Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution   **Date:** August 14,2020

Report Number: IN2020-0100

Report Name: COVID-19 in India - Weekly Port Situation Update
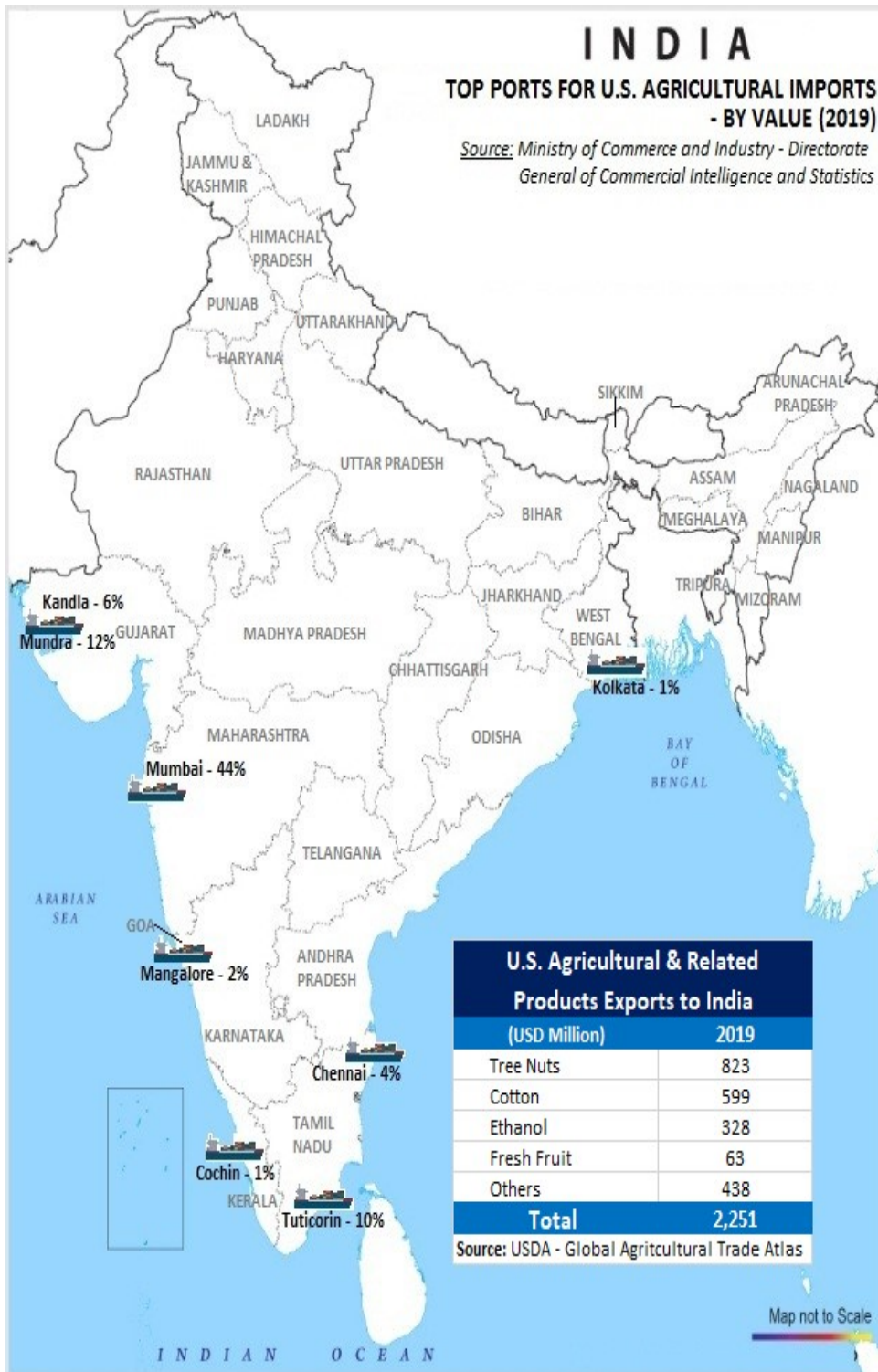
Country: India

Post: Mumbai

Report Category: Agricultural Situation, Agriculture in the News

Prepared By: Arundhati Sawant, Lazaro Sandoval, Sharon Sonali Kalsi, Uma Patil, and Prashant Patil

Approved By: Lazaro Sandoval

Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of August 14, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.

INDIA

TOP PORTS FOR U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS - BY VALUE (2019)

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

Kandla - 6%
Mundra - 12%
Mumbai - 44%
Mangalore - 2%
Chennai - 4%
Cochin - 1%
Tuticorin - 10%
Kolkata - 1%

U.S. Agricultural & Related Products Exports to India	
(USD Million)	2019
Tree Nuts	823
Cotton	599
Ethanol	328
Fresh Fruit	63
Others	438
Total	**2,251**

Source: USDA - Global Agritcultural Trade Atlas

Map not to Scale

India Port Situation Update as of Friday, August 14, 2020

1. Mumbai: Last week, intense storms led to the collapse of three large cranes at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT). Local media reports indicate that clearing the damaged cranes may take over a month and could affect operations.

2. Mundra: According to local media reports, Mundra Port surpassed JNPT as the largest container handling port in the country by processing 0.97 million twenty-foot equivalent (TEUs) containers during Quarter 1 (FY 2021), compared to JNPT's volume of 0.85 million TEUs. In a recent press release, port owner Adani Group reported an increase in cargo movement since July 2020, giving them confidence that the "worst" is behind them and that cargo volumes will stabilize as the year progresses.

3. Tuticorin: Truck movement continues to be slow.

4. Kandla: No update available.

5. Chennai: No update available.

6. Mangalore: No update available.

7. Kolkata: No update available.

8. Cochin: According to local media reports, Cochin Port Trust saw a 6 percent increase in cargo volume during July 2020 to 54,000 TEUs, compared to 51,000 TEUs during the same month last year. This increase is due to greater demand for produce, garments, and medical equipment from the Middle East, as Cochin has a direct shipping line to Dubai. Exporters are increasingly opting for sea transport, as air freight rates have nearly doubled.

Note: Each featured port includes air freight imports arriving at that city.

Attachments:

No Attachments.