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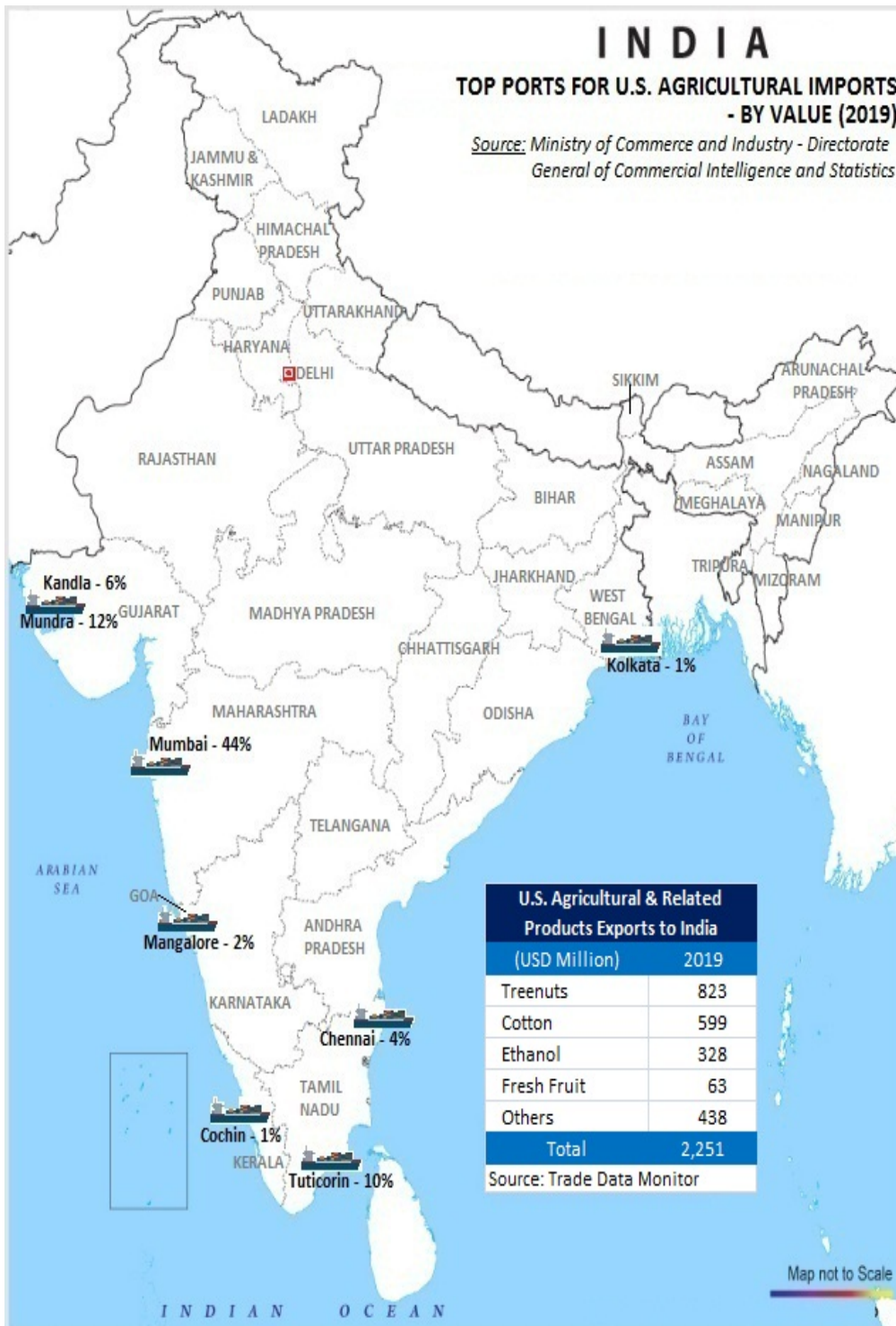
Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of October 16, 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



India Port Situation Update as of Friday, October 16, 2020

1. Mumbai: According to local media reports, exporters are facing a growing container shortage, derailing their plans to take advantage of a recovery in export demand, especially for grains. This shortage is particularly pronounced at Jawaharlal Nehru (Mumbai), Mundra, and Hazira ports. Several factors are contributing to this shortage including sailing cancellations, the failure of shippers to return containers in a timely fashion, and most significantly, a steady decline in imports. Moreover, this shortage has resulted in a 20-40 percent increase in freight rates. Media reports suggest that this issue is also exacerbated by bottlenecks across global supply chains due to COVID-19.

2. Mundra: Based on available information, port operations are running normally.

3. Tuticorin: Truck movement is slow due to a shortage of drivers.

4. Kandla: No update available.

5. Chennai: On October 12, Chennai Port Trust introduced a number of new [measures](#) to improve the ease of doing business at its port. These initiatives include the reduction of select fees and charges, a new food safety inspection lab, direct port delivery, the elimination of select forms, and new road construction to remove rail/road connectivity bottlenecks.

6. Mangalore: Based on available information, port operations are running normally.

7. Kolkata: No update available.

8. Cochin: No update available.

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

Attachments:

No Attachments.