

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

As per latest update, area sown until 31st January-20 is 336.18 lakh hectares compared to 299.30 lakh hectare in the previous Rabi season. The normal area is 305.58 lakh hectares. Acreage under wheat has increased in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan till date.

As per market experts bumper production seems on the card despite unseasonal rains and locusts attack in Rajasthan. This year there will be record food grain production led by wheat along with corn and jowar. Wheat production during Rabi 2019-20 is estimated at 109 MMT which is 6.27% higher than last year production of 102.1 MMT. Production of wheat is expected to increase following higher acreage amid increase in MSP. Farmers prefer wheat over other Rabi crops in irrigated areas because of assured return as FCI undertakes procurement at MSP. Secondly, prolonged cold waves and winter rainfall in certain states have contributed to increase in yield of wheat.

Yellow rust has been reported in certain areas of Punjab and Haryana. This might bring down the yield. However agriculture departments are taking all possible measures to ensure the spread of the disease does not go beyond control. Farmers have been suggested to adopt remedial measures to deal with the situation. In Punjab, yellow rust has been reported in a few villages of Ropar, Hoshiarpur and Pathankot districts. In Haryana, it has been detected in the wheat crop in a few villages of Panchkula, Yamunanagar and Ambala.

As per market sources, wheat stock in central pool as on 1st January'20 stood at 327.96 lakh tonnes down by 6.76% compared to last month. This quantity is higher by around 20.92% 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. Therefore, government has abundant supplies this year to tackle any unexpected rise in wheat prices by selling more quantity in open market.

The reserve price of wheat under OMSS has been reduced to Rs 2,135/quintal for fair average quality (FAQ) and to Rs 2,080/quintal for lower quality. The benchmark price was Rs 2,245/quintal for the January-March period of 2019-20. When the OMSS scheme was announced in April last year, the government had fixed reserve price of wheat for each quarter during FY20. The objective was to liquidate more wheat with minimum losses. Reduction has been made to make space for the procurement of the new crop. According to trade sources, about 1.7 MT of wheat has been sold under OMSS, however official data showed it was less than a million tonne until November 28, 2019.

All India weekly average prices declined by 1.50 percent to Rs. 2344.75 per quintal during the week ended 18th January 2020. Wheat average price were ruling at Rs 2380.46 per quintal during 09-16 January 2020. As compared to prices in the week 16-23 January 2019, the prices are higher by 11.11 percent. Prices are expected to notice steady to weak tone in coming days amid expectation of bumper crop this season.

Wheat WPI has increased from 164.4 in November -2019 to 165.7 in December -2019. Monthly wheat inflation has increased by 0.79 percent in December -2019 compared to previous month.

India has raised MSP by Rs 85 per quintal to Rs 1925 per quintal for MY 2020-21. The hike in MSP is lowest in last three years. Even though this increase is lower it has still widened the gap between domestic and international prices. India wheat FoB at Kandla is ruling around \$312 per tonne compared to \$203.5 per tonne for Russian wheat with 11.5 percent protein content.

As per trade source, India has exported around 18.31 thousand tonnes in the month of December-2019. The quantity in December-2019 was exported at an average FOB of \$ 286.37 per tonne and the major destinations were Bangladesh, Nepal, Somalia, UAE and Sri Lanka. Exports are likely to be at lower side as other countries are able to provide quality wheat at competitive prices.

International Market Update:

According to IKAR Consultancy, Russian wheat production this year could be around 79.5 MMT. Farmers have sown a record winter wheat area this season.

Australia's major wheat exporting states of South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia have exported just over 3 MMT of wheat since October according to sources at S&P. This is close to the half-way mark of the country's anticipated exportable surplus of 7 -8 MMT for the current marketing year October 2019-September 2020. Philippines was the number one destination for Australian wheat exports over October-November at close to 300,000 metric tonnes followed by South Korea and Japan at 205,000 metric tonnes and 130,000 metric tonnes respectively.

China has bought about 1MMT of Australian, Canadian and French wheat as Beijing looks to fill import quotas set by the World Trade Organization, according to trade sources. The purchases are part of the 9.6 million-ton annual wheat quota China allocates to buyers.

Serbia will import around 30,000 tonnes of high-quality wheat by the end of April, as this year's wheat yield does not meet the high standards of domestic millers and confectioners.

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price							Date: 03.02.2020 at 5:00 PM		
Contract Month	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
20-Feb	0	2075	2075	2075	2075		-10	20	0
20-Mar	0	2171	2171	2171	2171				
20-Apr	0	2182	2182	2182	2182				

Spread	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Spot Narella	2140		
20-Feb	-65		
20-Mar		96	
20-Apr			11

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	4..Jan.20	4.Jan.20	4.Jan.20	30.Dec.19
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	20	-	20	967
Baran	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 03.02.2020

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			03-Feb-20	01-Feb-20	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	2210	2210	Unch
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	2140	2140	Unch
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	2140	2140	Unch
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	2200	2215	-15
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	2230	2260	-30
	Surat	Mill Delivery	2280	2300	-20
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	2360	NR	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	2200	2200	Unch
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	2050	2070	-20
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	2060	2060	Unch
		Mill Delivery	2125	2125	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	2110	2150	-40
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	2120	2150	-30
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	2100	NR	-

	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	2025	Closed	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1980	1990	-10
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	2070	2080	-10
	Hodal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	2100	2100	Unch
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2550	2550	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2607	2607	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2607	2607	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	2100	2100	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	2125	2130	-5
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			03-Feb-20	01-Feb-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	2250	2300	-50
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	2500	2500	Unch
	Bhopal	Lokwan	2225	2225	Unch
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2500	2500	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Lokwan Bilty	2200	2200	Unch
	Baran	Lokwan	NA	NA	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			03-Feb-20	01-Feb-20	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	6000	5000	1000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	200	150	50
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	80	50	30
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	600	400	200
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	7	NR	-

M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	1500	1500	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	1500	1000	500
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	500	1400	-900
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	100	100	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	60	NR	-
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	300	Closed	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	600	700	-100
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	300	200	100
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50	50	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	400	400	Unch
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat Products Delhi	03-Feb-20	01-Feb-20	Change
Atta (50kg) Ordinary	NA	NA	-
Maida Grade 1 (50KG)	NA	NA	-
Suji (50kg)	NA	NA	-
Chokar (50 kg)	NA	NA	-
Chokar (34 kg)	NA	NA	-
Chakki Atta (50kg)	NA	NA	-
Chakki Atta (50kg) Special	NA	NA	-
Chakki Atta (90kg) Superfine	NA	NA	-
Chakki Atta (50kg) Superfine	NA	NA	-

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price: 31.01.2020					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
20-Mar	562.50	566.00	552.75	553.75	-6.75
20-May	560.50	563.75	551.75	552.50	-6.00
20-Jul	559.75	562.00	551.25	552.50	-4.50
20-Sep	564.75	567.75	557.75	559.00	-4.00
20-Dec	573.50	576.50	566.75	568.00	-4.00
21-Mar	583.25	583.50	574.25	575.50	-3.75

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