

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:

GASC has purchased 410000 tonnes of Russian wheat through tender after abolishing its zero-tolerance policy towards ergot. Louis Dreyfus offered 60000 tonnes at FOB \$192.74/tonne, Aston offered 60000 tonnes at FOB of \$194/tonne, Grainbow offered 60000 tonnes at FOB \$192.25/tonne, ECTP offered 60000 tonnes at FOB \$192.7/tonne, Alegrow offered 60000 tonnes at FOB \$192.75/tonne and Glencore offered two cargoes of 55000 tonnes each at FOB \$192/tonne.

As per latest update, Japan's ministry of agriculture bought 110687 MMT of food quality wheat from United States and Canada. Around 60610 MMT has been bought from United States and 50077 MMT has been bought from Canada with minimum protein content of 13.5 percent. The quantity from U.S. will be loaded between February 21-March 20 and the quantity from Canada will be loaded between March 21-April 20.

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.

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	+7	1862	1876	1855	1863	1340	+1,040	5530	+500
17-Mar	+9	1764	1773	1760	1768	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	-102			
17-Mar		-95		
17-Apr			-88	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	27.Jan.17	27.Jan.17	27.Jan.17	23.Jan.17
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	4838	0	4838	6940
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 28.01.2017

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			28-Jan-17	27-Jan-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	2110	2050	60
	Narela	Mill Quality Loose	1960	NR	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	2000	2000	Unch
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1840	1840	Unch
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1980	1980	Unch
	Surat	Mill Delivery	2010	2010	Unch
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	2080	2135	-55
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1900	Closed	-
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1825	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1870	Closed	-
		Mill Delivery	1950	Closed	-
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	NR	2015	-
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1925	1925	Unch
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1900	1900	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1850	1900	-50
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1920	1920	Unch
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1890	1890	Unch
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1920	1920	Unch

	Hodal	Mill Delivery	2000	2000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1960	1970	-10
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2300	Closed	-
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2357	Closed	-
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2357	Closed	-
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
			28-Jan-17	27-Jan-17	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	2050	2050	Unch
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	2200	Closed	-
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1950	Closed	-
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2250	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	LokwanBilty	2100	Closed	-
	Baran	Lokwan	1875	NR	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			28-Jan-17	27-Jan-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1000	1000	Unch
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	100	NR	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	100	50	50
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	1200	1500	-300
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	9	13	-4
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	1000	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	2000	Closed	-
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	-
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	100	150	-50
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	500	200	300
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	700	100	600
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	170	170	Unch
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	100	100	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50	50	Unch

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	150	200	-50
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat Products Delhi	28-Jan-17	27-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:27.01.2017					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
17-Mar	426.50	427.50	419.25	420.50	-6.50
17-May	440.00	440.75	433.00	434.50	-6.00
17-Jul	454.25	455.00	447.50	449.25	-5.75
17-Sep	467.75	469.00	462.25	464.00	-5.75
17-Dec	485.50	486.25	479.75	481.75	-5.00
18-Mar	496.75	498.00	492.50	494.00	-5.00

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