

WHEAT DAILY

18th APRIL, 2007

SPOT MARKETS:

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

Procurement by FCI stood at 22.19 lakh tonnes as on 16th April, 07, 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 arrivals remained around 18,000-20,000 bags and in Narela and Najafgarh mandis the price stood up Rs.911-935 per quintal. Arrivals in Karavli and Achnera were placed at 4,000 and 3000 qtls respectively, with prices at Rs. 910 per qtl. and 900 per qtl respectively. Prices remained at Rs.880/ctl at Mathura mandis on the back of arrivals around 10,000 bags. At Hodal and Palwal mandis the prices stood at Rs.860-865 per qtl and arrivals remained higher around 4,000 bags. ITC and Godrej were active in these markets. The local market demand is reportedly good. Chakki millers are actively purchasing wheat.

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

Mathura	10,000 Qtls	Rs. 880 per qtl
Kosi	5000 Qtls	Rs. 895 per qtl
Hodal	4000 Qtls	Rs. 860-865 per qtl
Palwal	4000 Qtls	Rs. 860 per qtl
Hardoi	20,000 Qtls	Rs. 870 per qtl
Rajkot	10,000 Qtls	Rs. 910 - 915 per qtl
Karavli	4000 Qtls	Rs. 875-910 per qtl

PRICE DRIVERS:

Bullish:

1. Government decided to give a bonus of Rs.100/ctl 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.

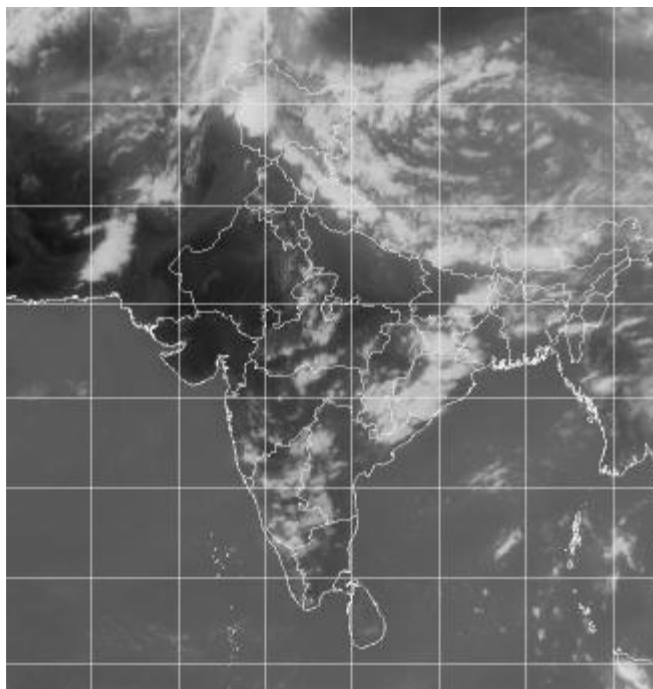
WEATHER:

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	17.04.07	16.04.07	Change
Delhi (Lawrence Road)	Wheat Mill quality	945-950	945-950	-
Delhi (Narella)	Wheat Mill quality	911-935	890-910	+25
Haryana (Palwal)	Wheat Mill quality	860	856-965	-5
Rajasthan (Kota)	Wheat Mill quality	995-1000	1000	-
Uttar Pradesh (Kanpur)	Wheat Mill quality	955-960	955-960	-
Madhya Pradesh (Indore)	Wheat Mill quality	950-955	955	-
Uttar Pradesh (Bareilly)	Wheat Mill quality	945-950	950	-

SATELLITE PICTURE OF MONSOON PROGRESS (17.04.07)



Monsoon Features (17.04.07)

- ✓ Under the influence of a western disturbance presently lying over north Pakistan and adjoining Jammu & Kashmir and an upper air cyclonic circulation over Haryana and neighbourhood, isolated rain/thundershowers is likely over Western Himalayan region during next 2-3 days. Isolated to scattered duststorm/thunderstorm also likely over plains of northwest India. Heat wave conditions continued to prevail over many parts of Rajasthan and isolated pockets of Punjab, Haryana and West Madhya Pradesh. The current meteorological analysis suggests a fall in day temperatures and respite from the prevailing heat wave conditions within a day or two. The highest maximum temperature of 44.6°C was recorded over Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan during past 24 hrs.

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

- ✓ Fairly widespread rain/thundershower is likely over northeastern states .

Warning (for next 48 hrs.)

- ✓ Isolated thunder squall is likely over Bihar , West Bengal & Sikkim and Jharkhand.

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