

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

According to the FCI latest data this much procurement has been done so far on Tuesday 28.04.2020 Punjab 54.95 LT followed by Haryana 23.81LT, Madhya Pradesh 18.84 LT, Uttar Pradesh 3.87LT, Rajasthan 74721T, Uttarakhand 8309T, Chandigarh 338T, Delhi 13Tm, Himachal Pradesh 652T and Gujarat 60T so far.

Chandigarh wheat shrivelled at many places because of untimely rains, its procurement could be less than the target of 135 lakh metric tonnes (LMT). Which could lead to a fall in procurement by 5-10 LMT. The percentage of shrivelled grain in Patiala, Fatehgarh Sahib and Mohali vary between 15 and 30 per cent.

A glut like situation in wheat markets across Punjab has affected procurement. With no space to unload produce at the local grain market, which is packed to capacity, farmers have not been issued passes for the past two days. With late procurement, payment will get delayed, which in turn will affect the purchase of seeds and fertilisers for kharif sowing. Shortage of labour and poor transportation facility has affected procurement. As on Thursday, 7 lakh metric tonnes of wheat had arrived across the state.

The government has set a procurement target of 40.7 MMT of wheat this season. In Punjab, wheat procurement stood at 6 tonnes as on Wednesday. In Haryana and UP, procurement stood at 22.41 LMT and 2.97 LMT tonnes, respectively.

Farmers in Haryana are storing the harvested crop at home this season as the state authorities have restricted the entry of vehicles to avoid crowding at grain markets. Storing the crop at home and then taking it to the market will involve more labour cost. The farmers are worried to delay harvesting as weather might damage the standing crop.

In Gujarat, procurement of wheat will start on 27 April and is expected to be over by 30 May, 2020. Gujarat is expected to harvest a bumper crop of 40 lakh metric tonnes this season. According to the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare, the total area under wheat crop this season is 310 lakh hectares of which 63-67 per cent has already been harvested. Around 90-95% harvesting of wheat is completed in Madhya Pradesh, 80-85% in Rajasthan, 60-65% in Uttar Pradesh, 30-35% in Haryana and 10-15% in Punjab. Harvesting is likely to be completed in these states by end April.

India will be exporting around one lakh tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan and Lebanon under government to government (G2G) arrangement. The country is expecting a record wheat production of 106.21 MMT this year. Despite surplus production, Indian wheat is out of global market due to higher price. But government has been exporting wheat to African and Asian countries on humanitarian ground under G2G arrangement. Nafed has been asked to export 50,000 tonnes to Afghanistan and 40,000 tonnes to Lebanon through diplomatic route according to official sources at the agriculture department.

As per market sources, wheat stock in central pool as on 1st March'20 stood at 275.21 lakh tonnes down by 9.37% compared to last month. This quantity is higher by around 36.86% 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.

International Market Update:

Argentina is forecast to harvest a record wheat crop in 2020-21 at 20.2 million tonnes, according to a (GAIN). Argentine farmers are projected to expand wheat area to 6.53 million hectares, a 2% increase over the previous year. If realized it will be the largest planted area in 13 years

Ukraine's wheat exports dropped 37% the week of April 18-24 following a record jump in the previous week, Government officials have said the nation is ready to ban wheat exports if the total exceeds 20.2 million tonnes, According to the data. In the current season, which runs July to June, Exports declined to 215,000 tonnes from 341,000 tonnes Ukraine has already exported 18.8 million tonnes of wheat.

The Russian Agriculture Ministry announced Sunday that it was suspending its export of most grains like wheat until July 1, seemingly ignoring warnings from international organizations who are asking countries not to disrupt global food supply chains during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Egypt's government has procured 180,000 tonnes of local wheat in the first week of the harvest season for the grain according to the Supply Ministry. Egypt's wheat harvest runs from mid-April until June.

According to APK Inform, a Ukrainian agriculture consultancy, Ukrainian wheat export prices reached a season high of \$232/MT FOB compared to its January high of \$231/MT FOB on increased export demand. USDA expects Ukrainian wheat exports will reach a record 20.5 MMT in 2019/20, 22% greater than last year and 27% more than the 5-year average, if realized.

Strategie Grains increased its estimate of 2019/20 European Union (EU) soft (non-durum) wheat ending stocks as reduced domestic consumption due to the COVID-19 pandemic more than offset increased annual exports. Between March and April, SG increased its forecast for EU soft (non-durum) wheat ending stocks by 23% from 11.1 MMT to 13.6 MMT. SG's soft wheat domestic use estimate fell 3% month-over-month to 114 MMT.

According to USDA only 40% of Colorado's winter wheat is in good to excellent condition compared to 62% last year

Wheat Futures Contact: NCDEX Price							Date: 29.04.2020 at 5:00 PM		
Contract Month	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
20-May	0	1892	1892	1892	1892				
20-June	0	1900	1900	1900	1900				
20-July	0	1907	19074	1907	1907				

Spread	May-20	June-20	July-20
Spot Narella	-		
20-May	-		
20-June		7	
20-July			8

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	23.Apr.20	23.Apr.20	23.Apr.20	20.Apr.20
Delhi	-	-	-	-
Itarsi	-	-	-	-
Kanpur	-	-	-	-
Kota	-	-	-	-
Baran	-	-	-	-

Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals on 24.11.2018

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			29-Apr-20	28-Apr-20	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1980	1980	Unch
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1835	1835	Unch
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1810	1800	10
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1910	1900	10
	Surat	Mill Delivery	2000	1970	30
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1750	1750	Unch
		Mill Delivery	1850	1850	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	2000	2000	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1840	1830	10
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1850	1850	Unch
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1825	1825	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	1825	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1925	1925	Unch
	Ludhiana (Jagraon)	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1925	1925	Unch
	Hodal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Mill Quality	2150	2150	Unch
	Madurai	Mill Quality	2207	2207	Unch
	Coimbatore	Mill Quality	2207	2207	Unch
Bihar	Khagariya	Mill Delivery	1900	1900	Unch
	Muzaffarpur	Mill Delivery	1800	1800	Unch
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			29-Apr-20	28-Apr-20	
Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	1825	1850	-25
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhopal	Lokwan	Closed	Closed	-
	Bina	Sarbati 306	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Lokwan Bilty	1900	1950	-50
	Baran	Lokwan	NA	NA	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			29-Apr-20	28-Apr-20	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	6000	5000	1000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	2000	2000	Unch
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	6000	6000	Unch
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	NR	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	30000	30000	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	3000	3200	-200
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	5000	6000	-1000
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1000	2000	-1000
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	150	150	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	4000	-
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	40000	30000	10000
	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	7000	8000	-1000
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	50000	25000	25000
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-

	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
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Wheat (CBOT) Future Price: 24.04.2020					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
20-May	523.00	528.00	517.25	526.75	+5.75↑
20-Jul	526.75	531.75	520.25	526.00	+1.25↑
20-Sep	529.50	534.25	524.00	529.25	+1.25↑
20-Dec	538.00	541.75	531.75	537.75	+2.00↑
21-Mar	544.00	547.75	538.50	544.75	+2.75↑
21-May	545.00	547.75	539.50	545.75	+3.25↑

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