

**Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:**

**As per trade sources, import quotes for wheat from various origins to Tuticorin port, witnessed steady tone in the week.** As of now Tuticorin port price for APW is being quoted at Rs 2100-2110 per quintal, ASW at Rs 2010-2025 per quintal and Ukrainian wheat at Rs 1835-1850 per quintal. Ample availability in the market is keeping global wheat prices under pressure.

**As per latest update, India has imported around 242.12 thousand tonnes of wheat in November'17,** lower compared to October'17. India has imported a total of 1394.09 thousand tonnes of wheat since April'17 until November'17. Imports are likely to fall in upcoming months as government has increased import duty from 10 percent to 20 percent. India has imported 5957.79 thousand tonnes of wheat in 2016-17 due to two consecutive bad crops.

**The demand for Indian wheat in the international market is low.** Export window remains restricted due to huge disparity. Other countries like Australia, Russia and Ukraine are able to provide wheat at lower quotes compared to India. In the month of November, India exported 14.53 thousand tonnes of wheat compared to 36.87 in the previous month. India has exported 179.69 thousand tonnes of wheat since April'17 until November'17.

**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.

**FCI has offered a total of 36598612 tonnes of wheat through E-Auction since June until second tender in February.** Of the total quantity offered, only 1036150 tonnes of wheat has been sold until second tender in February. Sales through E-Auction of wheat are at lower side this year due to high domestic production and imports.

**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.

**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 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.

**International Market Update:**

**The state grains agency of Tunisia has purchased around 25000 tonnes of durum wheat** in a tender which closed on Friday. The durum wheat can be sourced from optional origins and has been purchased at \$288.25 a tonne (Cost and Freight). The said quantity has to be shipped between August and September.

**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 with 12.5% protein content at Odessa is being quoted at FoB \$196-198/tonne.

**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 Contact: NCDEX Price							Date: 26.02.2018 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	-25	1781	1783	1761	1766	780	-1,310	7140	-130
18-Apr	-30	1770	1770	1740	1740	70	-180	390	20
18-May	0	1749	1749	1749	1749	0	0	0	0

Spread	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	
Spot Narela				
18-Mar	66			
18-Apr		-26		
18-May			9	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	24.Jan.18	24.Jan.18	24.Jan.18	19.Jan.18
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	5074	0	5074	5074
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

## Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 26.02.2018

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			26-Feb-18	24-Feb-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1780	1805	-25
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1700	1700	Unch
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	1700	1690	10
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1575	1625	-50
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1810	1800	10
	Surat	Mill Delivery	1850	1850	Unch
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1750	1750	Unch
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1800	1800	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1640	1650	-10
		Mill Delivery	1740	1740	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	1740	1745	-5
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1700	1650	50
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	NR	1620	-
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1660	1670	-10
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1640	1640	Unch
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1740	NA	-
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1730	1730	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Delivery	1760	1760	Unch

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1760	1780	<b>-20</b>
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	1725	1725	<b>Unch</b>
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	1625	1625	<b>Unch</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Chennai	Mill Quality	2115	2115	<b>Unch</b>
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2172	2172	<b>Unch</b>
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2172	2172	<b>Unch</b>
<b>Bihar</b>	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1700	1700	<b>Unch</b>
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1650	1650	<b>Unch</b>
<b>FOR</b>	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1800	1830	<b>-30</b>
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1800	1830	<b>-30</b>

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			26-Feb-18	24-Feb-18	
<b>Gujarat</b>	Rajkot	Lokwan	1800	1800	<b>Unch</b>
<b>M.P.</b>	Indore	Lokwan	2200	2200	<b>Unch</b>
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1950	1950	<b>Unch</b>
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2400	2425	<b>-25</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Kota	LokwanBilty	1790	1790	<b>Unch</b>
	Baran	Lokwan	1700	1700	<b>Unch</b>

### Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			26-Feb-18	24-Feb-18	
<b>Delhi</b>	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	11000	10000	<b>1000</b>
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	500	400	<b>100</b>
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	150	100	<b>50</b>
<b>Gujarat</b>	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	11000	7000	<b>4000</b>
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	<b>-</b>
<b>M.P.</b>	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	2000	2500	<b>-500</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Kota	Mill Quality	4000	4000	<b>Unch</b>
<b>U.P.</b>	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	500	500	<b>Unch</b>
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	400	500	<b>-100</b>
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	NR	400	<b>-</b>
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	500	400	<b>100</b>
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	200	400	<b>-200</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	400	NA	<b>-</b>
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	<b>-</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	100	100	<b>Unch</b>
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50	50	<b>Unch</b>
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	400	500	<b>-100</b>

	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
<b>18-Mar</b>	452.00	456.25	451.50	452.25	<b>1.00</b>
<b>18-May</b>	466.00	469.25	463.75	464.25	<b>Unch</b>
<b>18-Jul</b>	480.00	484.00	478.50	479.00	<b>Unch</b>
<b>18-Sep</b>	495.50	499.75	495.00	495.50	<b>0.25</b>
<b>18-Dec</b>	516.25	520.50	516.25	517.00	<b>0.75</b>
<b>19-Mar</b>	531.75	535.50	531.75	533.00	<b>1.25</b>

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