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

**Country:** India

**Post:** Mumbai

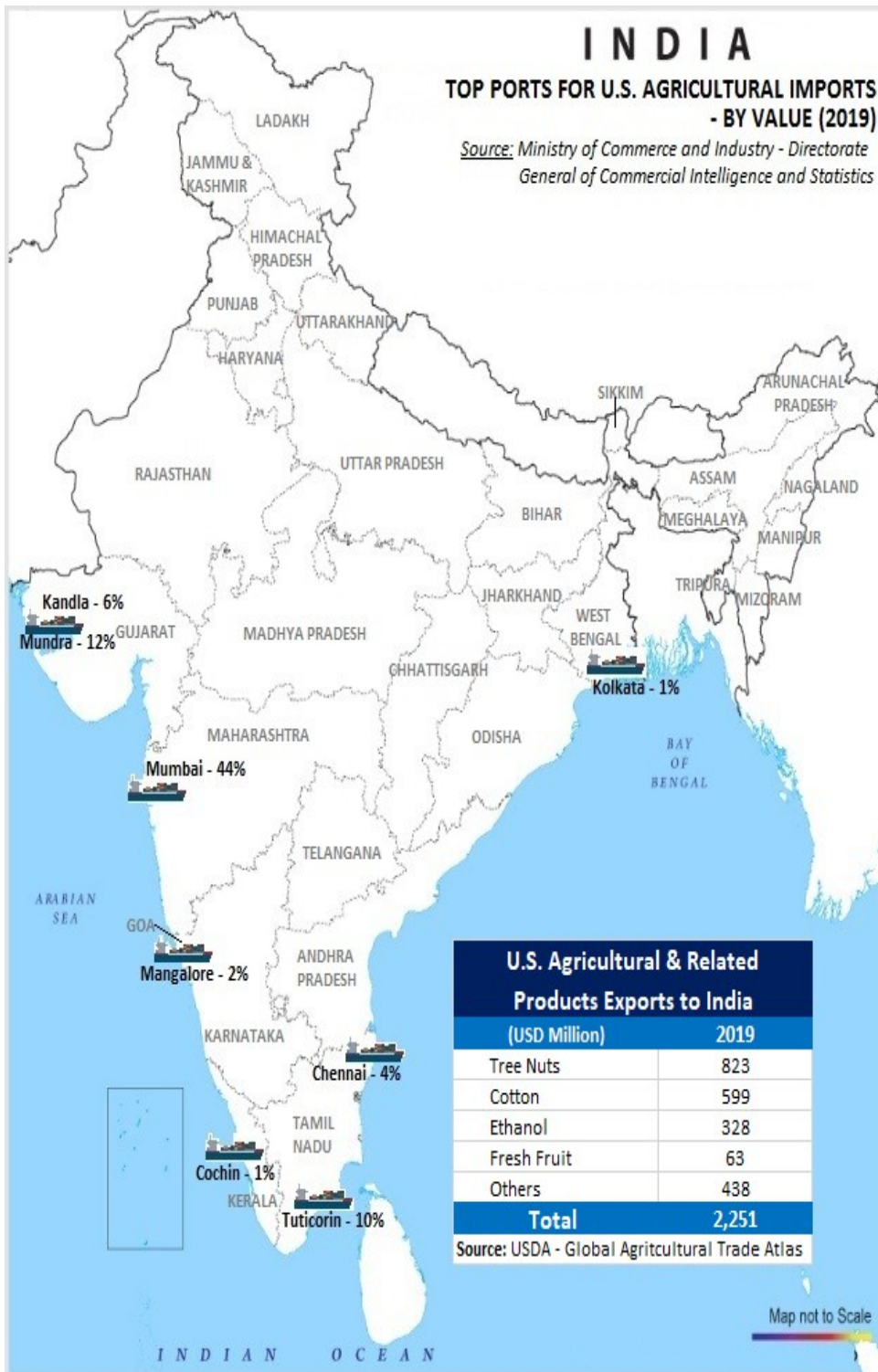
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**Report Highlights:**

Weekly report as of September 25, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.



## India Port Situation Update as of Friday, September 25, 2020

**1. Mumbai:** According to the Horticultural Produce Exporters Association, 208 and 100 containers of onions remain stuck at Jawaharlal Nehru Port and Mumbai Port trust, respectively. This is the result of the national government's recent September 14 ban on onion exports due to rising prices and less inventory. Local media reports that onion exporters and select state officials continue to ask the government to reevaluate the ban, given its effects on producers and traders. See GAIN: [IN2020-0124](#).

**2. Mundra:** According to local media reports, Mundra Port is facing congestion issues due to flooding and mudslides caused by heavy rains. This affected port rail networks and dock-side storage operations which is slowing down cargo clearance. This situation is leading to export shipment delays due to freight train congestion. In response, port authorities are prioritizing certain cargo for clearance, while select shipping companies are deploying additional transportation services and resources to help mitigate the situation.

**3. Tuticorin:** No update available.

**4. Kandla:** No update available.

**5. Chennai:** Chennai Port authorities will conduct an intense cleaning campaign of post facilities on September 16-30.

**6. Mangalore:** No update available.

**7. Kolkata:** According to recent media reports, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port authorities are adopting more digital tools such electronic documentation and RFID-based Port Access Control System to minimize port congestion and streamline operations.

**8. Cochin:** On September 21, India and Maldives launched a cargo ferry service out of Cochin Port between the two countries.

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

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.