

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

According to latest update, area sown until 27 January'17 is 315.55 lakh hectares compared to 292.52 lakh hectares in the previous Rabi season. Among various states the area is down in Jammu & Kashmir and Karnataka, whereas Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have seen an increase in area compared to last year for the same date. The normal area is 304.05 lakh hectares. Area is expected to be higher this year as government has increased MSP of wheat which has motivated farmers to sow more area.

All India weekly average prices increased by 2.17 percent to Rs. 2060.35 per quintal during the week ended 23rd January 2017. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 2016.64 per quintal during 09-15th January 2017. As compared to prices in the week 16-23rd January 2016, the prices are firm by 18.19 percent. Prices are expected to remain range bound to slightly firm in coming days.

Wheat WPI has increased slightly from 245 in November to 251.7 in December-2016. Monthly wheat inflation has increased by 2.73 percent in December-16 compared to November-16. As compared to December-15 wheat WPI has increased by around 12.82 percent.

As per latest update, India is expected to receive around 1MMT of wheat in January'17. This will include delayed shipments from last year as well as shipments that were booked for this month only. This may lead to congestion at Indian ports. Around 700,000 tonnes is expected from Ukraine and the remaining from Australia for the month. Furthermore Indian crop has entered crucial stages and any further deals will depend on how the crop shapes up. As of now, not many new deals are being signed.

As per latest update, FCI has sold around 83000 tonnes of wheat in the first week of January. For the year 2016-17, FCI has sold around 37.3 lakh tonnes of wheat until last week of December. Of this total quantity around 32 lakh tonnes has been purchased by millers and the remaining quantity by state governments. Government has increased its release in OMSS but it is still lower compared to last year.

Pressure on cash wheat market may continue as recent rains in major growing belts and decreasing temperature are considered to be favorable for standing crop and its better growth. Crop is in developmental stage and farmers are happy with short spell of rains. One –two spell of rains in Jan end and Feb would help in attaining better yield. Import flows continue and domestic demand remains restricted. All these developments would not allow wheat market to get firmer.

To ease supply side and check price in the open market, FCI has revised its grain stocks norms for third quarter beginning in the month of October and January while rules for July and April have remained unchanged. Under the revised norms FCI needs to maintain wheat stocks of 19.5 million tonne (MT) and 12.8 MT on October 1 and January 1, respectively. Now it needs to maintain 1MMT less wheat. As on December 1, FCI had a wheat stock of 16.49 MT, against the buffer stocks norm of 13.8 MT required to be maintained on January 1. This implies that the corporation would be left with virtually no excess wheat stocks starting next year as it requires around 2.5 MT of grain monthly for Public Distribution System.

At import front situation seems to be turning in favor of south Indian millers after revision of import duty to Zero. Wheat from Ukraine is arrived at Chennai and Tuticorin port at \$195.23 per tonne and \$199.93 per tonne respectively. In October India imported 5.41 lakh tonne wheat at an average CIF of \$221.97 per tonne. Import is likely to continue as prices in domestic market rules higher. As import duty is slashed, import volume may exceed 2MMT in current MY. It would impact south Indian millers demand from central and north India. Off-take from central pool would decrease.

International Market Update:

General authority for supply commodities of Egypt has bought around 60000 tonnes of Ukrainian wheat in a tender. The said quantity was purchased at FoB \$188.74 per tonne and \$12.3 per tonne freight. The offers were made by Louis Dreyfus, Daewoo, ECTP, ADM, Olam, etc. Participation in GASC tenders has increased but it's still low compared to before ergot problems.

According to latest update by International Grains Council, the production forecast has been increased by 3 million tons for crop year 2016-17. The production may touch 752 million tons against a forecast of 736 million tons for 2015-16. The difference is around 16 million tons. Higher projection for wheat may pressurize global wheat at current level and any major recovery from current level is unlikely.

As per latest update, Australia is likely to produce around 33 MMT of wheat in 2016-17 surpassing its own record of 29.9 MMT set five years ago. Given the increase in production, Australia is expected to have around 53% more exportable volume compared to last year. Prices for the new crop are lower compared to last year, as Australian premium wheat with minimum 10.5% protein content was quoted around \$199/mt FoB Kwinana compared to \$212-213/mt last year and Australian standard white wheat with minimum 9% protein content was quoted around \$186/mt FoB Kwinana which is around \$5-10/mt less compared to black sea wheat with 11.5% protein content.

Outlook: Cash market is expected to trade steady to slightly weak in the near term.

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price								Date:27.01.2017	
Contract Month	Ch. from previous day	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
17-Feb	+4	1862	1876	1855	1860	1340	+1,040	5530	+500
17-Mar	+1	1764	1773	1760	1760	340	+70	1190	+10
17-Apr	0	1680	1680	1680	1680	10	0	200	0

Spread	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	
Spot Narela				
17-Feb	-105			
17-Mar		-100		
17-Apr			-80	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	25.Jan.17	25.Jan.17	25.Jan.17	23.Jan.17
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	5123	0	5123	6940
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 27.01.2017

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			27-Jan-17	25-Jan-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	2050	2075	-25
	Narela	Mill Quality Loose	NR	Closed	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	2000	Closed	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1840	1850	-10
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1980	1980	Unch
	Surat	Mill Delivery	2010	2010	Unch
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	2135	2160	-25
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	Closed	1950	-
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1850	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1825	-
		Mill Delivery	Closed	1925	-
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	2015	2015	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1925	1900	25
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1900	1900	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1900	1935	-35
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1920	1910	10
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1890	1890	Unch
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1920	1910	10

	Hodal	Mill Delivery	2000	2000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1970	2000	-30
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	Closed	2300	-
	Madurai	Mill Quality	Closed	2357	-
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	Closed	2357	-
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	2100	2100	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1950	1950	Unch
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NR	NR	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NR	NR	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			27-Jan-17	25-Jan-17	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	2050	2050	Unch
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	Closed	2200	-
	Bhopal	Lokwan	Closed	1950	-
	Bina	Sarbati 306	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Lokwan Bilty	Closed	2000	-
	Baran	Lokwan	NR	1900	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			27-Jan-17	25-Jan-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1000	1500	-500
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	NR	Closed	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	50	Closed	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	1500	1200	300
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	13	15	-2
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1000	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	Closed	3000	-
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	NR	2600	-
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	150	100	50
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	200	400	-200
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	100	150	-50
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	170	180	-10
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	NA	500	-
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	100	50	50
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50	50	Unch

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	200	200	Unch
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat Products Delhi	27-Jan-17	25-Jan-17	Change
Atta (50kg) Ordinary	1085	1085	Unch
Maida Grade 1 (50KG)	1505	1505	Unch
Suji (50kg)	1510	1510	Unch
Chokar (50 kg)	874	874	Unch
Chokar (34 kg)	621	621	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg)	1210	1210	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Special	1210	1210	Unch
Chakki Atta (90kg) Superfine	1968	1968	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Superfine	1070	1070	Unch

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price: 26.01.2017					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
17-Mar	425.25	430.50	421.75	427.00	2.50
17-May	439.00	443.75	435.00	440.50	2.00
17-Jul	453.50	457.75	449.50	455.00	1.50
17-Sep	468.50	472.25	464.25	469.75	1.25
17-Dec	485.75	489.50	482.00	486.75	0.75
18-Mar	501.50	501.50	495.00	499.00	0.75

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