

Wheat Domestic Fundamentals:

Large number of steps is being implemented in order to increase good quality wheat exports from India. Around 213 government approved laboratories have been set up to test the quality of wheat. Extra warehouse capacity is being created near the ports to ensure proper supply. The wheat cargoes can also be diverted to Eastern port to reduce congestions in Mundra and Kandla Ports. In the upcoming 2022-23 marketing year, India's exports are expected to be 10 MMT.

As the prices of wheat have increased, we can expect hike in the prices of processed food like biscuits, noodles and other wheat flour-based products. The prices of wheat flour have increased by Rs. 6 per kg and the people are preferring readymade flour instead of Atta from flour mills as the wheat supply have been disrupted. The traders are still selling old stocks as it is expected that the prices will go up again in coming days.

The number of farmers in Madhya Pradesh registering to sell wheat to state agencies has dropped by more than 17 per cent because of the huge demand for the cereals by the private players owing to spike in global prices because of Russia Ukraine crisis. Till March 10th, around 1.98 million farmers applied to sell wheat to government agencies, while last year during the same period it was around 2.4 million.

International Market Update:

CBOT wheat fell as traders monitored diplomatic efforts to end Russia's invasion of Ukraine and gauged continuing disruption to Black Sea grain exports. The most-active wheat contract on the CBOT was down by 1.5 percent at \$10.82 per bushel. Wheat prices have been extremely volatile since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as the market is heavily reliant on exports from both countries through the Black Sea. Though the market remains calm, there is high level of anxiety within the traders. France's Strategie Grains said the war could remove about 11 million tonnes of Black Sea wheat exports from the world during 2021-22.

Currently U.S. wheat prices were already high because of inflation and restricted supplies, but globally the wheat prices are driven up due to Russia Ukraine war and could increase the prices of wheat globally. Prices depends on type of grain but in recent days the cost of white soft wheat was \$11.70 per bushel higher compared to \$7.35 per bushel the previous year. It is expected that countries that rely on wheat exports from Ukraine could face shortages starting in July which increases food insecurity and potentially throwing more people into poverty in countries that depend on the product. In the coming year people might turn to more affordable grains and substitutes for wheat which could potentially affect wheat prices.

As per sources, there is no major concern for wheat reserves in Syria as per sources and wheat will be bought from the farmers with better prices compared to market prices. In January, Russia informed that needs to import more than 1.5 million tonnes of wheat, with the majority coming from Russia.

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In Turkey, the lowest price in the first round of offers in tender dated on 17th March to purchase and import 270,000 tonnes of milling wheat was believed to be \$450.00 a tonne C&F. No purchase has yet been made and initial results of the tender are expected later.

In Pakistan, there is a fear of fall in production by 10 percent due to drought and low fertilizer offtake and as a result the ministry has proposed to import 3 MMT of wheat. And if wheat is not imported from Russia on due to sanctions on Russia, Pakistan may be allowed to import the entire quantity of 3 MMT of wheat through international tendering.

South Korea purchased about 55,000 tonnes of animal feed wheat on 15th March to be sourced from worldwide optional origins in a private deal without issuing an international tender. Japan is seeking to buy a total of 104,483 tonnes of food-quality wheat from the United States, Canada and Australia in regular tenders that will close on 17th March.

<u>Weather Outlook</u>: Light isolated rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning very likely over Kerala & Mahe, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Karnataka during next 5 days; over Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra Pradesh during 20th to 22nd; over Telangana on 19th March, 2022. Light to moderate isolated rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning very likely over Northeast India from 21st March, 2022.



Wheat Daily Prices and Arrivals

| Contro | Market | Voniet | Prices | (Rs/Qtl) | Change |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Centre | | Variety | 19-Mar-22 | 17-Mar-22 | Change |
| Delhi | Lawrence Road | Mill Delivery | 2280 | 2280 | Unch |
| | Narella | Mill Quality Loose | 2150 | 2175 | -25 |
| | Nazafgarh | Mill Quality Loose | 2200 | 2200 | Unch |
| | Rajkot | Mill Delivery | 2250 | 2270 | -20 |
| C | Ahmedabad | Mill Delivery | 2320 | 2370 | -50 |
| Gujarat | Surat | Mill Delivery | 2375 | 2420 | -45 |
| | Dhrol | Mill Quality Loose | 2335 | 2265 | 70 |
| MD | Indore | Mill Delivery | 2200 | 2100 | 100 |
| M.P. | Bhopal | Mill Quality Loose | 2000 | 2100 | -100 |
| n.t. d | T. I. | Mill Quality Loose | 2050 | 2060 | -10 |
| Rajasthan | Kota | Mill Delivery | 2200 | 2210 | -10 |
| | Kanpur | Mill Delivery | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Mathura | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| U.P. | Kosi | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Hathras | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Aligarh | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| Punjab | Khanna | Mill Quality Loose | 2060 | 2125 | -65 |
| runjab | Ludhiana (Jagraon) | Mill Delivery | - | - | Unch |
| | Sirsa | Mill Delivery loose | 2140 | 2130 | 10 |
| | Hodal | Mill Delivery | - | - | - |
| Haryana | Bhiwani | Mill Quality Loose | 2240 | 2230 | 10 |
| | Karnal | Mill Delivery | - | 1 | - |
| | Panipat | Mill Quality Loose | - | ı | - |
| | Chennai | Mill Quality | 2400 | 2400 | Unch |
| Tamil Nadu | Madurai | Mill Quality | 2457 | 2457 | Unch |
| | Coimbatore | Mill Quality | 2457 | 2457 | Unch |
| Diba | Khagariya | Mill Delivery | 2100 | 2100 | Unch |
| Bihar | Muzaffarpur | Mill Delivery | - | 1 | - |
| FOR | Kandla (Rajasthan-Rajkot) | Mill Quality | 2380 | 2375 | 5 |
| | Gandhidham (Rajasthan-Rajkot) | Mill Quality | 2390 | 2385 | 5 |



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|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | 19-Mar-22 | 17-Mar-22 | Change |
| Gujarat | Rajkot | Lokwan | 2300 | 2300 | Unch |
| | Indore | Lokwan | 2400 | 2300 | 100 |
| | Bhopal | Lokwan | 2200 | 2250 | -50 |
| M.P. | Bina | Sarbati 306 | - | - | - |
| | Sehore | Sarbati | Closed | 4000 | ı |
| | Vidisha | Sarbati | Closed | 3900 | ı |
| Rajasthan | Kota | LokwanBilty | 2175 | 2185 | -10 |
| | Baran | Lokwan | 2210 | 2250 | -40 |

Wheat Arrivals in Key Centres:

| Wheat Arrivals Centre | Market | ** | Arrivals (Bags/Qtl) | | ~ |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | Variety | 19-Mar-22 | 17-Mar-22 | Change |
| | Lawrence Road | Mill Delivery | 500 | 2000 | -1500 |
| Delhi | Narella | Mill Quality Loose | 40 | 50 | -10 |
| | Nazafgarh | Mill Quality Loose | 5 | 30 | -25 |
| Contamat | Rajkot | Mill Quality Loose | 9000 | 8000 | 1000 |
| Gujarat — | Dhrol | Mill Quality Loose | 81 | 58 | 23 |
| M.P. | Indore | Mill Quality Loose | 2500 | 1000 | 1500 |
| Rajasthan | Kota | Mill Quality | 1500 | 2000 | -500 |
| | Kanpur | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Mathura | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| U.P. | Kosi | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Hathras | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| | Aligarh | Mill Quality Loose | Closed | Closed | - |
| D | Khanna | Mill Quality Loose | 500 | 600 | -100 |
| Punjab — | (Ludhiana)Jagraon | Mill Quality Loose | 0 | 0 | Unch |
| | Sirsa | Mill Quality Loose | 500 | 400 | 100 |
| | Hodal | Mill Quality Loose | 50 | 30 | 20 |
| Haryana | Bhiwani | Mill Quality Loose | 50 | 100 | -50 |
| | Karnal | Mill Delivery | - | - | - |
| | Panipat | Mill Quality Loose | - | - | - |



| Wheat (CBOT) Future Price: 18.03.2022 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--|
| Contract Month | Open | High | Low | Close | Change | |
| 22-Mar | 1095 | 1106 | 1055.75 | 1063.75 | -34.25 | |
| 22-May | 1071 | 1086.5 | 1036.5 | 1044.75 | -31.25 | |
| 22-Jul | 1025.75 | 1042 | 999 | 1005.75 | -25 | |
| 22-Sep | 980.25 | 995.75 | 962 | 967 | -20.5 | |
| 22-Dec | 943.75 | 962 | 934.5 | 940.75 | -10 | |
| 23-Mar | 906.5 | 915 | 894.5 | 906.75 | 0.25 | |

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