

Wheat Weekly Research Report

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Wheat Domestic Market Fundamentals:-

Government agencies have started procurement since 15th March'17. Until 12th May'17 government has procured around 273.24 lakh tonnes of wheat. Of the total quantity procured, around 59.29 lakh tonnes has been procured from Madhya Pradesh, 73.46 lakh tonnes from Haryana, 115.20 lakh tonnes from Punjab and 15.92 lakh tonnes from Uttar Pradesh. In Rabi marketing season 2017-18 government has set procurement target of 330 LMT. Government has achieved 82.8% of its procurement target. Last year government was able to procure only 229 lakh tonnes due to lower production.

As per latest update, until 12th May around 73.62 lakh tonnes of wheat have arrived in Haryana. Traders and five government agencies have purchased 6854 tonnes and 73.55 lakh tonnes of wheat respectively. Of the total quantity procured by government agencies around 18.21 lakh tonnes has been procured by food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department, 26.59 lakh tonnes by HAFED, 8.59 lakh tonnes by FCI, 6.75 lakh tonnes by Haryana Agro Industries corporation and 13.40 lakh tonnes by Haryana warehousing corporation. Sirsa is the leading district with more than 10.72 lakh metric tonnes of arrival.

Agriwatch has given its production estimate of 93.5 MMT for 2017-18. Carryout is expected to be around 13.98 MMT. Availability would be 108.48 MMT, higher compared to last year on account of increased production. Consumption is likely to be around 94 MMT.

As per third advance estimate for 2016-17 wheat production is likely to be around 97.4 MMT which is higher compared to second advance estimate of 96.6 MMT issued in February 2017. Grain quality is better this year compared to last year and there are no issues relating to higher moisture and pest. This year overall acreage is higher by around 4.5% over normal acreage of 304.05 lakh hectares.

Wheat WPI has decreased from 247.7 in February to 238.8 in March-2017. Monthly wheat inflation has decreased by 3.59 percent in March-17 compared to February-17. As compared to March-16, wheat WPI has increased by around 4.65% and by 10.81% compared to February -2015.

As per latest update, area sown until 03 February'17 is 317.81 lakh hectares compared to 297.25 lakh hectares in the previous Rabi season. Among various States, the area is down in Jammu & Kashmir and Karnataka, whereas Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have seen an increase in area compared to corresponding date of last year. The normal area is 304.05 lakh hectares. Area is expected to be higher this year as government has increased MSP of wheat which has motivated farmers to sow more area.

Latest Developments In Domestic Markets: -

As per IMD, southwest monsoon is likely to arrive early this year. As monsoon has advanced in Andaman region it will take around 10 more days to reach coast of Kerala under normal conditions.

As per latest update by IMD, India is likely to receive normal monsoon with 100 percent of the long period average rainfall instead of 96 percent. Monsoon between 96-104 percent is considered normal. Monsoon under 96 percent is considered below normal and between 104-110 percent above normal. Furthermore the occurrence of El Nino has also been reduced which has increased the likelihood of good monsoon.

Indian FoB quote is hovering around \$249.88 per tonne. Against it Russia, Ukraine, France, US and Australia are offering wheat at \$180, \$181.5, Euro161.3, \$174.6 and \$189.12 per tonne respectively. The latest consignments from Australia landed at Tuticorin (28901 T), Cochin port (1000 T) and Mangalore (4000 T) at CiF of \$239.42, \$243.6 and \$226.02 per tonne respectively. Around 1500 tonne and 94665 tonne of wheat have been imported from France and Ukraine respectively.

Outlook & Recommendation:-Wheat cash market is expected to trade steady to slightly weak in the coming week.

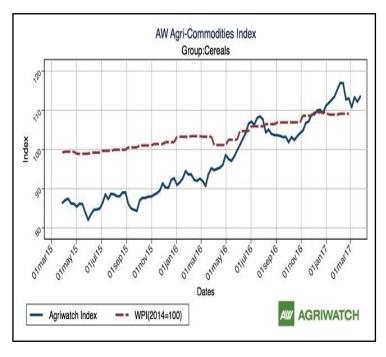
<u>Trade Call</u>: Stakeholders should trade in June contract taking care of lower and upper price tag of Rs 1570 & 1685 respectively.



Agriwatch Cereals Index:

The Agriwatch Agri Commodities Index rose 0.74% to 110.34 during the week ended March 25, 2017 from 109.53 during the previous week led by higher cereals and pulses. The base for the Index and all sub-Indices is 2014 (= 100).

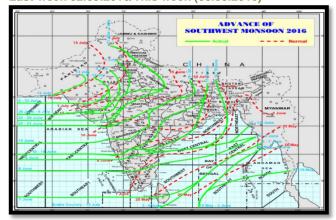
Seven of the 9 commodity group sub-Indices and 15 of the 29 individual commodity sub-Indices that constitute the main Index gained during the week. Spices and Sweeteners were the only declining groups this week. The commodity group sub-Index values and their weekly changes are as follows: Cereals: 113.47 (+1.16%), Pulses: 137.35 (+3.20%), Vegetables: 41.18 (+0.41%), Edible Oils: 104.47 (+0.60%), Oilseeds: 90.01 (+0.80%), Spices: 97.92 (-3.29%), Sweeteners: 125.31 (-0.44%), Fibres: 115.44 (+1.72%) and Other Non-Food Articles: 95.34 (+0.08%).

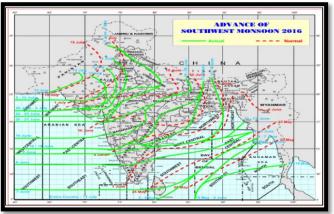


"Agriwatch has recently launched its AW Agri Commodity Indices to enable organizations access independent Indices to track and use to benchmark their purchases and sales. The Indices are based on the daily prices in the key benchmark markets for each commodity that AW has been covering for the past decade. The indices include an Aggregate Index, Category Indices and individual commodity indices. The weekly indices are free to access on our website www agriwatch.com. The daily indices are available on subscription. Please contact for more details."

Weather Condition & Monsoon Progress:

Last week 02.09.2016/This week (08.09.2016)





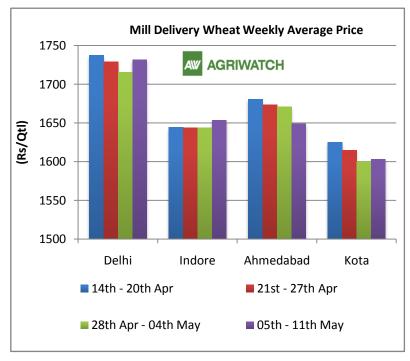
The depression over Jharkhand & adjoining Gangetic West Bengal has moved nearly westwards during past 12 hours and lay centered at 0530 hours IST of today i.e. 18th August,2016, over Jharkhand &neighborhood, near Lat. 24.0°N and Long. 85.0°E, about 85 km north, northwest of Ranchi (Jharkhand) and 95 Km east of Daltonganj (Jharkhand). The system is very likely to move westwards and weaken into a well marked low pressure area. The axis of monsoon trough at mean sea level, now passes through Ganganagar, Narnaul, Agra, Sultanpur, centre of depression, Midnapore and thence southeastwards to east central Bay of Bengal and extends up to 0.9 Km above mean sea level. The feeble off-shore trough from south Gujarat coast to Karnataka coast persists.



Wheat Weekly Average Price Chart:

Wheat average mill delivery prices traded slightly firm in Indore, Delhi, Kota and weak in Ahmedabad during 05th-11th May. Prices are expected to remain steady to slightly weak.

Procurement has crossed the mark of 27 MMT and government is likely to procure between 30-31 MMT. Arrivals as well as progressive procurement are higher compared to last year during the same period. As of now government is procuring in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh. Punjab and Haryana. Furthermore in Uttar Pradesh government has announced a bonus of Rs 10/Qtl. above MSP and additional procurement centers will also be established in U.P.



| Wheat Stock Norms | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|--|--|
| Fig. In Lakh Tonne | Op | erational Stock | | S | trategic Reserv | /e | | |
| | Rice | Wheat | Rice | Wheat | G Total | | | |
| As on | | | | | | | | |
| 1st April | 115.8 | 44.6 | 160.4 | 20 | 30 | 210.4 | | |
| 1st July | 115.4 | 245.8 | 361.2 | 20 | 30 | 411.2 | | |
| 1st Oct. | 82.5 | 175.2 | 257.7 | 30 | 20 | 307.7 | | |
| 1st Jan 56.1 108 164.1 30 20 214.1 | | | | | | | | |
| | Buffer | Norms w.e.f. 27 | .12.2016 | | | | | |

Procurement As on 05th May-2017:

| State | Total Procurement In Marketing Season 2016- | Progressive Procurement As on 05.05.2017(Fig In Lakh Tonne) | | | | |
|----------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------|--|--|
| | 17(April To March) | In Marketing Season 2017-18 | % Ch Over Previous Year | | | |
| Haryana | 67.52 | 72.01 | 65.75 | +9.52 | | |
| Madhya Pradesh | 39.92 | 54.08 | 37.26 | +45.14 | | |
| Punjab | 106.49 | 112.20 | 101.99 | +10.01 | | |
| Rajasthan | 7.62 | 8.04 | 5.57 | +44.34 | | |
| Uttar Pradesh | 7.97 | 11.40 | 4.96 | +129.84 | | |
| All-India | 229.62 | 257.85 | 215.63 | +19.58 | | |

Total wheat procurement was registered at 229.44 lakh tonnes till 28th June -2016. Against set target of 33 MMT Government has procured 257.85 lakh tonnes until 05th May-17.



FOB Quote For Wheat At Kandla:

Wheat FoB quote in India witnessed to weak tone. The demand for Indian wheat in the international market is very low. Export window remains restricted due to huge disparity. There are no takers at higher level.

Prices of wheat may stay steady to slightly weak at current level because south Indian millers are still importing wheat even after duty has been imposed. Furthermore government has no intention to increase import duty to cease imports and arrival pressure has been increasing from central and north India. Abundant availability of wheat in international market at lower prices compared to export prices of India has also reduced demand of Indian wheat in international market.



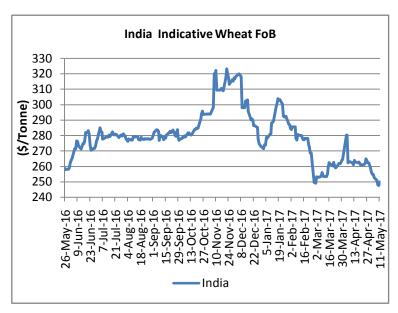
Wheat export volume has been negligible during last few weeks and there is no hope for any major recovery in coming weeks as disparity continues to discourage exporters.

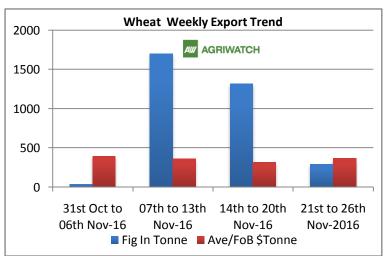
India exported 294.62 tonnes of wheat during week ended 26thNov-2016, down compared to exports in the previous week. Average FoB quote realized last week was \$366.49 per tonne. As prices are ruling lower in global market export opportunity for Indian wheat exporters seems bleak. Major buyers were Sri Lanka, UAE, Somalia and USA.

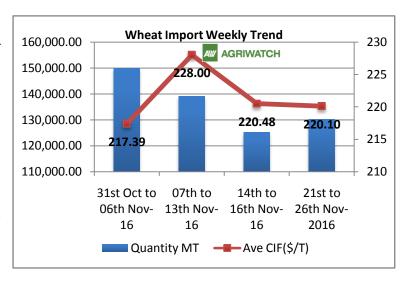
Wheat Import:

According to latest update, a total quantity of around 130066 tonnes of wheat has been imported from Australia, Ukraine and France after revision of import duty from 25% to 10%. Of the total quantity imported 94665 tonnes have been imported from Ukraine and rest is from Australia and France.

As import duty, has been slashed, import volume may be around 3MMT in current MY. It would impact demand of south Indian millers from central and north India. Off-take from central pool may decrease.









| | Indicative FOB Quotes: | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Wheat FOB | Variety | Yesterday | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago | % Change over | | | |
| Wileat FOB | variety | 10-May-17 3-May-17 | | 11-Apr-17 | 10-May-16 | Prev. Year | | | |
| USA (Chicago) | 2srw | 174.90 | 183.00 | 184.90 | 191.50 | -8.67 | | | |
| France | FCW3 | 175.03 | 180.97 | 168.52 | 162.21 | 7.90 | | | |
| Australia | ASW | 189.11 | 187.11 | 182.34 | 214.00 | -11.63 | | | |
| Russia | SRW | 180.00 | 180.50 | 183.50 | 185.00 | -2.70 | | | |
| India | Fob | 247.64 | 254.91 | 262.18 | 253.30 | -2.23 | | | |

| | | 11/05/2017 | 04/05/2017 | 27/04/2017 | 20/04/2017 |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| July/Aug | Black Sea Mill Wheat 12.5% FOB Pmax. | 172 | 174 | 170 | 170 |
| August | Black Sea Mill Wheat 11.5% FOB Pmax. | 166 | 165 | 164 | 164 |

| Wheat Futures | Wheat Futures Contact: NCDEX Price Date:12.05.2017 | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------|------|------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Contract Month | Change from previous day | Open | High | Low | Close | Volume | Change From previous day | Open Interest | Change From previous day |
| 17-May | +8 | 1591 | 1600 | 1597 | 1600 | 90 | -1,720 | 610 | -2,560 |
| 17-June | +7 | 1604 | 1617 | 1604 | 1617 | 940 | -690 | 20850 | 50 |
| 17-July | +10 | 1633 | 1644 | 1630 | 1644 | 220 | -440 | 2610 | 50 |

Wheat Weekly Price Table:

| | Spot prices of wheat at NCDEX Delivery centers | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| NCDEX SPOT | Today | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago | % Change over | | | | |
| NCDEA SPUT | 11-May-17 | 4-May-17 | 11-Apr-17 | 11-May-16 | prev. Year | | | | |
| Indore | 1595 | 1588 | 1624 | 1652 | -3.45 | | | | |
| Bareilly | NA | NA | NA | NA | - | | | | |
| Delhi | 1741 | 1716 | 1750 | 1653 | 5.32 | | | | |
| Khanna | NA | NA | NA | NA | - | | | | |
| Kanpur | 1575 | 1565 | 1660 | 1533 | 2.74 | | | | |
| Karnal | NA | NA | NA | NA | - | | | | |
| Rajkot | 1590 | 1560 | 1617 | 1605 | -0.93 | | | | |
| Kota | 1619 | 1616 | 1666 | 1692 | -4.31 | | | | |

Source: NCDEX; NCDEX delivery prices are inclusive of Mandi tax and other applicable state taxes along with handling & packaging costs.

Wheat Technical Analysis:



Technical Commentary:

- Rise in price and open interest indicates long buildup.
- RSI is moving in neutral region.
- Last candlestick donates bullishness in the market.
- Traders are advised to go long on wheat for this week.

| Str | at | eg | v: | Buy | / |
|-----|----|----|----|-----|---|
| | | | | | |

| | | | S1 | S2 | PCP | R1 | R2 |
|-------------------|-------|------|------------------|-----------|------|------|------|
| Wheat | NCDEX | June | 1580 | 1570 | 1615 | 1675 | 1685 |
| Weekly Trade Call | | | Call | Entry | T1 | T2 | SL |
| Wheat | NCDEX | June | Buy Above | 1614 | 1640 | 1660 | 1599 |



Domestic Market Weekly Outlook:

Wheat cash market is likely to stay steady to slightly weak in the coming week because of increased arrival pressure from north and central India. Gujarat bought good quantity of mill quality from M.P. during last season for selling it to south Indian millers and traders after sorting and cleaning but this year due to weak demand from south India as well as lower prices of mill quality in Gujarat, buying activities have been sluggish. Progressive procurement in 2017-18 is higher compared to 2016-17 marketing season. Government may not increase import duty to 25% and keep it unchanged at 10%. At prevailing duty of 10%, South Indian flour millers are still importing wheat.

| | | Spot | Market P | rice: | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | Pri | ces (Rs/Q | tl) | |
| Centre | Market | Variety | Today | Yesterday | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| | | | 11- May-17 | 10-May-17 | 4-May- 17 | 11-Apr- 17 | 11-May- 16 |
| | Lawrence Road | Mill Delivery | 1740 | 1740 | 1715 | 1750 | 1655 |
| Delhi | Narella | Mill Quality Loose | NR | Closed | 1665 | 1650 | NA |
| | Nazafgarh | Mill Quality Loose | 1650 | Closed | 1625 | 1620 | NA |
| | Rajkot | Mill Delivery | 1465 | 1460 | 1475 | 1525 | 1550 |
| _ | Ahmedabad | Mill Delivery | 1660 | 1660 | 1650 | 1690 | 1720 |
| Gujarat | Surat | Mill Quality Loose | 1700 | 1690 | 1680 | 1720 | 1740 |
| | Dhrol | Mill Delivery | 1665 | 1755 | 1665 | 2085 | 2035 |
| M.P. | Indore | Mill Quality Loose | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 |
| | Bhopal | Mill Delivery | 1625 | 1600 | 1625 | 1625 | 1550 |
| Rajasthan | Kota | Mill Quality Loose | 1500 | 1510 | 1500 | 1530 | 1560 |
| _ | | Mill Delivery | 1600 | 1610 | 1600 | 1650 | 1650 |
| | Kanpur | Mill Delivery | 1710 | 1710 | 1715 | 1725 | 1610 |
| | Mathura | Mill Quality Loose | 1585 | 1580 | 1550 | 1550 | 1525 |
| U.P. | Kosi | Mill Quality Loose | 1570 | 1580 | 1550 | 1535 | 1490 |
| | Hathras | Mill Quality Loose | 1600 | 1600 | 1635 | 1590 | 1500 |
| | Aligarh | Mill Quality Loose | 1635 | Closed | 1625 | 1540 | 1500 |
| Punjab | Khanna | Mill Quality Loose | 1635 | 1630 | 1630 | 1625 | 1525 |
| 1 unjab | Ludhiana (Jagraon) | Mill Delivery | 1725 | 1725 | 1725 | 1780 | 1620 |
| Haryana | Sirsa | Mill Delivery loose | 1625 | 1625 | 1625 | 1625 | 1525 |
| | Hodal | Mill Delivery | 1690 | 1690 | 1690 | 1700 | 1600 |



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|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Bhiwani | Mill Quality Loose | 1670 | 1650 | 1660 | 1625 | 1570 |
| | Karnal | Mill Quality Loose | 1645 | 1645 | 1675 | 1700 | NA |
| | Panipat | Mill Quality Loose | 1625 | 1625 | 1625 | 1625 | 1525 |
| | Chennai | Mill Quality | 2000 | 2150 | 1950 | 2000 | 1900 |
| Tamil Nadu | Madurai | Mill Quality | 2057 | 2207 | 2007 | 2057 | 1957 |
| Tituu | Coimbatore | Mill Quality | 2057 | 2207 | 2007 | 2057 | 1957 |
| Bihar | Khagariya | Mill Delivery | NR | NR | 1650 | 1600 | 1600 |
| Dillar | Muzaffarpur | Mill Delivery | 1550 | 1550 | 1575 | 1680 | 1550 |

Progressive Sowing Status till 03rdFeb-2017:

| State Wise Progressive Wheat Sowing Till 03.02.2017 | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|--|--|
| State | Normal area | This Year | Last Year | % Change | | | |
| Assam | 0.34 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Bihar | 21.34 | 22.95 | 22.73 | +0.97 | | | |
| Chhattisgarh | 1.04 | 1.736 | 1.58 | +9.87 | | | |
| Gujarat | 11.56 | 9.96 | 9.01 | +10.54 | | | |
| Haryana | 25.39 | 25.38 | 25.11 | +1.08 | | | |
| H.P. | 3.51 | 3.59 | 3.60 | -0.28 | | | |
| J&K(J) | 3.04 | 2.31 | 2.45 | -5.71 | | | |
| Manipur | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Meghalaya | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Jharkhand | 1.66 | 2.08 | 1.60 | +30.00 | | | |
| Karnataka | 2.06 | 1.57 | 1.74 | -9.77 | | | |
| M.P. | 54.96 | 64.22 | 56.34 | +13.99 | | | |
| Maharashtra | 8.82 | 10.52 | 6.29 | +67.25 | | | |
| Punjab | 35.11 | 35 | 34.97 | +0.09 | | | |
| Tamil Nadu | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Telengana | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Tripura | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Rajasthan | 30.47 | 30.677 | 29.66 | +3.43 | | | |
| Uttar Pradesh | 97.59 | 100.52 | 94.99 | +5.82 | | | |
| Uttarakhand | 3.53 | 3.59 | 3.58 | +0.28 | | | |
| West Bengal | 3.29 | 3.39 | 3.45 | -1.74 | | | |
| Others | 0.35 | 0.21 | 0.16 | +31.25 | | | |
| All India | 304.05 | 317.81 | 297.25 | +6.92 | | | |

Source: Ministry of Agriculture



Wheat Import at Various Ports:

| | 21st to 26th Nov-2016 | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Source | Port | Quantity/T | Ave CiF/\$T | | | | | | |
| | Tuticorin | 28901 | 239.42 | | | | | | |
| Australia | Mangalore | 4000 | 226.02 | | | | | | |
| | Cochin | 1000 | 243.6 | | | | | | |
| France | Tuticorin | 1500 | 219.33 | | | | | | |
| Ukraine | Tuticorin | 76965 | 199.93 | | | | | | |
| Okraine | Chennai | 17700 | 195.23 | | | | | | |
| Total | th | 130066 | | | | | | | |

During the week 21st to 26th November FOB Kandla for wheat Sourced from Rajkot region (Gujarat) was in the range of \$313.32-323.08 per tonne.

| 14th to 20th Nov-2016 | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| Source | Port | Quantity/T | Ave CiF/\$T | | |
| Australia | Tuticorin | 18870 | 243.8 | | |
| | Chennai | 2500 | 260.21 | | |
| | Mangalore | 7438 | 228.92 | | |
| | Cochin | 1500 | 247.93 | | |
| France | Tuticorin | 2000 | 223.22 | | |
| Ukraine | Tuticorin | 57716 | 199.73 | | |
| | Chennai | 35031 | 197.93 | | |
| Total | | 125055 | | | |

| 07th to 13th Nov-2016 | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| Source | Port | Quantity/T | Ave CiF/\$T | | |
| Australia | Tuticorin | 22580 | 244.96 | | |
| | Chennai | 21000 | 260.21 | | |
| | Mangalore | 2500 | 227.81 | | |
| | Cochin | 1768 | 249.7 | | |
| France | Tuticorin | 1000 | 223.22 | | |
| Ulimatina | Kolkata | 16096 | 188.61 | | |
| Ukraine | Chennai | 74000 | 196.18 | | |
| Total | | 138944 | | | |



International Market Update:

Algeria state grains agency OAIC has bought around 470000 tonnes of milling wheat in a tender that closed on Wednesday. The prices paid were in the range of \$197.75 to \$199 per tonne (Cost and Freight). The quantity to be shipped is due in first and second half of July. The origin of wheat that is to be supplied is at seller's option

As per latest update, Japan's ministry of agriculture bought 138188 MMT of food quality wheat from United States, Australia and Canada. Around 76357 MMT has been bought from United States with protein content of 14 percent to be loaded between June 21-July 20, 30271 MMT of western red spring wheat has been bought from Canada with minimum protein content of 13.5 percent to be loaded between July 21- Aug 20 and 31560 MMT has been bought from west Australia to be loaded between July 1-July 31.

As per latest update, Egypt has procured around 1.26 million tonnes of from wheat since the beginning of its harvesting season from mid-April. Egypt's supply minister expects to procure around 3.8 million tonnes from local farmers until July.

Recent rains slightly improved the crop condition last week. As on 08th May around 76 percent of soft wheat is in good or excellent condition compared to 75 percent last week. Furthermore around 64 percent of durum wheat is in good or excellent condition compared to 62 percent last week. Showers are expected in coming days that may be fruitful for the zones which have not received any rainfall yet.

As per latest update, china has sold 341838 tonnes of wheat for average price of 2508 yuan (\$363.13) per tonne at an auction of state reserves on Tuesday. The quantity sold represents around 12.51 percent of 2733581 tonnes of wheat available at auction.

As per latest update, turkey has removed tariff of 130 percent on Russian grain following the meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Sochi. Turkey introduced tariff on Russian grains after Moscow banned Turkish tomatoes. Turkey is the second largest export destination for Russia after Egypt.

The cost of shipping grains has fallen by around \$3 to \$5 per tonne to \$12 per tonne due to increased capacity. Ukraine harvested around 66 MMT of grains of which it was able to export around 42 MMT. The new export terminals launched in past years can handle more than 6 MMT and more terminals will be launched in coming years which will handle additional 15 MMT. The cost of shipping grains five years ago was around \$18-22 MMT.

IGC has increased its projection for wheat to 736 MMT as on 27th Apr-2017 for 2017-18. According to forecast by IGC for 2016-17 global wheat production was around 753 MMT against 736 MMT for 2015-16. The difference is around 17 MMT from previous estimate. Trade projection has been kept at 166 MMT. It is 5MMT lower compared to forecast for last year and same compared to 2015-16.

Export prices for Russian milling wheat decreased by \$1 per tonne on weekly basis. Russian wheat with a protein content of 12.5% and 11.5% for April- May delivery settled at \$186-188/tonne FoB and \$181-183/tonne FoB respectively. Milling wheat prices kept on falling in Russia due to strengthening of Rouble and sufficient market supply. Furthermore, millers have enough stocks to keep prices down.

As per latest update, Tunisia has bought around 75000 tonnes of soft milling wheat in three consignments of 25000 tonnes each. The first consignment was bought at \$173.85/T C&F, second at \$186.73/T C&F and third at \$189.58/T C&F. The sellers were Europe markets, Bunge and Nidera. The said quantity is to be delivered between June 25 and August 5.

IGC Wheat Balance Sheet:

| IGC Forecast(Fig-In MMT) | 2014-15 | 2015/16 | 2016/2017 (Forecast) | 2017-18 (Proj) | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| | | Estimated | | 30.03.2017 | 27.04.2017 | |
| Production | 730 | 736 | 753 | 735 | 736 | |
| Trade | 153 | 166 | 171 | 166 | 166 | |
| Consumptions | 714 | 719 | 737 | 740 | 738 | |
| Carryover stocks | 206 | 224 | 240 | 234 | 239 | |
| Y-O-Y change | 16 | 18 | 17 | - | -1 | |
| Major Export | 65 | 68 | 80 | 68 | 73 | |

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- Trade projection has been kept at 166 MMT. It is 5MMT lower compared to forecast for last year and same compared to 2015-16.
- Consumption has been increased by 1 MMT from 737 MMT to 738 MMT for 2017-18. The projection is higher by 19MMT compared to 2015-16.
- Carryout has been revised down by 1 MMT compared to 240 MMT for 2016-17. It is still higher by around 15 MMT compared to 2015-16

CBOT FUTURES CONTRACT:

| CBOT Futures Prices:(USD/T) | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| CONTRACT MONTH | Today | Week Ago | Month Ago | 3 Month Ago | 6 Month Ago | Year Ago | % Change |
| | 10- May-17 | 3-May-17 | 10-Apr-17 | 10-Feb-17 | 10-Nov-16 | 10- May- 16 | over prev. year |
| May-17 | 155.78 | 162.76 | 157.52 | 170.11 | 160.74 | 190.22 | -18.11 |
| Jul-17 | 158.62 | 166.80 | 162.30 | 174.42 | 166.16 | 191.60 | -17.21 |
| Sep-17 | 164.14 | 171.67 | 167.17 | 178.74 | 171.85 | 194.72 | -15.71 |
| Dec-17 | 171.58 | 179.29 | 174.42 | 184.80 | 179.20 | 200.14 | -14.27 |
| Mar-18 | 178.28 | 185.54 | 180.39 | 188.94 | 184.07 | 204.73 | -12.92 |
| May-18 | 182.41 | 189.58 | 184.43 | 191.14 | 187.65 | 205.65 | -11.30 |



CBOT-May-17

1St Support; 146.00 2nd Support: 144.00 1st Resistant: 175.00 2nd Resistant: 177.00

(\$ per tonne)

Market is likely to move from range bound to slightly firm. Favorable weather improved winter wheat condition in major growing regions which led to recent downtrend witnessed in CBOT.

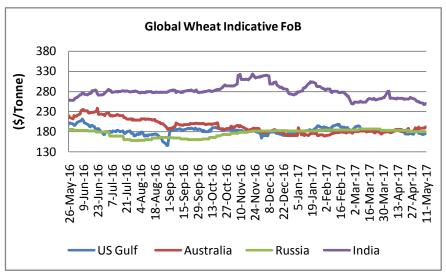
International FOB Weekly Price Movement (USD/T)

Indian FoB quote is based on local price. There is no export in bulk volume currently. Indian FoB quote is hovering between \$247.64-252.72 per tonne.

US and Russian quotes are hovering in the range of \$174.60 and \$180 per tonne respectively. Wheat prices in international markets witnessed steady to slightly weak tone in the last week

Wheat quotes are expected to trade steady to slightly weak and hover in the range of \$165 to \$195 in coming weeks.





International Weekly Outlook:

Global wheat market is expected to trade from steady to slightly weak as ample supplies are available in the market. Ukraine has sown around 95% (1.68 lakh hectares) of their target area for spring wheat. Australia is likely to produce 24 MMT in 2017 compared to 35 MMT in 2016. The fall in production is mainly due to lower are compared to last year. US crop plantings are likely to fall in 2017 to 18.7 million hectares lowest since 1919. Overall crop condition is good as rainfall was witnessed in South Great Plains. Argentina is expecting to harvest around 17.5 MMT in 2017-18 compared to 16.3 MMT in 2016-17. Russia has harvested recorded crop of 73.3 MMT in 2016 up by 18.6 percent compared to 2015. Cold weather in EU has increased concerns and delayed crop growth. Apart from this conditions are mostly favorable for EU. Furthermore, Canada harvested around 31.7 MMT as higher yields compensated for a 7% drop in harvested area. Therefore, Steady to slightly weak market is expected in short to medium term.

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