

Potato Fundamentals:

- In MCX, June contract was hit by 4% lower circuit due to estimate of higher production this year.
- In Chandausi and Farrukhabad region of U.P, cold storages are already filled by 25% and 40% of total storage capacity.
- In West Bengal, approximately 75-80% of cold storages are filled and cold storages are expected to get filled completely.
- In Begusarai (Bihar), cold storages are already filled by approximately 40% of total capacities. According to trade sources, prices of potatoes are expected to remain firm throughout the season.
- In Tarkeshwar and Buradwan, prices of potatoes have continuously increased from Rs 450 to Rs 600/ quintal in last 4-5 days.

Potato Wholesale Prices & Arrivals trend in Consumption Centers



(Source: AGRIWATCH)

Potato Prices & Arrivals in major Mandi as on 22.3.2013

Mandis	Burdwan(W.B)	Khandauli	Farrukhabad	Kanpur	Indore	Tarkeshwar(W.B)	Bangalore
Price (Rs./Qtl)	550	800	481	600-800	500-1100	600	1100-1200
Arrivals (Qtl)	-	60000	20000	14000	10000	-	6000

Potato Prices & Arrivals in major Mandi as on 21.3.2013

Mandis	Burdwan(W.B)	Khandauli	Farrukhabad	Kanpur	Indore	Tarkeshwar(W.B)	Bangalore
Price (Rs./Qtl)	475-495	750-800	500	550-750	500-1000	520-530	1000-1200
Arrivals (Qtl)	-	50000	20000	17000	6500	-	4450

(Source: Agriwatch)

MCX- Potato Futures Analysis: (as on 22nd March 2013)

Symbol	Exchange	Expiry Date	Today's Close Price	Previous Close Price	Net Change	Today's Open Interest	Previous Day Open Interest	Change
POTATO	MCX	15-Apr-13	897.1	908	-10.9	9630	10650	-1020
POTATO	MCX	15-May-12	883.9	901	-17.1	24390	25380	-990
POTATO	MCX	16-Jun-12	887.9	922.6	-34.7	10140	10380	-240
				Total				-2250

(Source: MCX)

In MCX, April, May and June contract both prices and open interest are falling which indicates that market participants are liquidating their long positions.

Daily Price Chart of MCX- Agra April Contract:



(Source: AGRWATCH RESEARCH)

Potato Prices in major markets – Wholesale vs. Retail as on 22nd March 2013

Centre	Wholesale Prices (Rs/ qtl)	Retail Price (Rs/ kg)	Centre	Wholesale Prices (Rs/ qtl)	Retail Price (Rs/ kg)
NORTH ZONE			EAST ZONE		
CHANDIGARH	700	10	PATNA	NA	NA
DELHI	688	12	BHAGALPUR	NA	NA
HISAR	800	9	RANCHI	NA	NA
KARNAL	800	9	BHUBANESHWAR	600	8
SHIMLA	600	11	CUTTACK	650	9
MANDI	800	10	SAMBALPUR	600	8
SRINAGAR	NA	NA	ROURKELA	600	8
JAMMU	750	15	KOLKATA	500	7
AMRITSAR	900	13	SILIGURI		
LUDHIANA	NA	NA	NORTH-EAST ZONE	NA	NA
BATHINDA	NA	NA	ITANAGAR	NA	8
LUCKNOW	800	10	GUWAHATI	1300	18
KANPUR	600	8	SHILLONG	2200	30
VARANASI	1000	12	AIZWAL	NA	NA
AGRA	700	10	DIMAPUR	NA	NA
DEHRADUN	720	10	AGARTALA		
WEST ZONE			SOUTH ZONE		
RAIPUR	1200	14	PORT BLAIR	1600	18
PANAJI	NA	NA	HYDERABAD	1600	18
AHMEDABAD	1100	15	VIJAYWADA	1333	15
RAJKOT	1000	12	VISAKHAPATNAM	667	10
BHOPAL	NA	NA	BENGALURU	1600	18
INDORE	950	14	DHARWAD	2200	23
GWALIOR	1600	20	T.PURAM	2400	27
JABALPUR	600	8	ERNAKULAM	2000	23
MUMBAI	900	20	KOZHICODE	1600	20
NAGPUR	1017	13	PUDUCHERRY	1800	20
JAIPUR	NA	10	CHENNAI	1200	16
JODHPUR	800	NA	DINDIGUL	NR	NR
KOTA	NA	NA	THIRUCHIRAPALLI	1600	17

(Source: State Civil Supplies Dept)

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