

The image features two wooden bowls filled with sesame seeds. The bowl in the foreground is filled with white sesame seeds, while the bowl in the background is filled with black sesame seeds. The bowls are set against a background of burlap fabric, with some seeds scattered on the surface. The text is overlaid on the black sesame seed bowl.

**SESAME FORTNIGHTLY
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India

Sesame Khariff sown area marginally up by 1% over 2017, still below long-term average.

New crop arrivals started in various parts of the country. Arrivals during October 1 week 9000-10000 bags in Rajasthan markets. Stokeist is not keen to buy at current high prices.

In Tamilnadu at Thirukoviluru, Ginjee, Villupuram, Virudachalam, Kallakurchi, Panarutty, Kuranjipadi, Jaigundam 300-400 bags of new sesame quoted between INR 7500 and 9000, based on the quality of the produce. In West Bengal in Midnapur, Hubli, Nadiya brown sesame Erode delivery 75 kg/bag is quoted at INR 6600-6700, micro-clean at INR 7500-7700.

Indian Ministry of Agriculture estimates 2018/19 sesame production at 710,000 tons, against 761,000 tons produced in 2017/18.

Mundra port delivery of sesame seeds for various grades has gone up by INR 4-5 per kg in the since first week of September, due to weakness in rupee.

Korean Sesame Tender

Korea has issued a tender to purchase 10,600 tons of natural white sesame seeds (P1-high quality 4300 tons and P2-Generic quality 6300 tons). Registration is on 15th October, bidding on 17th October and delivery date 17th December. The destination ports are all Busan, Ping Zawa, Inchon and Guangyang. There is no limitation to the place of origin to the sesame.

Rest of the World

Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, the market stakeholders remain attentive to the sesame harvest, which is to commence by October last week/early November. For the time being there are no transactions or firm commitments. In the fields, producers are taking care of their plots (weeding, pest and preventive treatments, etc.), and according to them the harvest looks good based on the current indications.

Senegal

In Senegal, the sesame crop prospects are good so far and this year's production is expected to be either at par with that of last year or slightly higher. Harvests are expected around the second half of October.

Mali

In Mali, the sesame market is calm and the transactions made are meant for local consumption. The first harvests are expected at the end of October, particularly in the Koulikoro or Bankass areas. However, rainfalls continue and could delay harvesting activities. So watch out for weather in the coming two to three weeks, which is crucial in determine the production as well quality of the produce.

Mali mixed sesame (2017-2018 season) is being offered at FOB 1,360 USD/MT for October shipments.

Guinea

In Guinea, the sesame market remains dull due to the lack of stocks available for sale. Harvest is expected to start by mid-October. As the rainfall distribution was good across the producing regions, it is widely believed to have good sesame crop during this season.

Other markets at a glance

Ethiopia HUMERA (2017-2018 season) is being offered in the region of FOB 1,470 and 1,510 USD/MT for October shipments. Ethiopia WOLLEGA (2017-2018 season) is being offered in the region of FOB 1,420 and 1,460 USD/MT for October shipments. Sudan whitish sesame (2017-2018 season) CNF price: 1,440-1,460 USD/MT for October shipments. Tanzania good quality sesame is being offered at (2017-2018 season) CNF 1,440-1,450 USD/MT for October shipments. The new sesame harvesting season harvest may commence soon in Sudan, Ethiopia and other West African nations.

Ethiopian ECX Exchange scenario

From September to first week of October -2018, about 2485 tons of sesame traded in ECX for all grades. The average price of sesame for all grades traded in the ECX during the abovementioned period is USD 1697 per ton as against USD 1731 per ton registered during August-2018.

In the first week of October Whitish Humera is being traded at USD 1908-1944 per ton, while that of Whitish Wollega is being traded in the region of USD 1213 and 1526 per ton.

China

In China the arrival of new sesame crop increases gradually, which resulted in slight drop in prices. Buyers are not willing to commit purchases in big quantities at current high prices, as they price to drop going forward on increased arrival pressure from Chinese as well as from West African countries.

Now the total inventory at Qingdao Port and Tinajin Port is well above 100,000 tons. The imported quantity in July is about 26,000 tons. Till first week of September, the imported quantity at Qingdao Port is estimated in excess of 5,500 tons.

In the major producing sesame province of China Anhui, the current traded price of whitish sesame is USD 1680 per ton and for uncleaned yellow and white the price is around USD 1570 per ton.

The sifted black sesame is being traded at USD 2000-2050 per ton in the province of Jianxi and the same for white is traded at USD 1708 per ton in Jilin province.

Huangdao port spot price for Humera good is USD 1650+ per ton, Humera Common at USD 1620+ per ton and for Gadarif best is USD 1590-1600 per ton. At Tianjin port spot price is more or less similar to all the above grades mentioned in Huangdao port.

Indian Sesame Market Price for Various Grades

Market	Type	Variety/Plac	Unit	6/10/2018
Unjha	White	99+	Rs per 20 kg	1705-2035
Unjha	White	99	Rs per 20 kg	2035-2095
Unjha	White	98	Rs per 20 kg	1980
Unjha	White	Hulling	Rs per 20 kg	1950
Unjha	White	Kirana	Rs per 20 kg	2125
Amreli	White	99/1/1	Rs per kg	100
Rajkot	White	99+	Rs per 20 kg	2020-2055
Rajkot	White	98/2	Rs per 20 kg	1930-1970
Rajkot	Black	99/1	Rs per 20 kg	2525-2625
Rajkot	Brown		Rs per 20 kg	2240-2340
Rajkot	Crushing		Rs per 20 kg	1650-1800
Kanpur	White		Rs per 100 kg	10700
Gulbarga	White		Rs per 100 kg	8000-9500
Ongole	Sesame		Rs per 100 kg	6400
Narasaraopeta	Red New 1st Quality		Rs per 75 kg	6600
Narasaraopeta	Red New 2nd Quality		Rs per 75 kg	6000
Narasaraopeta	Red New 3rd Quality		Rs per 75 kg	5000
West Bengal	Brown	Hooghly	Rs per 100 kg	6450
West Bengal	Brown	Bakura	Rs per 100 kg	6450
West Bengal	Brown	Medinipur	Rs per 100 kg	6450
West Bengal	Brown	Nadia	Rs per 100 kg	6450
Gwalior	White 99		Rs per 100 kg	10500
Gwalior	Hulling		Rs per 100 kg	10400
Bewar	White	99/1/1	Rs per 100 kg	9400
Bewar	White	95/5	Rs per 100 kg	NA
Kota	White		Rs per 100 kg	NA
Mundra Port Delvy	White	99/1	Rs Per kg	112
Mundra Port Delvy	Hulled	99.98%	Rs Per kg	133
Mundra Port Delvy	Regular	99.95	Rs Per kg	131
Mundra Port Delvy	Premium	97	Rs Per kg	132
Mundra Port Delvy	Sorted	99.98%	Rs Per kg	110
Sesame Oil	Virudunagar	Padmini	15 kg tin	3000

Southwest Monsoon at a Glance- India

The 2018 southwest monsoon season (June to September) just ended with an overall deficiency of 9% over the country as a whole. This all India deficiency is mainly attributed to the very large rainfall deficiency observed over northeast India (24%). However, over northwest India, central India and south Peninsula, seasonal rainfall distribution was satisfactory and well distributed as predicted, with only marginal rainfall deficiency of 2%, 7% and 2% respectively.

Sesame Sowing Status as on September-19-2018

	Area in lakh hectares				
	Normal Area (5 years avg)	Normal of corresponding week	Area Sown		
			2018	2017	2016
Sesame	14.46	15.52	14.11	13.97	16.00

When compared with last year sowing area under Sesame has improved slightly +0.14 lakh hectare.

State	Sesame (area in lakh hectare as on 19.09.2018)		% Change 2018 vs 2017
	2018	2017	
Andhra	0.18	0.14	28.57
Chattisgarh	0.34	0.33	03.03
Gujarat	0.78	1.11	-29.73
Karnataka	0.30	0.36	-16.67
Madhya Pradesh	4.41	4.24	4.01
Odisha	1.21	1.25	-3.20
Rajasthan	2.86	2.72	7.52
Uttar Pradesh	3.32	3.00	10.67
Others	0.71	0.83	-14.46

In Gujarat the area sown under sesame is down due to poor rains in the major growing regions of Surendra Nagar, Morbi, Dwaraka and Kutch.

Sesame crop sustained damage in Karnataka producing areas following recent heavy downpour (in Mid-August).

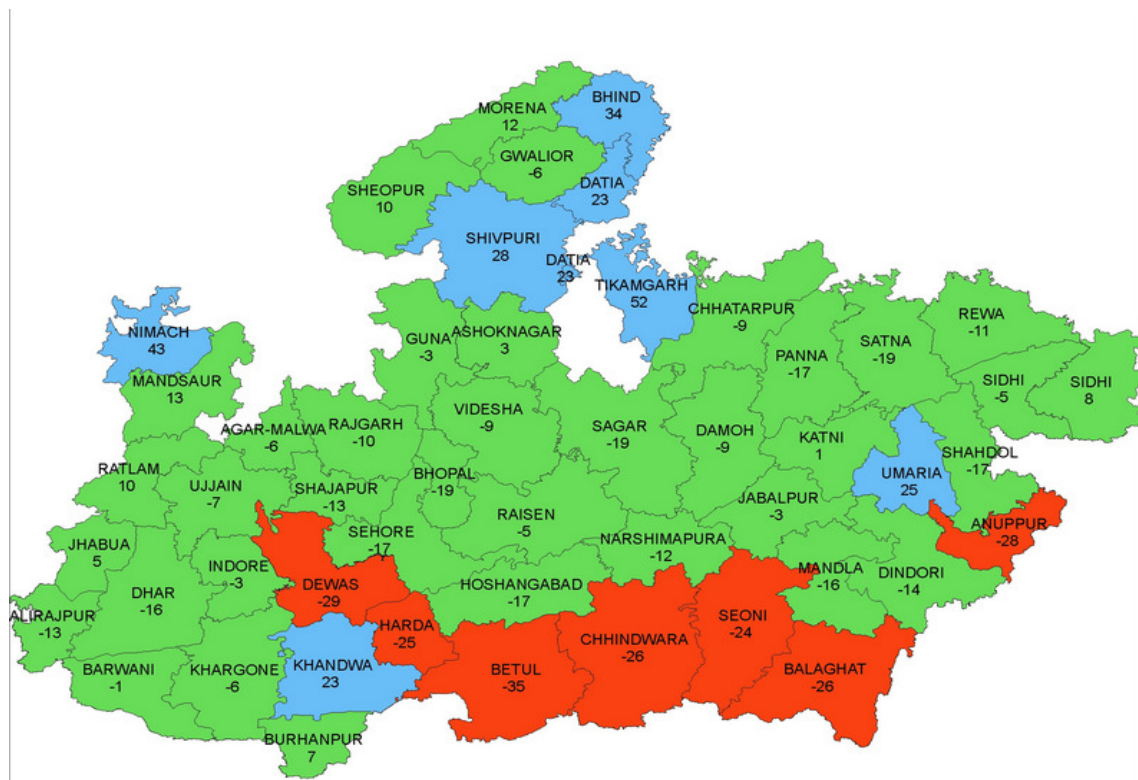


Indian Rainfall Data in the Key Sesame Seed Growing States

Gujarat- District	Jun-01 to Sep-30		
	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	% dep.
Surendranagar	237.50	492.30	-52
Bhavnagar	412.90	533.30	-23
Morbi	228.20	490.80	-54
Botad	379.00	483.30	-22
Devbhoomi Dwarka	245.80	414.70	-41
Amreli	498.20	524.10	-5

In Gujarat rains actually started to pick up since first week of July. But the rainfall is not adequate in key growing districts of Surendra nagar, Morbi and Dwarka.

Madhya Pradesh (District wise rainfall data from Jun-01 to Sep-30)



From the above map it is clear that except for few pockets, it has rained sufficiently in the sesame growing regions and it has amply reflected in the area sown under sesame in that state.

Rajasthan

	Jun-01 to Sep-30		
	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	%dep.
Pali	316.90	446.70	-29
Jodhpur	232.00	274.50	-15
Sawai Madhopur	1008.70	664.00	52
Sirohi	409.00	868.60	-53
Jalore	155.90	394.20	-60
Bhilwara	606.70	580.90	4
Tonk	512.30	566.00	-9
Karauli	591.80	637.40	-7
Nagaur	287.10	348.50	-18
Ajmer	421.00	429.60	-2
Dausa	592.80	612.10	-3
Bundi	608.40	655.90	-7
Kota	719.40	746.30	-4

The cumulative rainfall in the sesame growing districts of Rajasthan was mixed as more than half of the districts have deficit rainfall. Things may not improve much as the season is about to end in the coming fortnight.

Uttar Pradesh

	Jun-01 to Sep-30		
	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	% dep.
Hamirpur	810.40	796.90	2
Hardoi	606.40	787.90	-23
Sitapur	723.50	864.80	-16
Jhansi	775.00	837.90	-8
Mahoba	340.40	776.40	-56
Jalaun	600.40	774.90	-23
Banda	772.70	840.40	-8



West Bengal

	Jun-01 to Sep-30		
	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	% dep.
Bankura	1022.90	1051.20	-3
Birbhum	709.60	1106.00	-36
Burdwan	810.50	1028.70	-21
East Midnapore	1203.90	1220.30	-1
Hooghly	787.10	1067.90	-26
Howrah	843.90	1211.40	-30
Kolkata	1217.80	1281.10	-5
Murshidabad	514.40	1079.30	-52
Nadia	723.20	955.00	-24
24 Pargana (N)	1057.20	1172.80	-10
Purulia	897.50	1094.50	-18
24 Pargana (S)	1264.30	1552.60	-19

Indian Sesame EXIM data -August-2018

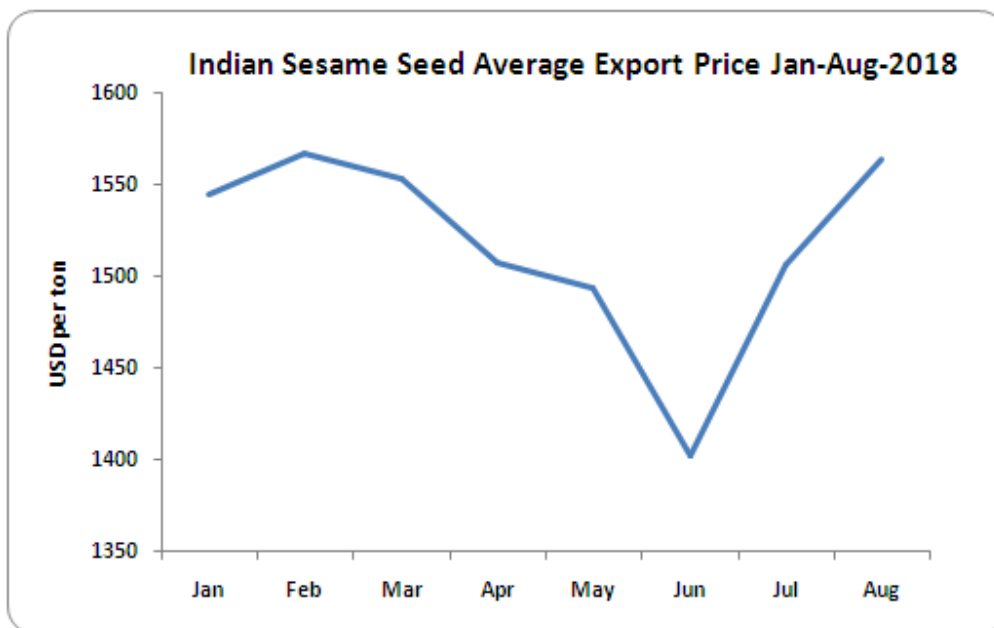
Sesame Seeds Export -Countrywise-August-2018 (min- 500 tons)

Country	Qty tons	Value (US \$)	Avg Price(USD/ton)
KOREA RP	8,726	13,352,414	1,530
VIETNAM	2,937	3,501,081	1,192
TAIWAN	1,867	2,116,927	1,134
RUSSIA	1,665	2,894,007	1,738
GERMANY	1,504	2,607,085	1,734
U S A	1,406	2,564,146	1,823
IRAN	1,187	1,871,174	1,577
GREECE	937	1,637,857	1,748
INDONESIA	906	1,624,958	1,794
NETHERLAND	899	1,575,124	1,753
ITALY	742	1,192,628	1,607
THAILAND	678	1,031,775	1,522
MALAYSIA	650	859,651	1,323
CHINA P RP	640	691,466	1,080
AUSTRALIA	616	1,022,026	1,660
TURKEY	572	938,760	1,641
ISRAEL	550	1,015,212	1,847
U K	541	959,602	1,775
CANADA	540	993,419	1,839
Others	6,941	11,516,789	1,659
Total	34,502	53,966,101	1,564

In the first eight months of 2018 India's sesame seeds export totaled 239,189 tons as against 205,515 tons exported during the same period in 2017.

The average price per ton realized in the first eight months of 2018 increased to USD 1512 per ton as against USD 1277 per ton during the same period in 2017.

Indian Sesame Export Quantity and Price in FOB (Jan to Aug-2018) per ton



Indian Sesame seeds Import data -Jan to Aug-2018

In the first eight months 2018 India's import of sesame seeds declined by about 51.57 percent to 20,346 tons as against 42,088 tons imported during the same period in 2017.

Bulk of the imports is from Sudan (about 69.70 percent of total imports), followed by UAE at 11.11 percent, Nigeria, Others (unspecified) about 4.30 percent each and Somalia at 2.74 percent.

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