

**Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:**

**Most of the Mandis remained closed today due to Holi.**

**As per trade source, India has exported around 6.35 thousand tonnes in the month of February-2019.** The quantity in February-2019 was exported at an average FOB of \$ 403.91 per tonne and the major destinations were Nepal, UAE and Kuwait. Exports are likely to be at lower side as other countries are able to provide quality wheat at competitive prices.

**All India weekly average prices increased by 3.30 percent to Rs. 2069.03 per quintal during the week ended 15th March 2019.** Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 2002.87 per quintal during 01-08 March 2019. As compared to prices in the week 09-15 March 2018, the prices are firm by 14.86 percent. Prices are expected to remain weak in coming days due to abundant availability in domestic market.

**India is planning to boost its export of Rice and wheat through G2G trade and by participating in tenders floated by countries to procure food.** Iraq has expressed interest in procuring wheat and rice from India. Iraq has an annual requirement of 4 MMT of wheat, of which around 1 MMT is imported. This will also help India in reducing overflowing stock of wheat and rice in domestic market.

**India mainly imports from Australia and Russia. Wheat prices have become weak in both the countries.** As of now, Russian wheat with 12.5 percent protein content and Australian premium wheat (APW) is being quoted at \$331.50 (Rs 22750.85) per tonne and \$337.85 (Rs 23185) per tonne respectively, after including freight and import duty @30%. Local expenses will further add to cost. Whereas wheat mill quality price in Chennai and Coimbatore is ruling around Rs 22500 per tonne and Rs 23000 per tonne respectively.

**As per market sources, wheat stock in central pool as on 1st March'19 stood at 201.09 lakh tonnes down by 15.97% compared to last month.** This quantity is higher by around 32.69% compared to last year for the same month. Government has already applied import duty on wheat to curb imports and provide support to domestic prices. The stock position as on 01st March'19 is highest in last four years. Therefore, government has abundant supplies this year to tackle any unexpected rise in wheat prices by selling more quantity in open market.

**Wheat WPI has increased from 154.8 in January-2019 to 157.2 in February-2019.** Monthly wheat inflation has increased by 1.55 percent in February-2019 compared to previous month. As compared to February-2018 wheat WPI has increased by around 12.29 percent. Wheat WPI is expected to stay steady to weak in coming months.

**Wheat prices are moving towards MSP as arrival pressure is increasing. Demand from millers is low due to high moisture content.** Dry weather has impacted sowing in Gujarat and Maharashtra. However traders expect this decline would be offset by favourable weather conditions in major producing states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana. Traders are expecting wheat crop to be around 95 MMT compared to ministry of agriculture's forecast of 99.12 MMT.

**Wheat market is likely to remain weak in upcoming days due to ample availability in domestic market and expectation of good production in MY 2019-20.** Despite abundant availability India was not able to export much as other countries are able to provide wheat at lower prices. Imports remained at lower side in MY 2018-2019.

**International Market Update:**

**Russian milling wheat prices became weak by \$3-4 per tonne at Novorossiysk and \$5-6 per tonne at Odessa compared to last week.** Wheat prices fell due to weak export demand. As per IGC, Russia is expected to produce 71.60 MMT in 2018-19 compared to 85.10 MMT in 2017-18. As of now Russian milling wheat with 12.5% protein content at Novorossiysk port is being quoted at FoB \$220.00-225.00/tonne and milling wheat with 12.5% protein content at Odessa is being quoted at FoB \$218.00-222.00/tonne.

**Algeria state grains agency OAIC has bought around 450000 tonnes of milling wheat** in a tender that closed on Wednesday. The prices paid were in the range of \$231.50 - \$234.00 per tonne (Cost and Freight). Most of the quantity is expected to be sourced from France. Algeria does not disclose the results of its tenders and purchase reports are based on trade assessments. In its last tender on 14th February OAIC bought 600000 tonnes of wheat.

**Black sea wheat exports to Asia have increased. The crop that is being exported was harvested in last July.** The exports from black sea have reduced demand for U.S. wheat. Since the beginning of this year, CBOT has fallen more than 10 percent. Asian buyers are also turning towards black sea wheat after two consecutive droughts in Australia. In a recent deal, Indonesia has bought 200000 tonnes of wheat at C&F \$215 per tonne.

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

Wheat Futures Contact: NCDEX Price							Date:20.03.2019 at 5:00 PM		
Contract Month	Ch. from previous day	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
19-Apr	-9	1894	1885	1850	1885	110	100	270	80
19-May	0	1862	1862	1862	1862	0	0	0	0
19-Jun	0	1919	1919	1919	1919	0	0	0	0

Spread	Apr-19	May-19	June-19
Spot Narella			
19-Apr	-115		
19-May		-23	
19-Jun			57

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	19.Mar.19	19.Mar.19	19.Mar.19	18.Mar.19
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baran	-	-	-	-

### Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 20.03.2019

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			20-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	2090	2080	10
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	2000	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	NA	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1750	1775	-25
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1900	1900	Unch
	Surat	Mill Delivery	1950	1940	10
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	2200	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	Closed	1810	-
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1925	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1850	1850	Unch
		Mill Delivery	1950	1950	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	Closed	2100	-
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1930	-
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	2050	-
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1925	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1875	1870	5
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1900	1890	10
	Hodal	Mill Delivery	2040	2040	Unch

	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	2000	-
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2200	2200	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2257	2257	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2257	2257	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	2100	2100	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	2150	2100	50
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			20-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	2000	2000	Unch
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	Closed	2000	-
	Bhopal	Lokwan	Closed	2100	-
	Bina	Sarbati 306	Closed	2050	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Lokwan Bilty	2050	2050	Unch
	Baran	Lokwan	1900	1890	10

### Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			20-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	8000	6000	2000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	200	-
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	NA	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	4000	7000	-3000
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	31	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	10000	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	3500	3500	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	500	-
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	150	-
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	350	-
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	300	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	500	500	Unch
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	200	200	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50	50	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	300	-

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

Wheat Products Delhi	20-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	Change
Atta (50kg) Ordinary	1240	1240	Unch
Maida Grade 1 (50KG)	1185	1185	Unch
Suji (50kg)	1265	1265	Unch
Chokar (50 kg)	830	830	Unch
Chokar (34 kg)	560	560	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg)	1360	1360	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Special	1380	1380	Unch
Chakki Atta (90kg) Superfine	2490	2490	Unch
Chakki Atta (50kg) Superfine	1400	1400	Unch

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price:19.03.2019					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
19-May	458.50	462.50	453.75	456.50	-0.25
19-Jul	464.75	468.50	460.50	462.75	-0.75
19-Sep	474.25	477.00	469.00	471.25	-0.75
19-Dec	488.25	491.50	484.00	486.25	-0.50
20-Mar	501.25	504.50	497.00	499.25	-0.50
20-May	510.25	510.25	503.75	505.75	-0.50

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