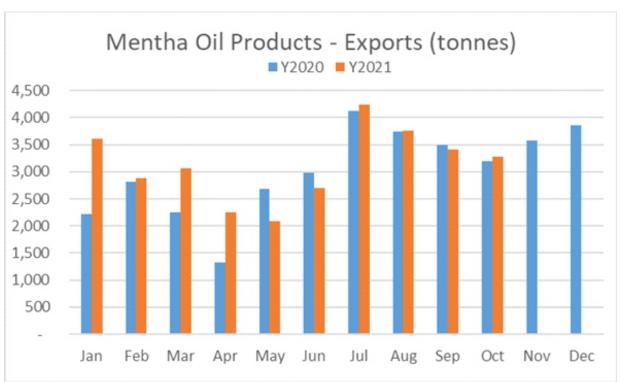
As per the data release by Dept of Commerce, GoI, mentha product exports during Apr-Oct pegged at 21,700 tonnes, up by 0.68% compared to previous year. The exports have surged during the Nov-Dec so as the domestic demand. In the calendar year 2021, mentha derivatives exports surged by more than 8% at 31,270 tonnes compared to 28,840 tonnes in previous year same period





Exports in 2020/21

- China is the main importer of mentha derivatives from the country followed by the US, European Union and Singapore. China
 imports of mentha oil jumped more than 21% in 2020/21 to 14,600 tonnes over previous year while demand from other countries
 remain stagnant during the pandemic period as per the data published by Commerce Ministry.
- In 2020/21, India had exported closed to 20,000 tonnes worth Rs. 2400 crores of Mentha oil which is higher by 17% in terms of volume but 9.4% lower by value due to lower prices in the country.
- Peppermint exports to the US jumped by 27% on year in 2020/21 to 1225 tonnes while China imports increased by 17.5% to 460 tonnes.



Outlook

Fundamental

Going forward, mentha oil stocks will be expected to be similar to last year between 2000-3000 tonnes while the output most likely to be dependent on the area planted and weather situations during the growing and harvesting stages. Exports will be on higher side as the prices have corrected to 4-year lows in 2021. Similarly, as the domestic demand picking-up that will be waning the stock levels with the traders as new season is 5-month away. We expect the prices of mentha oil to be positive towards 1200 levels.

Technical

On weekly chart, Mentha oil trading in the range of 930-1100 levels. After a short period of consolidation, the prices have broken the short-term resistance 990 level and well sustained above it. Current chart pattern is showing 930 as the short-term support and trading below the 18 days (1100) simple moving averages, so prices could take resistance near this level in the next few days. MACD is trading in bullish territory with bearish crossover which suggests still room for some correction. On the other hand, if this counter witnesses a bounce back from 1100 and sustains above it, then we may see a possible reversal towards 1170/1230 levels for short term basis. Overall, the counter may trade with bullish bias and buying on dips suggested from the support levels.



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