

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

All India weekly average prices increased by 11.25 percent to Rs. 1984.35 per quintal during the week ended 23rd February 2018. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 1783.61 per quintal during 09-15 February 2018. As compared to prices in the week 16-23 February 2017, the prices are weak by 6.63 percent. Prices are expected to remain steady to firm in coming days.

As per latest update, wheat stock in central pool as on 1st February'18 stood at 175.47 lakh tonnes down by 10.31% compared to last month. This quantity is higher by around 52.25% compared to last year for the same month. For the month of January'18 off take from central pool was around 20.15 lakh tonnes compared to 22.22 lakh tonnes for January'17 and 34.53 lakh tonnes for January'16. FCI is currently selling wheat through E-Auction at a reserve price of Rs. 1790 per quintal.

As per latest update thunderstorm accompanied with hailstorm is likely to occur at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, North Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Marathwada & Vidarbha. Farmers have been warned against bad weather in upcoming days and are advised to harvest their crops as early as possible, if they can or take adequate measures to minimize damage.

As per trade sources, import quotes for wheat from various origins to Tuticorin port, witnessed steady to slightly firm tone in the week. As of now Tuticorin port price for APW is being quoted at Rs 2100-2120 per quintal, ASW at Rs 2000-2030 per quintal and Ukrainian wheat at Rs 1840-1860 per quintal. Prices are likely to stay steady to firm in the coming week.

Government has fixed wheat procurement target at 32 MMT for 2018-19. Government target procurement for MY 2017-18 was 33 MMT against which it procured only 30.8 MMT.

According to latest update, area sown until 09th February'18 is 304.29 lakh hectares compared to 317.88 lakh hectares in the previous Rabi season. The normal area is 304.43 lakh hectares. Progressive area was reported lower in Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh compared to last year for same date.

As per latest update by DGCIIS, India has exported around 179699 metric tonnes of wheat in April-December (2017-18) compared to 218494 metric tonnes in April- December (2016-17). In terms of value, exports have decreased by around 13 percent. Overall condition for Indian wheat export is not favourable and export volume would remain low in coming months as other countries are able to provide wheat at lower prices.

As per Agriwatch preliminary estimate production is likely to be around 91.4 MMT compared to 93.5 MMT last year. Production is likely to fall due to lower acreage this year. As per fourth advance estimate for 2016-17 wheat production is likely to be around 98.8 MMT which is higher compared to third advance estimate of 97.4 MMT.

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International Market Update:

Russian milling wheat prices have become firm by \$2 per tonne compared to last week. Volatility in ruble, higher domestic prices and strong export demand especially to Egypt has strengthened price. Russia has produced around 85-86 MMT of wheat this year compared to 72 MMT last year. As of now Russian milling wheat with 12.5% protein content at Novorossiysk port is being quoted at FoB \$198-200/tonne whereas milling wheat whereas wheat with 12.5% protein content at Odessa is being quoted at FoB \$196-198/tonne.

As per latest update, Japan's ministry of agriculture bought 84683 MMT of food quality wheat from United States and Canada. Around 60463 MMT has been bought from United States and around 24220 MMT has been bought from Canada. Shipments from United States and Canada will be loaded between March 21 and April 20.

As per latest update by FranceAgrimer, French soft wheat exports to Non-European countries in 2017-18 season is likely to be around 9.0 MMT compared to forecast of 9.3 MMT in the previous month. It has also lowered its outlook for soft wheat shipments within EU to 8.45 MMT from 8.60 MMT last month. This downward revision of exports has led to increase in projected stocks of EU.

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

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price							Date: 23.02.2018 at 5:00 PM		
Contract Month	Ch. from previous day	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
18-Mar	+24	1795	1800	1770	1797	2,090	1,630	7270	530
18-Apr	+27	1750	1770	1750	1770	250	-40	370	40
18-May	-2	1751	1749	1749	1749	0	0	0	0

Spread	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	
Spot Narela				
18-Mar	97			
18-Apr		-27		
18-May			-21	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	23.Jan.18	23.Jan.18	23.Jan.18	19.Jan.18
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	5074	0	5074	5074
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 24.02.2018

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			24-Feb-18	23-Feb-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1805	1810	-5
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1700	1715	-15
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	1690	1710	-20
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1625	1660	-35
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1800	1830	-30
	Surat	Mill Delivery	1850	1900	-50
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	1815	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1750	1750	Unch
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1800	1800	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1650	1650	Unch
		Mill Delivery	1740	1740	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	1745	1740	5
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1650	1655	-5
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1620	1620	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1670	1660	10
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1640	1630	10
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	NA	1740	-
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1730	1730	Unch

	Hodal	Mill Delivery	1760	1760	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1780	1780	Unch
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	1725	1725	Unch
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	1625	1625	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2115	2115	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2172	2172	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2172	2172	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1700	1700	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1650	1650	Unch
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1830	1880	-50
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1830	1880	-50

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Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	1800	1900	-100
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	2200	2200	Unch
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1950	1950	Unch
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2425	2425	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	LokwanBilty	1790	1790	Unch
	Baran	Lokwan	1700	1725	-25

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			24-Feb-18	23-Feb-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	10000	8000	2000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	400	500	-100
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	100	200	-100
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	7000	6000	1000
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	28	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	2500	2500	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	4000	4000	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	500	500	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	500	400	100
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	400	400	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	400	430	-30
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	400	100	300
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	NA	500	-
	(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	500	600	-100
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price:23.2.2018					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	452.00	456.25	451.50	452.25	1.00
18-May	466.00	469.25	463.75	464.25	Unch
18-Jul	480.00	484.00	478.50	479.00	Unch
18-Sep	495.50	499.75	495.00	495.50	0.25
18-Dec	516.25	520.50	516.25	517.00	0.75
19-Mar	531.75	535.50	531.75	533.00	1.25

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