

## INDIAN TRACTOR INDUSTRY

Monthly Update





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### **Highlights**



Volumes grew on YoY basis in May: The industry recorded a sharp growth of 47% YoY in wholesale volumes in May (albeit on a low base), supported by healthy rabi procurement and better price realisation. Industry volumes are expected to remain supported by forecast of a normal monsoon and expectations of stable farm cash flows; however, the price hikes taken by the OEMs due to hardening raw material prices may constrain industry volumes, and remains a monitorable.

Industry volumes grow sharply in April and May, after a period of moderation in volumes, aided by healthy rabi cash flows

Forecast of normal monsoons and continuation of healthy procurement by the Government to support rural cash flows and industry demand.



Agri production: Even as concerns continue to persist regarding a decline in yields and final estimates on the back of the severe heat wave, which has swept northern and Central India, third advance estimates indicate an overall healthy production of rabi crops at 159.6 million tonnes, a 0.4% YoY decline.

Industry volumes to represent a slight growth in FY2023: The tractor industry volumes are estimated to remain healthy aided by favourable underlying drivers for farm cash flows. However, given the high base and increase in cost of ownership necessitated by raw material hardening, industry volumes are likely to represent only a marginal growth over the previous year (0-4% growth YoY in FY2023).



Tractor OEMs continue to maintain strong credit profiles: ICRA continues to maintain a Stable outlook for the industry. Despite concerns of hardening commodity costs which are likely to exert pressure on margins, credit profiles of the OEMs are expected to remain robust, aided by low debt, healthy cash & liquid investments and limited investment plans.



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