

## WHEAT DAILY

23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2007

### SPOT MARKETS:

Wheat prices on the spot market remained mostly steady to up. At Delhi, wheat data for mills traded steady between Rs.1045-1050/qlt on steady arrivals at lower levels 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/qlt. Some demand from Uttar Pradesh continued supporting the tone. Wheat prices turn up in Gujarat mandis. In rajkot mandis the price increase to Rs. 920-925/qlt on the back of fresh arrivals about 10,000-12,000 bags. Private companies resume their purchasing from Rajkot mandis..The MNC's like AWB, Adarni, Kargil, Ruchi soya are active in the market yards. According to the trade sources the y have purchased around 50,000-55,000 bags so far. According to the media sources Gujarat govt has imposed stock limit. However no confirmation has made from Govt side and we are learning that govt is considering this matter. Wheat prices remained tighr in M.P. mandis also. In Bhopal the wheat traded up between Rs.910-925. The MNC's like Olam, Topar are active in the market. 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/qlt. In the wake of fresh crop arrivals likely to hit the market April second week the farmers are demanding further bonus of wheat MSP. Govt. is likely to procure around 75 lakh tonnes of wheat form 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. 950/qlt 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 remaind steady to up.

### PRICE DRIVERS:

#### Bullish:

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

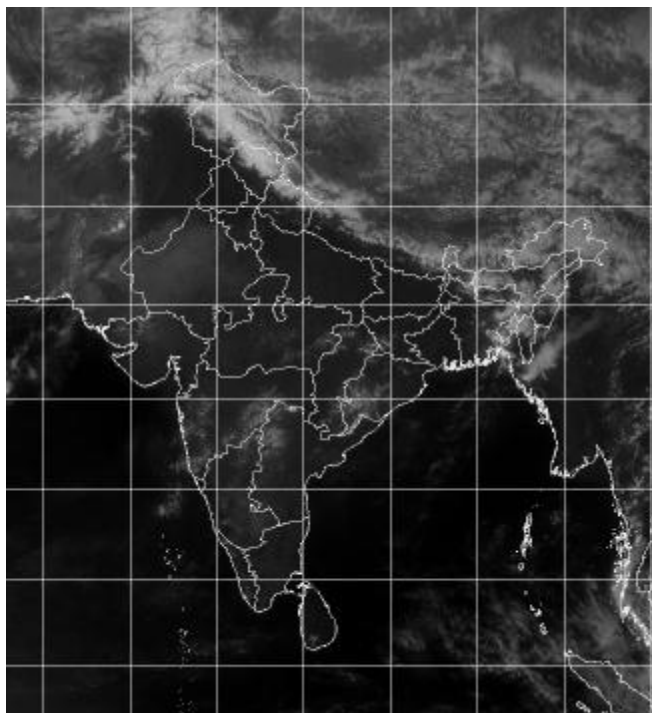
### WEATHER:

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	22.03.07	21.03.07	Change
Delhi (Lawrence Road)	Wheat Mill quality	1045-1050	1050	-
Haryana (Karnal)	Wheat Mill quality	1030-1035	1045-1050	-15
Punjab (Khanna)	Wheat Mill quality	1110-1115	1100-1105	+10
Rajasthan (Kota)	Wheat Mill quality	916-922	915-920	+2
Uttar Pradesh (Kanpur)	Wheat Mill quality	1050-1055	1050-1055	-
Madhya Pradesh (Indore)	Wheat Mill quality	955-960	920-925	+35
Uttar Pradesh (Bareilly)	Wheat Mill quality	1055-1060	1060-1065	-5

## SATELLITE PICTURE OF MONSOON PROGRESS (22.03.07)



### Monsoon Features (22.03.07)

- ✓ During past 24 hours light to moderate rain/snow has occurred at many places over Western Himalayan Region. Isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers also has occurred over Indo-Gangetic plains and northeastern States. Chief amounts of rainfall recorded during past 24 hours (in cm.) are: Banihal-3, Bhaderwah-3, Bhuntar-3, Sundernagar-3, Kailashahar-3, Amritsar-2, Quazigund-2.
- ✓ The current meteorological analysis suggests that the western disturbance has moved away eastwards. Consequently no significant rainfall activity is likely over Western Himalayan Region and Gangetic plains during next 3-4 days. However scattered rain/thundershower is likely to continue over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and northeastern States during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter.

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

- ✓ Mainly dry weather is likely over most parts of the country.

Source: IMD (GOI)

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