

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

Government agencies have started procurement since 15th March'18. Until 20th April'18 government has procured around 145.19 lakh tonnes of wheat. Of the total quantity procured, around 44.56 lakh tonnes have been procured from Punjab, 55.78 lakh tonnes from Haryana, 7.12 lakh tonnes from Uttar Pradesh, 32.24 lakh tonnes have been procured from Madhya Pradesh, 5.14 in Rajasthan, 0.08 lakh tonnes from Uttarakhand, 0.08 lakh tonnes from Chandigarh and 0.19 lakh tonnes from Gujarat. In Rabi marketing season 2018-19 government has set procurement target of 32 MMT.

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.

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:

Russian milling wheat prices remained steady to firm by \$0-1 per tonne compared to last week. Wheat prices are being supported by unstable ruble. 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 \$211.00-215.00/tonne whereas milling wheat with 12.5% protein content at Odessa is being quoted at FoB \$210.00-213.00/tonne.

As per latest update, Japan's ministry of agriculture bought 101902 MMT of food quality wheat from United States and Canada. Around 68786 MMT has been bought from United States and around 33116 MMT with minimum 13.5 percent protein content has been bought from Canada. Shipments from United States and Canada will be loaded between May 21 and June 20, 2018.

In financial year 2018-19, Egypt has decided to import 7 MMT of wheat at an average price of \$220 per tonne (Cost and Freight). Furthermore, Egypt has set a price of \$32-34 per ardeb (150 kg) for procuring in local market during financial year 2018-19.

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

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price							Date: 20.04.2018 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-May	7	1707	1715	1705	1714	400	-7,560	2290	-110
18-Jun	0	1734	1734	1734	1734	100	80	100	0
18-Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	May-18	June-18	July-18	
Spot Narela				
18-May	49			
18-June		20		
18-July			-	

Stocks	Demat	In- Process	Total	FED
	19.Apr.18	19.Apr.18	19.Apr.18	16.Apr.18
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	3274	199	3473	3274
Baran	30	0	30	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 20.04.2018

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			20-Apr-18	19-Apr-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1750	1760	-10
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1665	1670	-5
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	1645	1650	-5
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1550	1550	Unch
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1720	1715	5
	Surat	Mill Delivery	1750	1740	10
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	2055	1730	325
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1700	1675	25
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1700	1675	25
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1570	1565	5
		Mill Delivery	1670	1675	-5
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	1715	1715	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1550	1560	-10
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1570	1575	-5
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	NR	1635	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1600	1610	-10
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	1750	Unch

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1700	1740	-40
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	1750	1750	Unch
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	1735	1735	Unch
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2000	2000	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2057	2057	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2057	2057	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1600	1600	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1575	1550	25
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1720	1720	Unch
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	1720	1720	Unch

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			20-Apr-18	19-Apr-18	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	1800	1800	Unch
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	2000	2000	Unch
	Bhopal	Lokwan	1900	1900	Unch
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2400	2350	50
Rajasthan	Kota	LokwanBilty	1750	1850	-100
	Baran	Lokwan	1800	1600	200

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			20-Apr-18	19-Apr-18	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	8000	13000	-5000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	600	300	300
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	1000	2500	-1500
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	12000	10000	2000
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	107	101	6
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	3000	3500	-500
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	30000	20000	10000
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	500	500	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	20000	25000	-5000
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	5000	5000	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	NR	250	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1000	1500	-500
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	150000	125000	25000
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	40000	40000	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	18000	21000	-3000
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	5000	10000	-5000
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	8000	7000	1000

	Karnal	Mill Delivery	20000	40000	-20000
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	15000	1530	13470

Wheat Products Delhi	20-Apr-18	19-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:19.4.2018					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-May	477.50	480.00	471.75	476.75	1.50
18-Jul	491.75	494.00	485.00	490.75	1.50
18-Sep	509.50	511.50	503.00	508.50	1.50
18-Dec	532.00	535.00	526.50	532.25	1.75
19-Mar	550.50	553.25	545.25	550.75	1.75
19-May	560.00	561.75	554.00	559.75	1.25

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