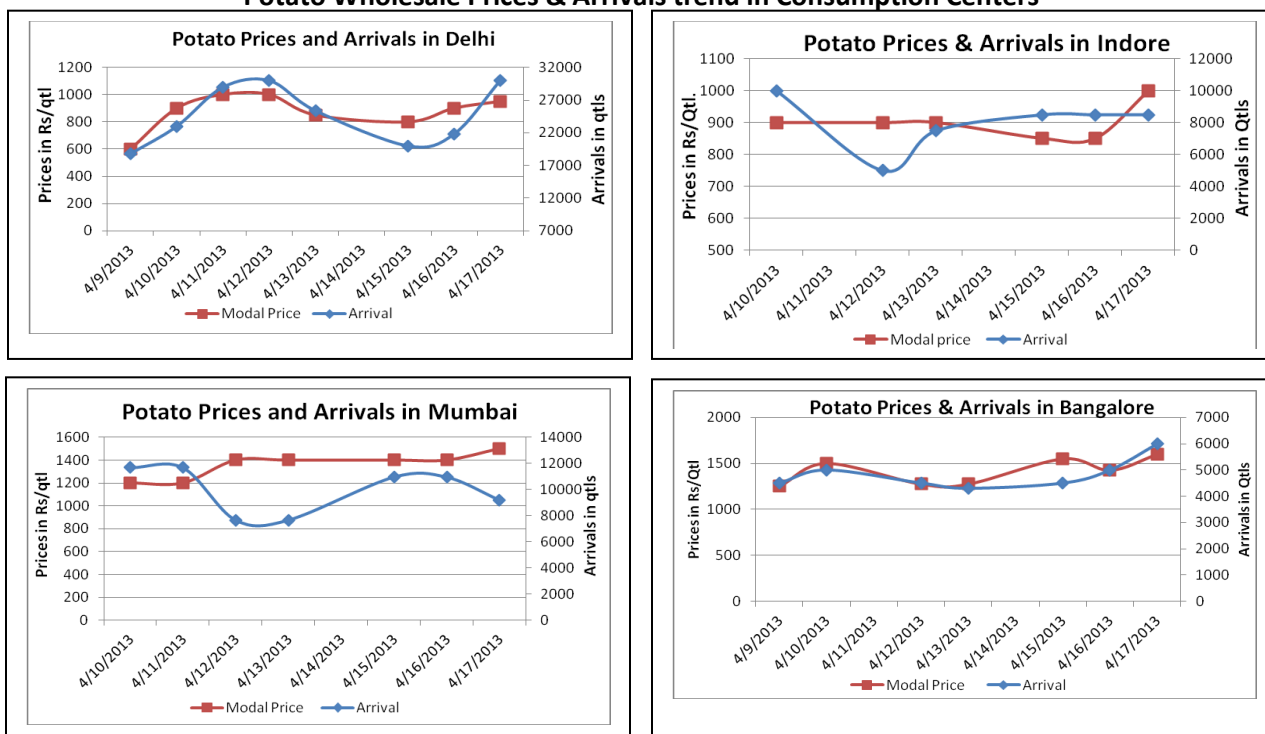**Potato Fundamentals:**

- In U.P total cold storage capacity is approximately 110 lakh tons compared to previous year total capacity of 98 lakh tons whereas capacity in West Bengal is similar to last year which is approximately 64 lakh tons.
- In West Bengal, cold storages are approximately filled by 94% as compared to previous year's 88% of total capacity.
- In West Bengal, major demand is coming from South India and Eastern part of India because of lower potato prices in West Bengal as compared to prices in U.P.
- In Tarkeshwar (West Bengal), cold storages are expected to start offloading by the end of this month. According to trade sources, prices are hovering in the range of Rs 770/ quintal which almost higher by 25-30% compared to 3-4 days earlier.

### Potato Wholesale Prices & Arrivals trend in Consumption Centers



(Source: AGRIWATCH)

**Potato Prices & Arrivals in major Mandi as on 17.4.2013**

| Mandis | Burdwan(W.B) | Khandauli | Farrukhabad | Kanpur | Indore | Tarkeshwar(W.B) | Bangalore |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Price (Rs./Qtl) | 720 | 1000-1100 | 500-800 | 700-900 | 500-1500 | 770 | 1500-1700 |
| Arrivals (Qtl) | - | 52000 | 10000 | 15000 | 8500 | - | 6000 |

**Potato Prices & Arrivals in major Mandi as on 16.4.2013**

| Mandis | Burdwan(W.B) | Khandauli | Farrukhabad | Kanpur | Indore | Tarkeshwar(W.B) | Bangalore |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Price (Rs./Qtl) | 700 | 1000-1100 | 500-800 | 700-900 | 500-1200 | 750 | 1050-1800 |
| Arrivals (Qtl) | - | 50000 | 12000 | 15000 | 8500 | - | 5000 |

(Source: Agriwatch)

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**MCX- Potato Futures Analysis: (as on 17th April 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-May-13 | 1044 | 1047.1 | -3.1 | 11880 | 11460 | 420 |
| POTATO | MCX | 16-Jun-13 | 1055 | 1061 | -6 | 18330 | 18090 | 240 |
| POTATO | NCDEX | 20-May-13 | 1035 | 1043 | -8 | 12100 | 12100 | 0 |
| POTATO | NCDEX | 20-Jun-13 | 1040 | 1052 | -12 | 8200 | 7800 | 400 |

(Source: MCX)

**Daily Price Chart of MCX- Agra May Contract:**



(Source: Agriwatch)

In MCX, May contract prices are falling from last two days whereas open interest is continuously falling which suggest that market participants are liquidating their long positions. Prices are moving in the range of Rs 1030- Rs 1080 from last few days. Relative strength indicator (RSI) oscillator is not showing much variation which suggests range bounded market for the contract.

**Potato Prices in major markets – Wholesale vs. Retail as on 17th April 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 | 750 | 9 |
| DELHI | 875 | 14 | BHAGALPUR | NR | NR |
| HISAR | 800 | 9 | RANCHI | NR | 12 |
| KARNAL | 950 | 10 | BHUBANESHWAR | 830 | 10 |
| SHIMLA | NR | NR | CUTTACK | 800 | 10 |
| MANDI | 800 | 10 | SAMBALPUR | 780 | 10 |
| SRINAGAR | NR | NR | ROURKELA | 900 | 12 |
| JAMMU | 740 | 15 | KOLKATA | 800 | 10 |
| AMRITSAR | 800 | 12 | SILIGURI | 550 | 8 |
| LUDHIANA | 1000 | 15 | **NORTH-EAST ZONE** | | |
| BATHINDA | NR | NR | ITANAGAR | NR | NR |
| LUCKNOW | 800 | 10 | GUWAHATI | 700 | 9 |
| KANPUR | 600 | 10 | SHILLONG | 1000 | 15 |
| VARANASI | 1200 | 14 | AIZWAL | 2200 | 30 |
| AGRA | 600 | 8 | DIMAPUR | 850 | 12 |
| DEHRADUN | 800 | 14 | AGARTALA | 900 | 14 |
| **WEST ZONE** | | | **SOUTH ZONE** | | |
| RAIPUR | 1400 | 16 | PORT BLAIR | 1600 | 18 |
| PANAJI | NR | NR | HYDERABAD | 1200 | 14 |
| AHMEDABAD | 1100 | 15 | VIJAYWADA | 1633 | 18 |
| RAJKOT | 1275 | 15 | VISAKHAPATNAM | 767 | 13 |
| BHOPAL | 1300 | 15 | BENGALURU | 1700 | 19 |
| INDORE | 1000 | 15 | DHARWAD | 2100 | 22 |
| GWALIOR | 1700 | 20 | T.PURAM | 2100 | 23 |
| JABALPUR | NR | NR | ERNAKULAM | 2200 | 24 |
| MUMBAI | 1325 | 24 | KOZHIKODE | 1700 | 21 |
| NAGPUR | 1115 | 16 | PUDUCHERRY | 2000 | 22 |
| JAIPUR | 500 | 10 | CHENNAI | 1200 | 17 |
| JODHPUR | 600 | 9 | DINDIGUL | NR | NR |
| KOTA | 1000 | 15 | THIRUCHIRAPALLI | 1400 | 16 |

(Source: State Civil Supplies Dept)

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