

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

Government agencies have started procurement since 15th March'17. Until 23rd May'17 government has procured around 289.94 lakh tonnes of wheat. Of the total quantity procured, around 65.33 lakh tonnes has been procured from Madhya Pradesh, 74.11 lakh tonnes from Haryana, 116.50 lakh tonnes from Punjab and 23.28 lakh tonnes from Uttar Pradesh. In Rabi marketing season 2017-18 government has set procurement target of 330 LMT. Government has achieved 87.86% of its procurement target. Last year government was able to procure only 229 lakh tonnes due to lower production.

All India weekly average prices increased by 3.16 percent to Rs. 1887.57 per quintal during the week ended 15th May 2017. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 1829.75 per quintal during 01-08 May 2017. As compared to prices in the week 09-15 May 2016, the prices are firm by 13.00 percent. Prices are expected to remain range bound to slightly weak in coming days.

Government stock as on 01st May'17 stood at 277.05 lakh tonnes compared to 314.45 lakh tonnes at the same date last year. Due to two consecutive bad crops government was not able to procure as per their target and had to sell more in OMSS to keep the prices under control which led to fall in stocks. However this year production is better and procurement has crossed 283 lakh tonnes as on 18th May and government will sell less through OMSS which may lead to some recovery in central pool stock.

As per market sources, India's wheat imports have slowed down due to good domestic crop. Furthermore around 1.8 million tonnes of imported wheat from Australia and Black sea region is lying unsold in port silos. For marketing year 2017-18 demand for imported wheat is likely to be low and India may import around 2-3 million tonnes.

Government is likely to sell around 40 lakh tonnes of wheat in MY 2017-18 compared to 46 lakh tonnes in MY 2016-17. Due to low production in last two years, wheat stock in central pool dwindled to five year lows. As of now government is procuring intensively to replenish its stocks. Furthermore millers and traders are also not having any trouble in procuring this year due to ample availability.

As per third advance estimate for 2016-17 wheat production is likely to be around 97.4 MMT which is higher compared to second advance estimate of 96.6 MMT issued in February 2017. Grain quality is better this year compared to last year and there are no issues relating to higher moisture and pest. This year overall acreage is higher by around 4.5% over normal acreage of 304.05 lakh hectares.

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:

Wheat yield in Ukraine is likely to fall to 3.72 tonnes per hectare from record level of 4.21 tonnes per hectare last year. If weather gets favorable in the upcoming days it can push yield up to last year's level however unfavorable weather conditions can reduce it to 3.4 tonnes per hectare. The ministry of Ukraine is likely to harvest around 6 million hectares. In 2016 Ukraine produced 26 million tonnes of wheat.

As per latest update around 52% of winter wheat is in good or excellent condition compared to 62% last year for the same period. Around 90% spring wheat has been planted as on 21st May'17 compared to 94% last year for the same period. Of the total spring wheat planted around 62% has emerged.

European Union has reduced its yield forecast for 2017 due to dry weather conditions in Spain and France. Furthermore cold weather in countries such as Germany and Poland is also posing threat to wheat crop. The yield for soft wheat has been revised down to 5.91 tonnes per hectare compared to 6.05 tonnes per hectare a month ago. However the current yield forecast is still higher by around 6.2 percent compared to last year and by 1.2 percent compared to mean yield of past five years.

Russian export prices moved up on purchase by Egypt and expectation that rouble will rise against dollar. Russian wheat with 12.5 percent protein was quoted at FoB \$185.5 per tonne, up by around \$1 per tonne compared to last week. Russia exported 24.9 million tonnes of wheat between July 1 and May 17 higher by 1.2 percent compared to last year.

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

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price								Date:24.05.2017	
Contract Month	Ch. from previous day	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
17-June	-7	1606	1615	1601	1604	2630	1,580	19500	150
17-July	-6	1635	1635	1626	1629	2310	1,610	8620	1,970
17-Aug	0	1659	1659	1659	1659	-	-	-	-

Spread	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	
Spot Narela				
17-Jun	-66			
17-Jul		25		
17-Aug			30	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	23.May.17	23.May.17	23.May.17	22.May.17
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	13363	149	13512	13214
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 24.05.2017

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			24-May-17	23-May-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1740	1735	5
	Narela	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1670	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1640	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Surat	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	1605	1620	-15
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1600	1600	Unch
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1600	1600	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1515	1520	-5
		Mill Delivery	1640	1640	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	1740	1735	5
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1555	1560	-5
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1572	1570	2
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1580	1580	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1560	1560	Unch
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1600	1610	-10
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	1750	1750	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1615	1615	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Delivery	1680	1690	-10

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1625	1625	Unch
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	1650	1660	-10
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	1625	1625	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	1980	1980	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2037	2037	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2037	2037	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1600	1650	-50
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1550	1550	Unch
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NR	NR	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NR	NR	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			24-May-17	23-May-17	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	NR	NR	-
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	1900	1900	Unch
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1660	1650	10
	Bina	Sarbati 306	Closed	2250	-
Rajasthan	Kota	LokwanBilty	1750	1750	Unch
	Baran	Lokwan	NR	NR	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			24-May-17	23-May-17	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	7000	6000	1000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	800	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	300	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	-
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	113	66	47
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	1000	1500	-500
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	20000	15000	5000
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	11500	NA	-
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	3000	1500	1500
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	2500	3000	-500
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	100	150	-50
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1000	500	500
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	800	700	100
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	100	200	-100
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	200	200	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	100	200	-100
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	2000	1500	500

	Karnal	Mill Delivery	2500	500	2000
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat Products Delhi	24-May-17	23-May-17	Change
Atta (50kg) Ordinary	985	985	Unch
Maida Grade 1 (50KG)	1340	1340	Unch
Suji (50kg)	1415	1415	Unch
Chokar (50 kg)	814	814	Unch
Chokar (34 kg)	519	519	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	1010	1010	Unch

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price:2305.2017					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
17-Jul	433.50	435.75	428.00	429.50	-4.75
17-Sep	447.25	449.50	442.25	444.00	-4.00
17-Dec	468.75	471.50	464.75	466.25	-3.50
18-Mar	487.75	489.50	483.50	485.00	-2.75
18-May	499.50	500.75	495.50	497.50	-1.75
18-Jul	508.50	508.50	506.25	507.25	-1.00

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