

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

As per trade source, India has imported around 30780.34 tonne wheat from Australia in the month of February at an average CIF of \$256.50 per tonne. The entire quantity has been imported at Tuticorin port. Furthermore, no wheat has been imported in the month of March due to expectation of good crop.

As per trade source, India has exported around 1.84 thousand tonnes in the month of March compared to 1.82 thousand tonnes in February. The quantity in March was exported at an average FOB of \$ 369.51 per tonne and the major destinations were UAE, UK, Sri Lanka and Somalia. Exports are likely to be at lower side as other countries are able to provide quality wheat at competitive prices.

Wheat WPI has increased slightly from 140.0 in February -18 to 141.2 in March-2018. Monthly wheat inflation has increased by 0.86 percent in March -2018 compared to previous month. As compared to February -2017 wheat WPI has decreased by around 1.19 percent.

As per trade sources, import quotes for wheat from various origins to Tuticorin port, witnessed weak tone in the week. Traders are not quoting prices for APW due to lower availability. As of now Tuticorin port price ASW at Rs 1940-1960 per quintal and Ukrainian wheat at Rs 1765-1780 per quintal. Ample availability in the market is keeping global wheat prices under pressure.

All India weekly average prices increased by 1.85 percent to Rs. 1940.47 per quintal during the week ended 15th April 2018. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 1905.23 per quintal during 01-08 April 2018. As compared to prices in the week 09-15 April 2017, the prices are weak by 1.27 percent. Prices are expected to remain steady to weak in coming days due to arrival pressure.

Rains in past days have affected crop in various states across India. As per director of Agriculture department Uttar Pradesh around 20-25% crop has been affected. In Haryana, no major loss has been reported as per state agriculture department. In Punjab around 2% of crop has been hit as per director of agriculture. Furthermore, officials in Punjab believe that bright sunshine after rain has limited damage to the crop. Rajasthan has already harvested around 70% of their wheat, however reports of severe damage has been received from bharatpur and dholpur districts. Recent aberration in weather may lead to discoloration of grain and quality issues.

Government agencies have started procurement since 15th March'18. Until 12th April'18 government has procured around 22.79 lakh tonnes of wheat. Of the total quantity procured, around 0.46 lakh tonnes have been procured from Punjab, 9.93 lakh tonnes from Haryana, 1.98 lakh tonnes from Uttar Pradesh, 19.15 lakh tonnes have been procured from Madhya Pradesh, 1.27 lakh tonnes in Rajasthan, 0.01 lakh tonnes from Uttarakhand, 0.01 lakh tonnes from Chandigarh and 0.13 lakh tonnes from Gujarat. In Rabi marketing season 2018-19 government has set procurement target of 32 MMT.

FCI has offered a total of 42719512 tonnes of wheat through E-Auction since June until fifth tender in March. FCI was able to sell 1421800 tonnes in the tenders issued. Sales through E-Auction of wheat are at lower side this year due to high domestic production and imports.

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.

International Market Update:

Egypt has set its local wheat price at 570-600 Egyptian Pounds (\$32-34) per ardeb. Farmers are not appreciating this price and have warned that they can shift to more profitable crop in the season. Egypt procured 3.6 MMT of wheat from local market in last season.

Russian milling wheat prices have become firm by \$2-3 per tonne compared to last week. Sliding ruble 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 \$210.00-214.00/tonne whereas milling wheat whereas wheat with 12.5% protein content at Odessa is being quoted at FoB \$210.00-213.00/tonne.

Algeria state grains agency OAIC has bought around 330000 tonnes of milling wheat in a tender that closed on Tuesday. The price paid was around \$229.00 per tonne (Cost and Freight). The quantity to be shipped is due in June. The milling wheat can be sourced from various origins but most of it is likely to be purchased from France.

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

| Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price | | | | | | | Date: 18.04.2018 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-Apr | 0 | 1667 | 1668 | 1664 | 1667 | 2460 | 1,990 | 2460 | 0 |
| 18-May | -5 | 1692 | 1705 | 1691 | 1691 | 270 | -790 | 2170 | 10 |
| 18-Jun | 5 | 1729 | 1730 | 1729 | 1730 | 20 | -80 | 100 | 0 |

| Spread | Apr-18 | May-18 | June-18 | |
|-------------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| Spot Narela | | | | |
| 18-Apr | -3 | | | |
| 18-May | | 24 | | |
| 18-June | | | 39 | |

| Stocks | Demat | In- Process | Total | FED |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 17.Apr.18 | 17.Apr.18 | 17.Apr.18 | 16.Apr.18 |
| Delhi | - | - | - | - |
| Itarsi | - | - | - | - |
| Kanpur | - | - | - | - |
| Kota | 3274 | 50 | 3324 | 3274 |
| Baran | 0 | 30 | 30 | - |

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 18.04.2018

| Centre | Market | Variety | Prices (Rs/Qtl) | | Change |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | 18-Apr-18 | 17-Apr-18 | |
| Delhi | Lawrence Road | Mill Delivery | 1775 | 1770 | 5 |
| | Narella | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1670 | - |
| | Nazafgarh | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1655 | - |
| Gujarat | Rajkot | Mill Delivery | 1550 | 1535 | 15 |
| | Ahmedabad | Mill Delivery | 1725 | 1720 | 5 |
| | Surat | Mill Delivery | 1750 | 1750 | Unch |
| | Dhrol | Mill Quality Loose | NR | 1860 | - |
| M.P. | Indore | Mill Delivery | 1675 | 1700 | -25 |
| | Bhopal | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1700 | - |
| Rajasthan | Kota | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1560 | - |
| | | Mill Delivery | Closed | 1675 | - |
| U.P. | Kanpur | Mill Delivery | 1710 | 1715 | -5 |
| | Mathura | Mill Quality Loose | 1545 | 1565 | -20 |
| | Kosi | Mill Quality Loose | 1570 | 1585 | -15 |
| | Hathras | Mill Quality Loose | 1625 | 1625 | Unch |
| | Aligarh | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1610 | - |
| Punjab | Khanna | Mill Quality Loose | 1735 | 1735 | Unch |
| | Ludhiana (Jagraon) | Mill Delivery | 1760 | 1760 | Unch |
| Haryana | Sirsa | Mill Delivery loose | 1735 | 1735 | Unch |
| | Hodal | Mill Delivery | 1750 | NR | - |

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------|------|
| | Bhiwani | Mill Quality Loose | 1750 | 1750 | Unch |
| | Karnal | Mill Delivery | 1750 | 1750 | Unch |
| | Panipat | Mill Quality Loose | 1735 | 1735 | Unch |
| Tamil Nadu | Chennai | Mill Quality | Closed | 2000 | - |
| | Madurai | Mill Quality | Closed | 2057 | - |
| | Coimbatore | Mill Quality | Closed | 2057 | - |
| Bihar | Khagariya | Mill Delivery | 1600 | 1600 | Unch |
| | Muzaffarpur | Mill Delivery | 1550 | NR | - |
| FOR | Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot) | Mill Quality | 1740 | 1710 | 30 |
| | Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot) | Mill Quality | 1740 | 1710 | 30 |

| Centre | Market | Variety | Prices (Rs/Qtl) | | Change |
|-----------|--------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | 18-Apr-18 | 17-Apr-18 | |
| Gujarat | Rajkot | Lokwan | 1750 | 1775 | -25 |
| M.P. | Indore | Lokwan | 2000 | 2000 | Unch |
| | Bhopal | Lokwan | Closed | 1900 | - |
| | Bina | Sarbati 306 | Closed | 2300 | - |
| Rajasthan | Kota | LokwanBilty | Closed | 1850 | - |
| | Baran | Lokwan | Closed | 1600 | - |

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

| Centre | Market | Variety | Arrivals (Bags/Qtl) | | Change |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | 18-Apr-18 | 17-Apr-18 | |
| Delhi | Lawrence Road | Mill Delivery | 14000 | 5000 | 9000 |
| | Narella | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 500 | - |
| | Nazafgarh | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1000 | - |
| Gujarat | Rajkot | Mill Quality Loose | 8000 | 12000 | -4000 |
| | Dhrol | Mill Quality Loose | NR | 170 | - |
| M.P. | Indore | Mill Quality Loose | 4000 | 3000 | 1000 |
| Rajasthan | Kota | Mill Quality | Closed | 25000 | - |
| U.P. | Kanpur | Mill Quality Loose | 400 | 500 | -100 |
| | Mathura | Mill Quality Loose | 20000 | 25000 | -5000 |
| | Kosi | Mill Quality Loose | 7000 | 3000 | 4000 |
| | Hathras | Mill Quality Loose | 500 | 650 | -150 |
| | Aligarh | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | 1700 | - |
| Punjab | Khanna | Mill Quality Loose | 120000 | 70000 | 50000 |
| | (Ludhiana)Jagraon | Mill Quality Loose | 30000 | 25000 | 5000 |
| Haryana | Sirsa | Mill Quality Loose | 20000 | 20000 | Unch |
| | Hodal | Mill Quality Loose | 10000 | NR | - |
| | Bhiwani | Mill Quality Loose | 6000 | 4000 | 2000 |

| | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| | Karnal | Mill Delivery | 25000 | 30000 | -5000 |
| | Panipat | Mill Quality Loose | NA | NA | - |

| Wheat Products Delhi | 18-Apr-18 | 17-Apr-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 | 1980 | 1980 | Unch |
| Chakki Atta (50kg) Superfine | 1100 | 1100 | Unch |

| Wheat (CBOT) Future Price:17.4.2018 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Contract Month | Open | High | Low | Close | Change |
| 18-May | 463.75 | 470.75 | 461.50 | 466.25 | 4.00 |
| 18-Jul | 480.25 | 486.75 | 477.00 | 481.50 | 2.50 |
| 18-Sep | 498.25 | 504.50 | 494.75 | 499.25 | 1.75 |
| 18-Dec | 521.25 | 527.75 | 517.75 | 522.75 | 2.00 |
| 19-Mar | 539.50 | 545.25 | 536.50 | 541.00 | 2.50 |
| 19-May | 549.25 | 554.25 | 546.75 | 550.25 | 2.75 |

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