Wheat Weekly Research Report



Domestic Market Updates:

New wheat crop in Bhilwara region of Rajasthan is expected to hit the market by last week of March. Wheat area in this region may have increased around to 10-12% from last year as late rainfall had discouraged farmers to plant mustard. However, wheat acreage in Rajasthan has decreased from last year. Overall condition of wheat plant is good and farmers are expecting higher yield than last year.

New wheat crop in Swarastra region of Gujarat is expected to hit the market by 20th February followed by Madhya Pradesh wheat. New arrival, lower export demand and continuous wheat release from central pool stock would not allow market to go for any bull run. However, wheat crop size in Gujarat is smaller and it would not impact wheat prices in other states.

New wheat crop is arriving in Jamnagar region of Gujarat. Common grade variety is in the range of Rs1625-1650/ quintal and Tukda variety in the range of Rs 1675-1700/quintal. However, arrival is low which is around 300-400 bags. Overall crop condition in the region is good and farmers are expecting greater yield of wheat this year as compare to last year.

According to IBIS, export of Indian wheat in the second week of February (09-15 Feb) was around 2235 MT at an average FoB price of \$329.44/tonne. The major export destination of Indian wheat was UAE from Mundra port which accounted 1333 MT at an average FOB price of \$333.08/Tn .Other major countries were Malaysia and China.

According to the state-wise target of wheat to be purchased from farmers during the Rabi marketing season, Punjab is expected to purchase 12 MMT of wheat in 2015-16 against 11.64 MMT in 2014-15 and Haryana 7 MMT in 2015-16 against 6.45 MMT in 2014-15. Procurement estimate for Madhya Pradesh is 6 MMT, Uttar Pradesh 3 MMT and Rajasthan 1.8 MMT. The targets were fixed at a meeting of food secretaries.

The Inflation of wheat has increased to -1.63% in the month of January as compare to -2.46% in the month of December.WPI has increased to 216.6 in January as compare to 214.5 in the month of December.

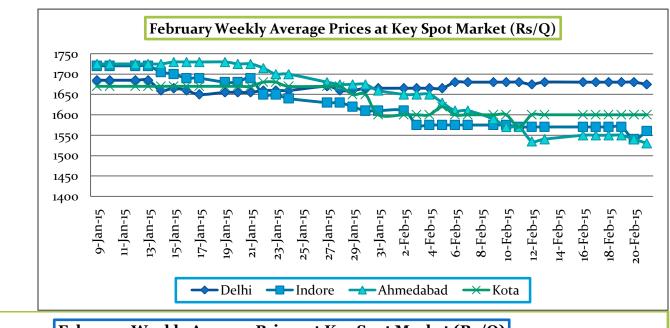
New wheat crop in Ahmadabad region of Gujarat is in good condition and is expected to hit the market by 2-3 rd week of March. However, arrival of old crop is very low and is around 1000-1500 bags. Prices of good quality wheat like lokwan is moving in the range of Rs 1750-1800/ quintal and mill quality around Rs 11650-1700/ quintal.

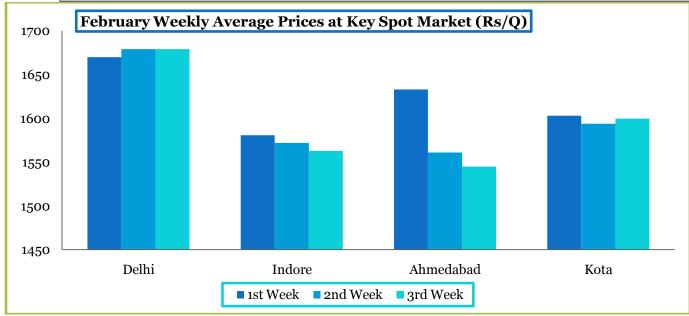
As of now (13.02.2015)Wheat area has slightly decreased by around 3% in comparison to last year till date .As per latest update by agriculture ministry wheat coverage during 2014-15 has been registered at 306.35 lakh hectares against corresponding period of 2013-14(315.32 lakh hectares).

Weather Watch: (Source-IMD)

- Precipitation would occur at most places over Western Himalayan region with isolated heavy t o very heavy falls on 25th and decrease thereafter.
- Rain/ thunderstorm would occur which may be accompanied with isolated hailstorm over adjoining plains of northwest India on 25th.
- Rain/thundershowers would occur at isolated tofew places over northeastern states and extre me south peninsular India.







STOCKS OF WHEAT IN CENTRAL POOL AS ON 01.02.2015:	STOCK WITH FCI	STOCK WITH STATE AGENCIES	TOTAL IN CENTRAL POOL
EAST ZONE	7.75	0.00	7.75
NORTH EAST ZONE	0.57	0.00	0.57
NORTH ZONE	81.60	74.33	155.93
SOUTH ZONE	5.61	0.00	5.61
WEST ZONE	13.96	32.99	46.95
TOTAL	112.70	107.44	220.14

(Figures in Lakh Tonnes)



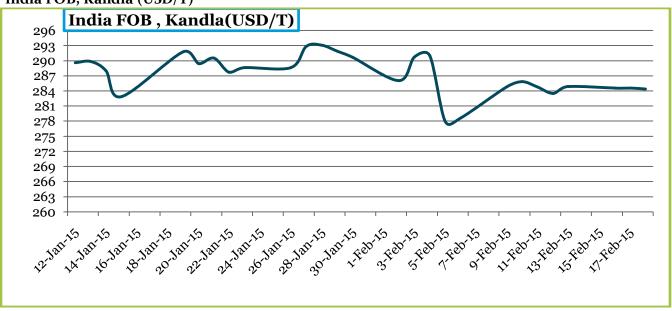
FOB Value as on 21.02.2015 from various destinations at Kandla:

Parity Calculation	Rajkot	Kota	Begusarai	Indore	Kosi	MSP	ECO.Cost
Basic cost of wheat (Rs/ton)	14500	14900	15300	15400	15300	14000	19100
Port and Handling Charges /Loading /Unloading /Clearing (Rs/ton)	500	500	500	500	500	500	0
Local transport, port warehousing, labour charges, shortage	700	1150	1900	1450	1550	1200	0
Indian FOB (Rs/MT)	15700	16550	17700	17350	17350	15700	19100
Indian FOB (USD/MT)	252.21	265.86	284.34	278.71	278.71	252.21	306.83
Insurance @ 0.1%	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.25	0.31
Freight Charges (US \$/ton) to Chittagong	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
CIF (kandla to Chittagong)	270	284	302	297	297	270	325
INR	62.25	62.25	62.25	62.25	62.25	62.25	62.25
Russian Wheat FOB (USD/MT)	239	239	239	239	239	239	239
Parity on FOB Basis (USD/MT)	-13	-27	-45	-40	-40	-13	-68

Spot prices of wheat at NCDEX Delivery centers								
NCDEX SPOT	20 Feb, 2015	week ago 11 Feb, 2015	Month ago 19 Jan 15	Year ago 18 Feb 2014	Change over previous Year %			
Indore	1570	1601	1680	1695	-7.3 7			
Bareilly	1610	1628	1636	1755	-8.26			
Delhi	1683	1685	1664	1636	2.87			
Khanna	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
Kanpur	1535	1515	1623	1700	-9.71			
Karnal	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
Rajkot	1560	1570	1720	1652	-5.5 7			
Kota	1616	1630	1688	1700	-4.94			







Wheat Export Weekly Data:

Weekly Export (09 Feb-15 15Feb-15)	Quantity in Mt	FoB (\$/Tn)
Total	2235.00	329.44
UAE	1333.00	333.08
China	567.00	321.93

*Provisional Data (As per IBIS)

Domestic Key Spot Market Price Comparison:

Centre	Market	Variety	Prices ((Rs/Qtl)	Change
			21.02.2015	13.02.2015	
	Lawrence Road	Mill Delivery	1675	1680	-5
	Nazafgarh	Mill Delivery Loose	1625	1630	-5
Delhi	Narella	Mill Delivery Loose	1615	1615	Unch
	Rajkot	Mill Delivery	1530	1540	-10
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Mill Delivery	1600	1675	-75
	Bhopal	Mill Quality Loose	1460	1460	Unch
M.P.	Indore	Mill Delivery	1560	1570	-10
Rajasthan	Kota	Mill Quality	1490	1510	-20
U.P.	Kosi	Mill Quality Loose	1530	1580	-50
Punjab	Khanna	Mill Quality Loose	1530	1530	Unch
Haryana	Sirsa	Mill Delivery loose	1512	1515	-3



Commodity: Wheat Exchange: NCDEX Contract: Mar Expiry: 20th Mar, 2015



Technical Commentary:

- ➤ Candle stick chart depicts downward movement in the market.
- > Fall in price and rise in O.I. indicates short buildup.
- > RSI is in neutral zone.

Strategy: Sell

Intraday Supports & Resistances		S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2	
Wheat NCDEX March		1530	1550	1589	1630	1645	
Intraday Trade Call*		Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL	
Wheat	NCDEX	March	Sell	1588	1578	1575	1594

^{*}Do not carry forward the position until the next Week.

<u>Domestic Weekly Outlook:</u> Market is bound to stay steady to slightly weak in this week due to news of arrival of new crop in many parts of Gujarat.



International Market Updates:

US wheat futures rose to near a month high due to heavy snow across some key wheat producing states. Heavy snowfall and ice moving eastward from the Southern Plains pounded Missouri, Arkansas, southern Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

Egypt had purchased 1, 80,000 tonnes of wheat from France and 60,000 tonnes of wheat from Romania at an average price of \$240.25/tonne CiF which has to be delivered between 15-25 March. Till now from July 1st, Egypt has bought 3.86 million tonnes of wheat from the international market.

Algeria's state grains agency OAIC bought 4 tonnes of milling wheat at a price around \$237-\$238/tonne (CiF) which has to be delivered in June. The origin is optional but it may come from France, according to a trader.

Bangladesh's state grains buyer received the lowest offer of \$247.95/tonne CIF for 50,000 tonne with 10 percent protein content from Agrocorp and another lowest offer of \$263.25 /tonne CIF for 50,000 tonne with 12.5 percent protein content from Glencore. The offers must remain valid until March 1 and has to be shipped within 40 days after contract signing.

Korea's largest feed maker, Nonghyup Feed Inc. (NOFI), purchased 55,000 tonnes of feed wheat at \$233.80/ tonne c&f plus a \$1.25 a tonne surcharge for additional port unloading for June shipment .The wheat can be sourced from the Black Sea region, United States, Canada, Australia, or India .

South Korean Flour Miller CJ Cheiljedang Corporation had purchased different types of wheat from U.S. and Australia as per their requirement. They had purchased 47,000 tonnes of U.S. wheat at an average FoB price of \$302.36/ tonne for June shipment and 50,000 tonnes of Australian wheat at an average FoB price of \$252.17/ tonne for July shipment.

France became one of the largest wheat suppliers to Egypt due to Russia restriction on export and FoB advantage from USA. France FoB is in the range of \$205-15 /tonne against \$230-40 of USA. France exported around 2.32 Lakh tonnes of wheat in December to Egypt totaling to 7.76 Lakh tonne in 2014-15 marketing season which is more than four times the amount seen in the same period in 2013/14.



IGC Wheat Balance Sheet

(Quantity in MMT)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-	2013-14	Forecast	for 2014-15	
				13.	Est	27.11.2014	22.01.2015	
Production	679	653	695	655	713	717	717	
Trade	128	126	145	141	155	150	151	
Consumptions	652	657	698	677	695	712	708	
Carryover stocks	199	194	191	169	187	193	196	
Y-O-Y change	27	-4	-2	-22	18	6	9	
Major Export	79	73	68	48	52	59	63	

Indicative FOB Quotes:

All prices are for SRW /milling grade, comparable to Indian quality	3 rd Nov 14	1 st Dec 14	6 th Jan 15	2 nd Feb 15
USA	262.00	278.00	265.20	226.90
France	217.23	234.45	239.58	240.41
United Kingdom	NA	NA	NA	NA
Australia	270.00	265.00	265.00	239.00
Russia	241.00	247.00	263.50	253.50
India	276.83	273.62	285.58	286.04

CBOT FUTURES CONTRACT:

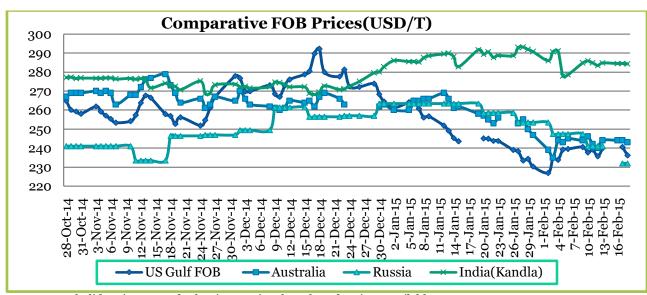
CBOT FUTUE	CBOT Futures Prices: Date: 18.02.15 (USD/T)								
CONTRACT MONTH	18-Feb- 15	Week ago (12 Feb 2015)	1 Month ago(20 Jan 15)	3 Month ago(20 Nov 14)	6 Month ago(20 Aug 14)	1 Year ago(13 Feb 14)	% Change over previous year		
15-Mar	193.90	191.51	197.29	202.99	208.96	237.80	-18.46		
15-May	192.43	190.96	198.30	205.47	213.09	237.98	-19.14		
15-Jul	193.25	191.97	199.96	207.40	215.76	234.95	-17.75		
15-Sep	196.19	194.63	202.90	210.61	220.26	236.88	-17.18		
15-Dec	200.69	199.59	207.12	214.93	225.49	240.00	-16.38		
16-Mar	203.45	202.53	209.42	218.05	228.80	242.21	-16.00		



CBOT Mar- 15 Future Charts:



International FOB prices Weekly price Movement (USD/T):



Note: Due to holidays in U.S. and other international markets data is unavailable.

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International Weather update: (Source-USDA)

Australia: In January, wetter-than-normal weather persisted in eastern Australia, continuing a pattern which became established during December. The rain further increased topsoil moisture for dry land crops. The rain was very timely for summer crops, many of which were in or nearing reproduction, improving crop conditions and yield prospects after a relatively dry start to the growing season.

Argentina- During January, frequent, locally heavy showers maintained overall favorable conditions in most major farming areas. Monthly accumulations exceeded 100 mm throughout the areas of central Argentina, with higher amounts (greater than 200 mm) likely flooding low-lying farming areas of the lower Parana River Valley (northern Buenos Aires and parts of Santa Fe and Entre Rios). In contrast, drier conditions prevailed in the southern production areas of La Pampa and Buenos Aires. Monthly temperatures averaged near normal (highs only occasionally reaching the middle 30s degrees C. Scattered, locally heavy rain also maintained generally favorable crop prospects across northern Argentina, though pockets of below-normal rainfall were evident in some western areas (notably Santiago del Estero and nearby locations in Chaco). Monthly temperatures averaged 1°C above normal in drier western areas, with daytime highs periodically approaching 40°C in spots.

Russia and Ukraine: In January, unseasonably warm weather overspread much of the region, with bitter cold confined to eastern-most growing areas. Snow cover lingered in the coldest locales, though southern winter wheat areas of Russia were snow free and exposed to potential incursions of bitter cold by month's end. Temperatures averaged 1 to 5°C above normal over most major winter wheat areas, with daytime highs in excess of 10°C in southern Russia likely reducing winter crop cold hardiness.

<u>International Weekly Outlook</u>: Global wheat market may trade steady to weak due to ample supply in the world market. Recently market showed firmness due to weather concern in USA and Russia restriction on wheat export. Market may test the first support level of 500 cent per bushel in the short term & 480 cent per bushel in medium term. We expect market to trade in the range of \$185 to \$215 per T.

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