

Dear Friends,

It has been some time since I shared my views on the groundnut crop in India.

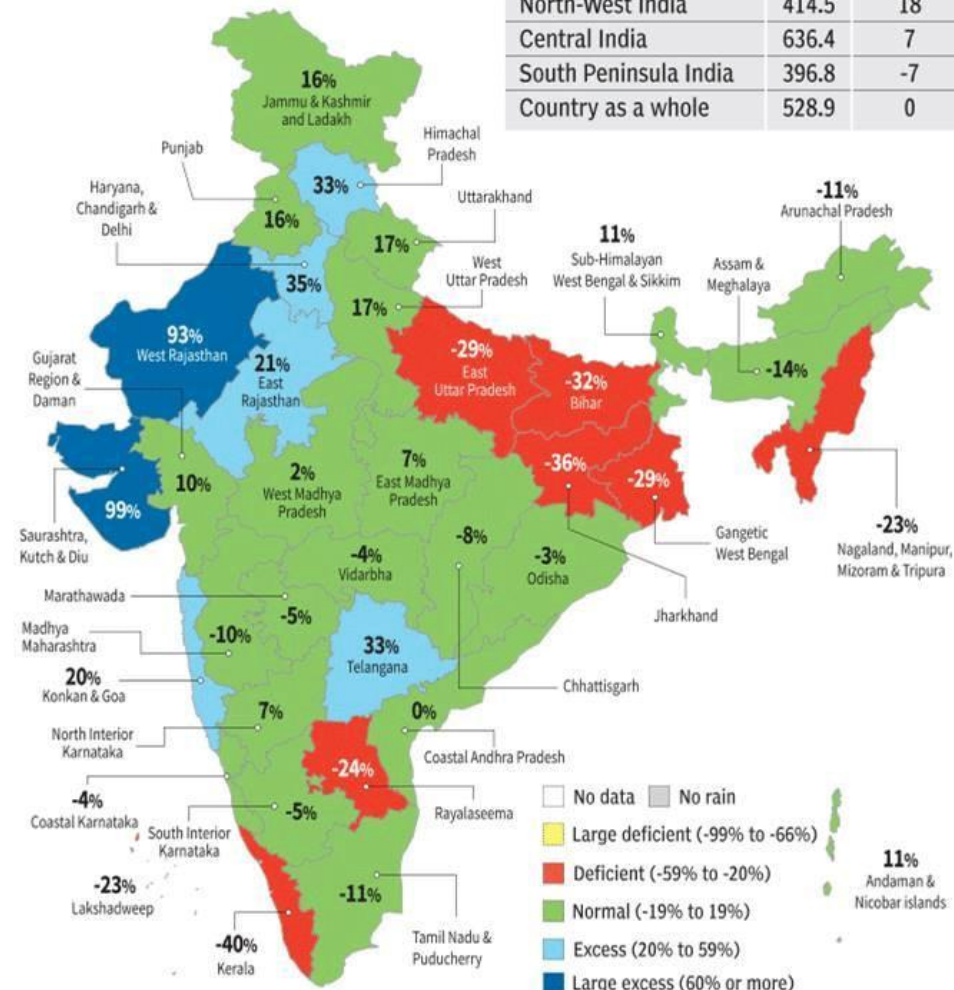
With the overload on information between social media platforms, emails, whatsapps and the internet in general, it becomes a hard task to provide information that is valuable and relevant as well. In spite of this I am trying to share my thoughts on the groundnut markets.

First the rainfall so far across the country until last week –

How the monsoon has fared so far...

Cumulative (June 1 to August 9, 2023)

Region	Actual (in mm)	% departure from LPA
East & North-East India	685.4	-19
North-West India	414.5	18
Central India	636.4	7
South Peninsula India	396.8	-7
Country as a whole	528.9	0



As of now, we have had a very wet July and this has been beneficial for the groundnut crop across the country. With high prices, there was a very good incentive for farmers to plant groundnuts, even replacing pulses in some regions. The fear of El Nino has taken a back seat looking at the current situation. Groundwater tables are fairly good and even as we are already into a bit of a dry spell during August, we would still be in a fairly decent position in terms of moisture content in the soil. We continue to keep our fingers crossed for the next 45 – 60 days for suitable weather across the country.

India's groundnut exports have been gaining momentum in overseas markets due to robust demand from Southeast Asia. From April 22 to March 23, our financial year, Indian groundnut exports hit a new high of 32% increase in value terms over the previous fiscal year. The volumes increased by 30% to about 668,000 Mt compared to about 514,000 Mt earlier. The US Department of Agriculture in its latest oilseeds July outlook has projected India's peanut exports for the 2022-23 marketing year ending September at 850,000 Mt, up from the previous year's 750,000 Mt.

During the new season, we expect increase in planting areas as well as better yields and hence the new crop looks to be at least 5 – 10 % more than what we harvested last year if all goes well.

Current prices for old crop on FOB basis are as follows –

Bold 40/50 – USD. 1540.00 pmt

Bold 50/60 – USD. 1480.00 pmt

Bold 60/70 – USD. 1450.00 pmt

Java Type 50/60 – USD. 1500.00 pmt

Java type 80/90 – USD. 1450.00 pmt

Blanched Whole 40/50 – USD. 1790.00 pmt

Blanched Whole 50/60 – USD. 1735.00 pmt

Blanched Splits 40/50 – USD. 1735.00 pmt

Blanched Splits 50/60 – USD. 1675.00 pmt

The blanched peanut prices are basis 25 kgs vacuum bags with outer pp bags.

Unfortunately, as we are nearing the end of our season, we have no material that complies with EU specs on Aflatoxin. We will start offering our European buyers new crop material next month for shipment during October – November 2023.

We await your inquiries.

Regards – Sanjiv Sawla