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Country: India

Post: Mumbai

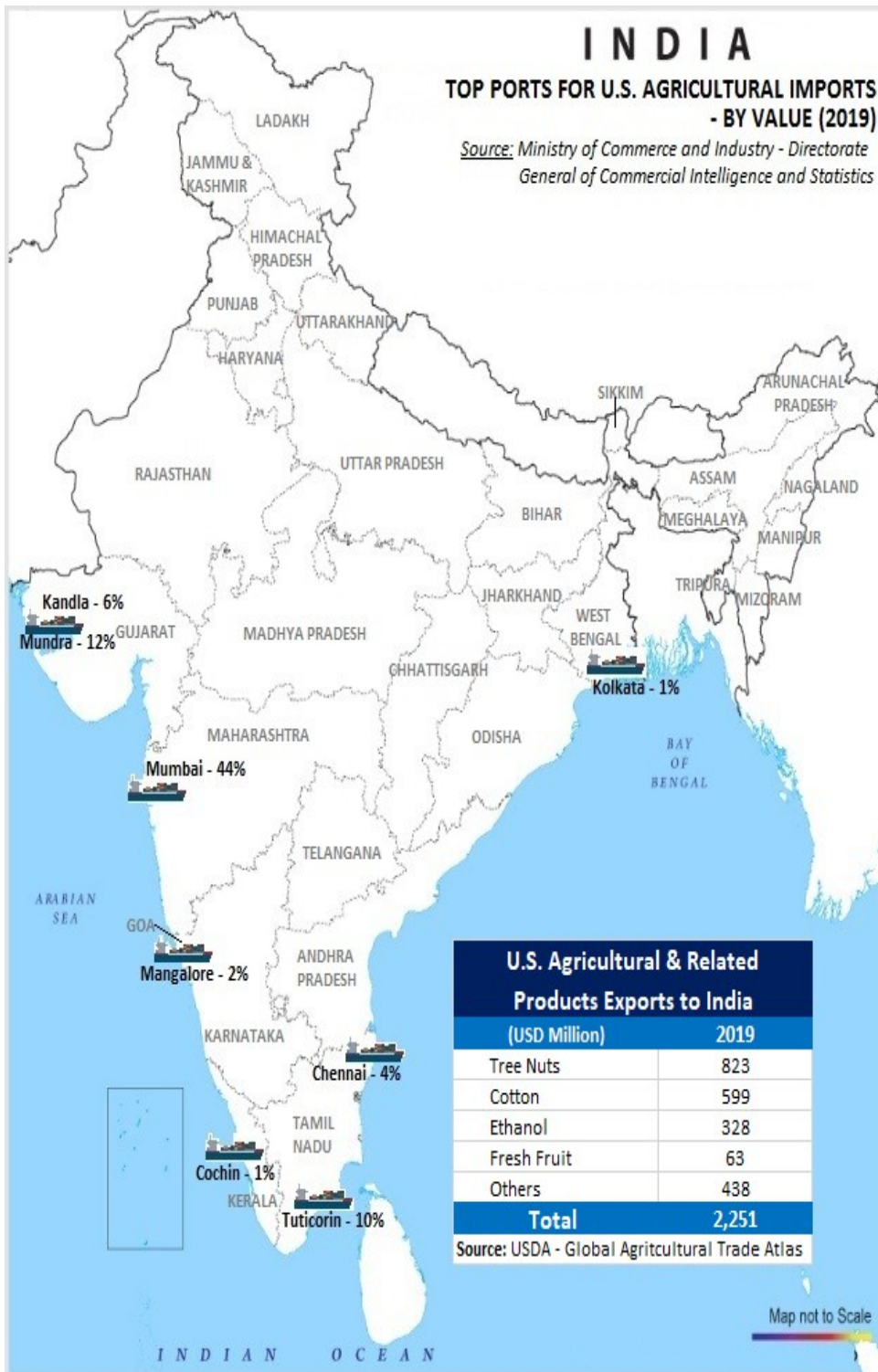
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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of May 29, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.



India Port Situation Update as of Friday, May 29, 2020

- 1. Mumbai:** Media reports that six customs officials, who support port operations for the greater Mumbai area, tested positive for COVID-19 this past week. Truck movement and dry cargo operations are slow at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT). JNPT authorities continue to disinfect and sanitize port facilities and nearby villages.
- 2. Mundra:** No update available.
- 3. Tuticorin:** Truck movement continues to be slow due to the lack of drivers.
- 4. Kandla:** Migrant workers who had previously returned to Rajasthan at the beginning of the lockdown have begun to return to Deendayal Port Trust work sites.
- 5. Chennai:** Truck movement continues to be slow due to the lack of drivers. According to media reports, the Port of Chennai employees' union has complained that the port hospital is not prepared to handle COVID-19 cases, nor has it accepted patients.
- 6. Mangalore:** Container movement is affected by a shortage of laborers and trucks.
- 7. Kolkata:** Media reports that a total of 13 positive cases have been reported at the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT). Port chairman Vinit Kumar recently stated that due to the lockdown and implemented safety measures, the port's cargo clearance is 80 percent of its 180,000 tons, per day, capacity. Chairman Kumar added that while COVID-19 has led to lower cargo handling, the situation is now improving. While the port was hit by Cyclone Amphan on May 20, it was able to resume operations by that weekend.
- 8. Cochin:** Truck movements continue to be very slow due to the shortage of labor.

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

Attachments:

No Attachments.