

**Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:**

**Government may impose import duty on wheat in order to restrict the flow of imported wheat and provide favorable grounds for the upcoming wheat crop.** Currently Australian and Ukrainian FoB are coming around \$178/tonne and \$188/tonne. In the current MY 2016-17, more than 4.5 MMT of wheat has already been imported. Government has already made it compulsory for wheat shipments to be fumigated in the exporter's country. India is expecting a good crop this year and government has set a procurement target of 33 MMT higher by 10% compared to last year.

**All India weekly average prices increased by 1.48 percent to Rs. 1979.74 per quintal** during the week ended 08th March 2017. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 1950.91 per quintal during 24-28 February 2017. As compared to prices in the week 01-08 March 2016, the prices are firm by 17.80 percent. Prices are expected to remain range bound to slightly weak in coming days.

**Government agencies have started procurement in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat since 15th March'17.** On first day of procurement, government agencies procured around 6570 tonnes of wheat at MSP. Of this quantity 6435 tonnes was procured from Madhya Pradesh and 135 tonnes from Gujarat. No quantity was procured from Rajasthan as arrivals are very low. Procurement in other states like Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh will start from 01st April'17. In Rabi marketing season 2017-18 government has set procurement target of 33 MMT.

**As per latest update, wheat stock in central pool as on 1st March'17 stood at 9.429 MMT** down by 18.19% compared to last month. This is the lowest quantity recorded in the last ten years. In the month of February around 3.40 lakh tonnes of wheat was sold. For the year 2016-17, government has sold around 44.91 lakh tonnes of wheat until first week of March. As per second advance estimate for 2016-17 wheat production is likely to be around 96.6 MMT and the procurement target has been fixed at 33 MMT higher by ten percent compared to last year.

**Wheat WPI has decreased from 250.3 in January to 247.7 in February-2017.** Monthly wheat inflation has decreased by 1.04 percent in February-17 compared to January-17. As compared to February-16, wheat WPI has increased by around 8.36% and by 14.36% compared to February -2015.

**As per market sources, Government has sold around 75800 tonnes of wheat** in the second week of March compared to 74000 tonnes in the first week of March. In the month of February around 3.40 lakh tonnes of wheat was sold. For the year 2016-17, government has sold around 44.91 lakh tonnes of wheat until first week of March.

**According to latest update, area sown until 03 February'17 is 317.81 lakh hectares** compared to 297.25 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.

**International Market Update:**

**As per latest update, Japan's ministry of agriculture bought 117689 MMT of food quality wheat** from United States, Australia and Canada. Around 57100 MMT has been bought from United States with minimum protein content of 14 percent to be loaded between April 21-May 20, 35729 MMT has been bought from Canada with minimum protein content of 13.5 percent to be loaded between May 1- May 31 and 24860 MMT from west Australia to be loaded between May 21-June 20.

**Ukrainian farmers have sown spring grains on 359100 hectares** of land compared to 671000 hectares last year. Of the total grains, spring wheat is 7600 hectares. Furthermore of the total winter wheat planted in Ukraine around 5981500 or 97.8% has emerged and about 83 percent of winter wheat is in good or satisfactory condition.

**As per latest update, china has sold 474320 tonnes of wheat** for average price of 2507 yuan (\$363.08) per tonne at an auction of state reserves on Tuesday. The quantity sold represents around 18.07 percent of 2625031 tonnes of wheat available at auction.

**GASC has purchased 420000 tonnes of wheat** through tender after abolishing its zero-tolerance policy towards ergot. Of the total quantity 300000 tonnes is of Russian origin, 60000 tonnes is of Ukrainian origin and 60000 tonnes is of French origin. Louis Dreyfus offered 60000 tonnes Ukrainian wheat at FOB \$195/tonne, Olam offered 60000 tonnes Russian wheat at FOB of \$195.9/tonne, Louis Dreyfus offered 60000 tonnes Russian wheat at FOB \$197/tonne, AOS offered 60000 tonnes Russian wheat at FOB \$197.65/tonne, Aston offered 60000 tonnes Russian wheat at FOB \$197.65/tonne, Daewoo offered 60000 tonnes Russian wheat at FOB \$197.7/tonne and Casillo offered 60000 tonnes French wheat at FOB \$195.84/tonne.

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

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price								Date:23.03.2017	
Contract Month	Ch. from previous day	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
17-Apr	+10	1663	1684	1661	1673	3790	+1,790	5500	+1,170
17-May	+11	1690	1700	1688	1695	950	0	3560	+110
17-June	+19	1710	1725	1710	1722	300	+170	600	+60

Spread	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	
Spot Narela				
17-Apr	-157			
17-May		22		
17-Jun			27	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	21.Mar.17	21.Mar.17	21.Mar.17	20.Mar.17
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	1519	0	1519	1519
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

### Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 23.03.2017

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			23-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1910	1910	Unch
	Narela	Mill Quality Loose	1830	Closed	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	1800	Closed	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1540	1540	Unch
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1700	1710	-10
	Surat	Mill Delivery	1725	1740	-15
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	2185	1920	265
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1625	1600	25
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1600	1625	-25
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1550	1560	-10
		Mill Delivery	1650	1640	10
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	1785	1815	-30
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1680	1735	-55
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1770	1750	20
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1705	1705	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1700	Closed	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1630	1650	-20
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1750	1750	Unch

	Hodal	Mill Delivery	1845	1845	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1750	1780	-30
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2000	2000	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2057	2057	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2057	2057	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1700	1700	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NR	NR	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NR	NR	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			23-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	1700	1760	-60
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	1900	1900	Unch
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1750	1800	-50
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2200	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	LokwanBilty	1750	1700	50
	Baran	Lokwan	1750	1750	Unch

### Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			23-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	2500	3000	-500
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	125	Closed	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	30	Closed	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	9000	12000	-3000
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	157	122	35
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	2000	2000	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	25000	10000	15000
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	2800	3000	-200
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	500	60	440
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	325	300	25
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	30	30	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	50	Closed	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1500	500	1000
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	200	100	100
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	200	300	-100

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

Wheat Products Delhi	23-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	Change
Atta (50kg) Ordinary	1010	1010	Unch
Maida Grade 1 (50KG)	1415	1415	Unch
Suji (50kg)	1515	1515	Unch
Chokar (50 kg)	779	779	Unch
Chokar (34 kg)	531	531	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg)	1160	1160	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Special	1160	1160	Unch
Chakki Atta (90kg) Superfine	1918	1918	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Superfine	1020	1020	Unch

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price:22.03.2017					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
17-May	427.00	427.25	421.25	422.25	-4.25
17-Jul	442.50	442.75	436.25	437.50	-4.75
17-Sep	458.75	458.75	452.50	453.50	-4.75
17-Dec	478.00	478.25	472.75	473.25	-4.25
18-Mar	489.50	491.75	487.00	487.50	-4.50
18-May	499.00	499.00	495.00	495.25	-3.75

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