

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

As per France custom department, India has imported no wheat since July'17 until January'18 compared to 107910 tonnes during the same period in 2016-2017. India fulfilled its import requirement by buying from Black sea region and Australia.

FCI will offer a total quantity 1204000 tonnes of wheat in different states through e-auction on 03rd March at a reserve price of Rs 1790 per quintal. Sales through E-Auction of wheat are at lower side this year due to high domestic production and imports.

India has received 12.6 mm of actual rainfall against 22.2 mm of normal rainfall in the month of February 2018. In the month of February 2018, deficient rainfall was recorded in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, West Madhya Pradesh, etc. No rain was seen in Gujarat region in the same month. Temperatures have been increasing in past week impacting growth period of wheat in maturity stage. Moderate rain in upcoming days is likely to benefit standing crop.

All India weekly average prices decreased by 10.63 percent to Rs. 1773.42 per quintal during the week ended 28th February 2018. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 1984.35 per quintal during 16-23 February 2018. As compared to prices in the week 24-28 February 2017, the prices are weak by 14.17 percent. Prices are expected to remain steady to firm in coming days.

As per trade sources, import quotes for wheat from various origins to Tuticorin port, witnessed steady to firm tone in the week. As of now Tuticorin port price for APW is being quoted at Rs 2180-2200 per quintal, ASW at Rs 2020-2030 per quintal and Ukrainian wheat at Rs 1850-1855 per quintal. Ample availability in the market is keeping global wheat prices under pressure.

Authorities in Punjab have advised farmers to use pesticides to protect their wheat crop from aphids aka tela. Tela usually attacks the crop during rising temperatures. Farmers have reported tela in Kapurthala, Pathankot, Amritsar and Jalandhar districts. Wheat fields those are close to mustard crop have been affected more as yellow color attracts the insect. Punjab is likely to receive rains in coming days, which would lead to death of the pest. Furthermore Kurukshetra district of Haryana has also reported yellow rust on a small scale. Overall crop condition in both the states is good.

As per latest update, showers accompanied with hailstorm were noticed in Jaipur, Alwar, Sawai Madhopur and Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan. No reports of damage to wheat crop have been received yet. However there are news that mustard crop have been slightly affected. Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje too has ordered for an early crop assessment to take further actions, if need be.

As per second advance estimate, India is likely to produce 97.11 MMT of wheat compared to 98.51 MMT in previous year. The total food grain production is expected at record 277.49 MMT compared to 275.11 MMT last year. This year overall acreage is lower by around 4.27% compared to last years' acreage of 317.88 lakh hectares.

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:

Major feedmill group of south korea has purchased around 65000 tonnes of feed wheat at \$233.40/tonne cost and freight. Around \$1.5 per tonne will be charged for port unloading. The quantity is likely to be shipped between May 11 and June 10. Feed wheat can be sourced from any origin except Pakistan, India, Denmark and Argentina.

Japan is likely to raise imported wheat price for domestic millers by 3.5 percent. As of now the average price is around 54370 yen (\$513) per tonne. This move was taken due to higher to higher price quotes by supplier, increase in shipping rates and a weaker yen. Japan buys most of its milling wheat through import tenders from Australia, Canada and the United States.

As per latest update, China has lifted embargo on import of wheat from Russia's Amur and Chelyabinsk region. In 2016, China lifted embargo from Russia's Novosibirsk, Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk and Altai regions. China bought 0.4 percent (17966 tonnes) of its total wheat from Russia in 2017.

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

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price							Date: 08.03.2018 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	-3	1772	1772	1768	1769	470	-90	5840	-200
18-Apr	-1	1782	1782	1782	1782	10	-130	790	10
18-May	0	1738	1738	1738	1738	0	0	0	0

Spread	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	
Spot Narela				
18-Mar	69			
18-Apr		13		
18-May			-44	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	07.Mar.18	07.Mar.18	07.Mar.18	05.Mar.18
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	5074	0	5074	5074
Rajkot	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 08.03.2018

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			8-Mar-18	7-Mar-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1800	1795	5
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1700	Closed	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	1685	Closed	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1600	1590	10
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1820	1800	20
	Surat	Mill Delivery	1870	1850	20
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	1750	1720	30
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1750	1750	Unch
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1800	1710	90
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1615	1580	35
		Mill Delivery	1750	1660	90
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	1745	1750	-5
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1680	NR	-
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1600	NR	-
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NA	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1640	Closed	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1740	1740	Unch
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1730	1730	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Delivery	1750	1750	Unch

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1720	1720	Unch
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	1725	1725	Unch
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	1625	1625	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2100	2115	-15
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2157	2172	-15
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2157	2172	-15
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1700	1700	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1650	1600	50
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1830	1830	Unch
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1830	1830	Unch

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			8-Mar-18	7-Mar-18	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	1850	1800	50
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	2100	2100	Unch
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1900	1900	Unch
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2400	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	LokwanBilty	1800	1750	50
	Baran	Lokwan	NR	NR	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			8-Mar-18	7-Mar-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	4000	10000	-6000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	300	Closed	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	100	Closed	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	8000	10000	-2000
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	74	13	61
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	2000	1000	1000
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	3000	3500	-500
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	400	400	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	250	NR	-
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	250	NR	-
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NA	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	300	Closed	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	300	1000	-700
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	200	100	100
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50	50	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	200	200	Unch

	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat Products Delhi	8-Mar-18	7-Mar-18	Change
Atta (50kg) Ordinary	1015	1015	Unch
Maida Grade 1 (50KG)	1135	1135	Unch
Suji (50kg)	1190	1190	Unch
Chokar (50 kg)	744	744	Unch
Chokar (34 kg)	516	516	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg)	1025	1025	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Special	1025	1025	Unch
Chakki Atta (90kg) Superfine	NA	NA	-
Chakki Atta (50kg) Superfine	1100	1100	Unch

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price:07.3.2018					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	505.00	505.00	493.00	493.00	-9.00
18-May	504.75	509.75	496.00	497.25	-9.75
18-Jul	519.00	524.25	511.75	513.00	-8.25
18-Sep	533.50	539.50	527.50	529.00	-7.25
18-Dec	554.00	558.50	547.25	548.75	-6.00
19-Mar	566.50	573.00	561.00	562.50	-6.75

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