

## WHEAT DAILY

21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2007

### SPOT MARKETS:

Wheat prices on the spot market remained tight. At Delhi, wheat dara for mills traded steady between Rs.1045-1050/qrtl on lower arrivals around 1,000 bags from old stocks and 2,000-3,000 bags new crop arrived from M.P.. New wheat quoted between Rs.1030-1035/qrtl. Some demand from Uttar Pradesh continued supporting the tone. Punjab mandis saw tight sentiments on some demand from millers as well as on higher MSP announced by Govt. Some Kissan Unions of Punjab are not seen satisfied with the hike in wheat MSP to Rs.850/qrtl. In the wake of fresh crop arrivals likely to start April first week the farmers are demanding further bonus of wheat MSP. Govt. is likely to procure around 75 lakh tonnes of wheat from Punjab, 45 lakh tonnes of wheat from Haryana, and about 15 lakh tonnes of wheat from U.P. this year. In Sunam mandis wheat prices quoted up at Rs. 930/qrtl on the back of arrivals about 1,000-1,200 bags. Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar has announced that the State Trading Corporation will be asked to prepare to import 3 million tonnes of wheat, if needed. Therefore, the imports would take place after assessing the domestic price, crop and procurement activities. The opening stock of wheat with the FCI on April 1 is expected to be above the minimum buffer stocking norm of 4 million tonnes, which compares with the actual level of only a million tonnes during correspondence period of last year. In Gujarat mandis wheat prices remained steady to up. Gujarat government declared stock limits on wheat. According to the declaration the stock limit for retail traders and wholesale dealers at 500 quintal and 5,000 quintal respectively, while in the case of wheat flour mills and corporate sector, the maximum stock limit ranges from 30,000 to 50,000 quintal. The stock limit is effective till August 31, 2007. However, the trader are strongly opposing the matter and the city-based wheat traders, of the Rajkot Market demanding for more clarification. The imposition of stock limit in the state has softened the market activities and arrivals of wheat from other states will no doubt hamper. Generally Saurashtra is looking for arrival from other states on the back of lower demand supply ratio. The multinational companies are also keep themselves sideline from purchasing wheat on the fear of stock limit

### PRICE DRIVERS:

#### Bullish:

1. Govt. discontinued the duty free wheat import
2. Govt. decided to give bonus of Rs.100/qrtl on MSP

#### Bearish:

1. Poor product demand all over India amidst Govt. decision to release 4 lakh tonnes of wheat through FCI
2. Wheat acreage increased to 281.782 Lh as on 01.02.07 as compared to 264.336 Lh during the same period of last year.
3. Fresh arrivals are increasing in Gujarat as well as M.P. mandis
4. Govt. will very aggressive in increasing buffer stocks of wheat this season
5. Prominent corporate buyers are likely to avoid wheat purchase this year
6. Govt banned wheat export till 31 December, 2007
7. Govt. may consider to resume the wheat exports in case of bumper production
8. Govt thinking on ban on private companies procuring wheat in U.P.

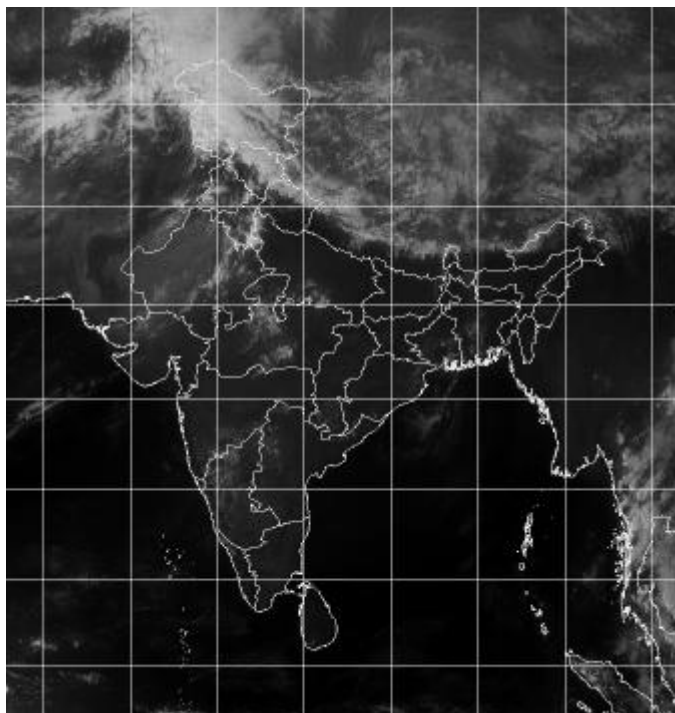
### WEATHER:

Standing wheat crop needs bright sunshine for healthy development and maturity. Intermittent showers and lower temperatures are forecast for the period March 19 to March 23, 2007 in the Northern Plains of India. Further rains at this moment certainly cause concern.

### SPOT MARKET PRICE FOR WHEAT (Rs./Quintal)

Markets	Variety	20.03.07	19.03.07	Change
Delhi (Lawrence Road)	Wheat Mill quality	1045-1050	1050	-
Haryana (Karnal)	Wheat Mill quality	1030-1035	1030-1035	-
Punjab (Khanna)	Wheat Mill quality	1090-1095	1085-1090	+5
Rajasthan (Kota)	Wheat Mill quality	920-925	N.A.	-
Uttar Pradesh (Kanpur)	Wheat Mill quality	1050-1055	1035-1040	+15
Madhya Pradesh (Indore)	Wheat Mill quality	N.A.	N.A.	-
Uttar Pradesh (Bareilly)	Wheat Mill quality	1060-1065	1055-1060	+5

## SATELLITE PICTURE OF MONSOON PROGRESS (20.03.07)



### Monsoon Features (20.03.07)

- Under the influence of western disturbance, moderate to rather heavy rain/snowfall has occurred at most places over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during past 24 hours. Light rain/thundershowers has also occurred at a few places over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.
- Chief amounts of rainfall (upto 1 cm.): Quazigund-6, Banihal-5, Pahalgam-4, Badherwah, Jammu, Batote & Katra-3 each, Srinagar-2 Bhuntar-1.
- The current meteorological analysis suggests fairly widespread rain/snowfall over Western Himalayan Region during next 48 hrs. Isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers accompanied with squall is also likely over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during next 1-2 days.
- The night temperatures are above normal by 4-6°C over the plains of northwest India, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. However, with the eastward movement of western disturbance, night temperatures are likely to register a falling trend from tomorrow onwards.

### Outlook for subsequent two days (Based on numerical weather products):

- ✓ Isolated heavy precipitation is likely over Jammu & Kashmir during next 24 hours.
- ✓ Isolated squall is likely over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during the same period.
- ✓ Mainly dry weather is likely over most parts of the country..

Source: IMD (GOI)

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