

WHEAT DAILY

17th APRIL, 2007

SPOT MARKETS:

Punjab & Haryana Contribute for Procurement - Private Trade Active in Other Centres

Procurement by FCI stood at 22.19 lakh tonnes, reflecting 10 lakh tonnes increase since Friday.

Total arrivals in Delhi markets stood at 40,000 - 50,000 and prices at Lawrence Road was quoted at Rs.945 - 950 per quintal (mill quality) and in Narela and Najafgarh mandis the price stood at Rs.890 - 910 per quintal. Arrivals in Karavli and Achnera were placed at 5,000 and 4000 qtls respectively, with prices at Rs. 890 - 910 per qtl. ITC and Godrej were active in these markets.

Following was the status in other mandis, with active millers and private trade buying:

Mathura	7000 Qtls	Rs. 890 per qtl
Kosi	8000 Qtls	Rs. 860 per qtl
Hodal	3000 Qtls	Rs. 865 per qtl
Palwal	6000 Qtls	Rs. 856 - 857 per qtl
Hardoi	20,000 Qtls	Rs. 870 per qtl
Rajkot	10,000 Qtls	Rs. 910 - 915 per qtl

In Ahmedabad mill quality was traded at Rs. 990 per qtl.

The week started on an active note with brisk buying by private traders, corporates and mills.

PRICE DRIVERS:

Bullish:

1. Government decided to give a bonus of Rs.100/qlt on MSP to induce farmers to sell to them taking the MSP together with bonus to Rs.850 per quintal.
2. Private trade actively purchasing wheat from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh mandis

Bearish:

1. Fresh arrivals increasing with each passing day.
2. Increasing possibility of government meeting procurement targets.
3. Arrivals in Uttar Pradesh mandis are expected to set the trend for softening prices, as the state is poised for huge production.

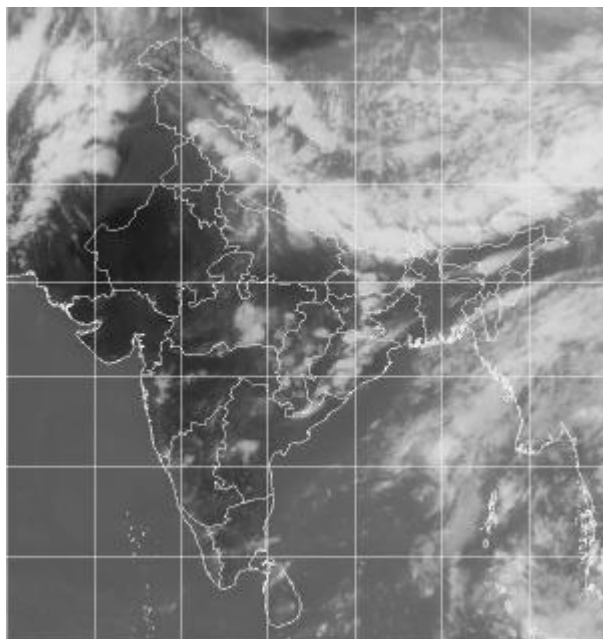
WEATHER:

Standing wheat crop needs bright sunshine during maturity for lower moisture levels. Current weather is supportive for maturing crop.

SPOT MARKET PRICE FOR WHEAT (Rs./Quintal)

Markets	Variety	16.04.07	14.04.07	Change
Delhi (Lawrence Road)	Wheat Mill quality	945-950	940-950	+5
Delhi (Narella)	Wheat Mill quality	890-910	870-890	+20
Haryana (Palwal)	Wheat Mill quality	856-965	865-880	-15
Rajasthan (Kota)	Wheat Mill quality	1000	995-1000	-
Uttar Pradesh (Kanpur)	Wheat Mill quality	955-960	955-960	-
Madhya Pradesh (Indore)	Wheat Mill quality	955	960	-5
Uttar Pradesh (Bareilly)	Wheat Mill quality	950	920	+30

SATELLITE PICTURE OF MONSOON PROGRESS (16.04.07)



Monsoon Features (16.04.07)

The current meteorological analysis suggests that isolated duststorm/thunderstorm likely over plains of northwest India including Delhi during next 2-3 days. Isolated rain/thundershowers are also likely over Western Himalayan region and Uttar Pradesh. Consequently day temperatures are expected to fall over northwest India, leading to abatement of heat wave conditions from some parts. However it may continue over Rajasthan during next 24 hrs. Isolated to scattered rain/thundershower is also likely over east & northeast India during next 3 days and increase thereafter.

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

- ✓ Isolated rain/thundershowers are likely over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Isolated duststorm/thunderstorm is likely over the rest region during next 48 hrs. and scattered thereafter.
- ✓ Fall in day temperature over the region.

Source: IMD (GOI)

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