

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

According to the Govt. this season Indian wheat harvest has been severely interrupted by the national COVID-19 lockdown. As the harvest winds down across most states, the Govt. has increased its production forecast by almost one million tonnes to a record 107.2 million tonnes for the 2019-20 marketing year.

Haryana government on Friday allowed procurement of wheat from other states through "Meri Fasal-Mera Beyara" portal, a decision taken after pressure from Arthiyas (procurement agents). The farmers from other states will be able to register on the portal from May 17. Haryana government has set a target of 10 lakh MT wheat purchase from other states and would not buy more than 360 quintal wheat from a single farmer.

According to Punjab state Govt. 92% of expected arrival of 135 lakh tonnes of wheat had been procured in Punjab. 122.02 lakh tonnes had arrived in mandis in which, 121.85 lakh tonnes had been purchased in a month despite staggered movement of wheat amid the coronavirus pandemic. More than 95 per cent wheat had been procured in 15 of the 22 Punjab districts

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In Punjab nearly 33 per cent of the total wheat crop procured by different state and Central government procurement agencies has not been lifted from different grain markets of the district. The slow lifting process resulted in trouble for arthiyas and labourers at grain markets as the area received substantial rain in the morning on Thursday.

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According to State Government, despite a delayed start to wheat procurement, Madhya Pradesh has so far procured over 66 lakh tonnes 63.67 lakh tonnes till Monday as against 53 LT in the corresponding period last year and is well on the path to achieve the upwardly revised procurement target of 95 LT.

The sealing of border due to Covid has curbed the arrival of wheat from UP to the tune of 21 lakh quintal in Palwal. This has led to a 37.5 per cent dip in the overall procurement here this season.

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Mild to moderate showers were witnessed in parts of the Punjab on Sunday morning, raising apprehension of delay in the lifting of wheat crop from grain markets. Moderate showers were witnessed in Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Nawanshahr and Ropar districts, and mild showers in Ludhiana and Jalandhar. In these districts, wheat has already been harvested. This can delay the lifting of the produce. As of now, 80 per cent of the wheat in mandis has already been lifted. Along with this, the worry of the ardours has also increased due to the reduction of Luster Loss.

Procurement of wheat in the rabi season has so far been less by 18.35 per cent this year due to the Covid-19 crisis. However, there was no shortage of food grain and procurement was on track. "As on date cumulative procurement of wheat in the rabi marketing season 2020-21 is 226.85 LMT whereas it was 277.83 LMT during the corresponding period in 2019-20,"

In over 22 days of staggered wheat procurement, Punjab has procured 78% of the targeted produce so far, crossing the 100 lakh metric tonne (LMT) mark. Of the estimated 135 LMT of wheat, grain markets have recorded arrival of 105.14 LMT so far, of which 104 LMT had been procured. Wheat arrival, which hovered around 6 LMT last week, fell to 4.14 LMT on Wednesday as farmers were in a hurry to sell due to uncertainty over issuance of e-passes.

International Market Update:

A United Nations aid agency has purchased about 80,000 tonnes of wheat expected to be sourced from Ukraine to be shipped to Sudan, European traders said on Monday. About 40,000 tonnes is to be shipped by the end of May and 40,000 tonnes by the first half of July. The UN has a range of food aid programmes in Sudan.

U.S. wheat futures fell for a second consecutive session on Monday as ample global stocks and sluggish demand caused by the coronavirus pandemic pushed prices to their lowest in nearly a month. The most-active wheat futures on the Chicago Board Of Trade fell 0.2% to \$4.99-1/2 a bushel by 0154 GMT, having closed 0.4% lower on Friday.

Wheat Futures Contract: NCDEX Price							Date: 19.05.2020 at 5:00 PM		
Contract Month	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Ch. From previous day	OI	Ch. From previous day
20-May	0	-	-	-	1893				
20-June	0	-	-	-	1900				
20-July	0	-	-	-	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	-	-	-	-

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
			19-May-20	18-May-20	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1965	1960	5
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1815	1800	15
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1820	1810	10
	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1910	1900	10
	Surat	Mill Delivery	2000	2000	Unch
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	1700	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality Loose	1710	1715	-5
		Mill Delivery	1830	1850	-20
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Delivery	2000	2000	Unch
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	1805	1800	5
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1810	1850	-40
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1800	1800	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	1825	1825	Unch

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	1910	1915	-5
	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	1850	1850	Unch
FOR	Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-
	Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot)	Mill Quality	NA	NA	-

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Gujarat	Rajkot	Lokwan	1850	1850	Unch
M.P.	Indore	Lokwan	Closed	Closed	-
	Bhopal	Lokwan	Closed	Closed	-
	Bina	Sarbati 306	2200	2200	Unch
Rajasthan	Kota	Lokwan Bilty	1900	1900	Unch
	Baran	Lokwan	NA	NA	-

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centers:

Centre	Market	Variety	Arrivals (Bags/Qtl)		Change
			19-May-20	18-May-20	
Delhi	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	6000	7000	-1000
	Narella	Mill Quality Loose	1500	1000	500
	Nazafgarh	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Gujarat	Rajkot	Mill Quality Loose	6000	6000	Unch
	Dhrol	Mill Quality Loose	NR	202	-
M.P.	Indore	Mill Quality Loose	Closed	Closed	-
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	40000	40000	Unch
U.P.	Kanpur	Mill Quality Loose	2000	2200	-200
	Mathura	Mill Quality Loose	3000	6000	-3000
	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	800	1000	-200
	Hathras	Mill Quality Loose	1000	1000	Unch
	Aligarh	Mill Quality Loose	4000	3000	1000
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	6000	5000	1000

	(Ludhiana)Jagraon	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Quality Loose	4000	8000	-4000
	Hodal	Mill Quality Loose	10000	10000	Unch
	Bhiwani	Mill Quality Loose	1200	2500	-1300
	Karnal	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-
	Panipat	Mill Quality Loose	NA	NA	-

Wheat (CBOT) Future Price: 19.05.2020					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-20	501.50	502.75	493.75	497.00	-3.25↓
Sep-20	504.50	505.25	497.00	500.00	-3.00↓
Dec-20	514.50	515.25	507.00	509.75	-3.00↓
Mar-21	522.50	524.00	516.00	518.75	-3.00↓
May-21	525.50	525.75	520.00	522.50	-2.75↓
Jul-21	521.25	521.75	517.50	520.25	-1.75↓

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