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Report Highlights:

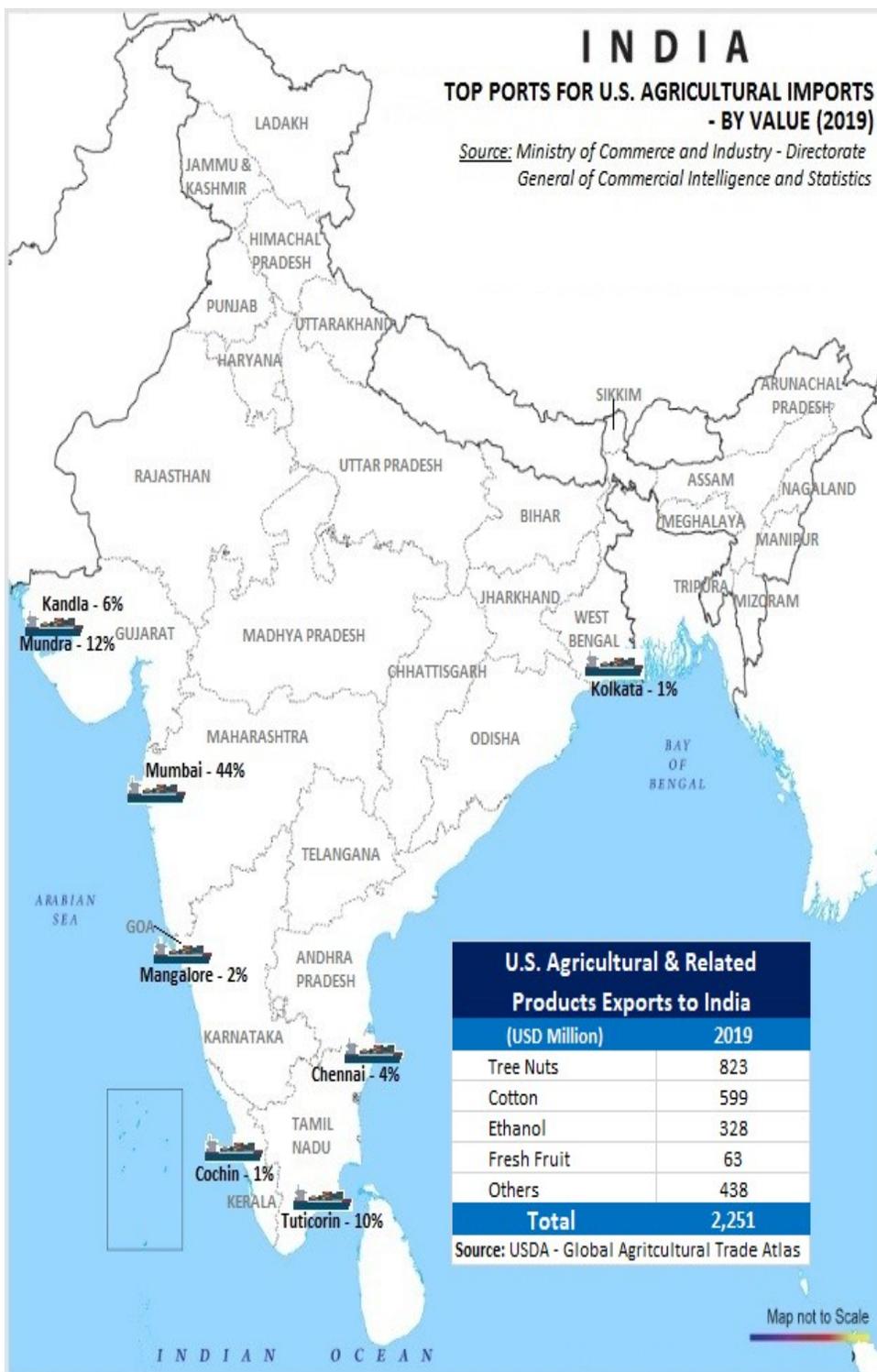
Weekly report as of July 17, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.

India Port Situation Update as of Friday, July 17, 2020

INDIA

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

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



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 Agricultural Trade Atlas

1. Mumbai: Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) continues to steadily increase its use of rail for cargo movement. According to local media reports, the Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal reached a new record in rail volumes, handling 13,601 twenty-foot equivalent unit containers (TEUs), alongside 111 trains. The Ministry of Shipping's Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) has approved a rate increase for JNPT of 19.03 percent for vessel-related charges, and 22.56 percent for container, bulk and liquid cargo related charges for a three-year period beginning on August 3. This increase was requested by JNPT, but its implementation may be deferred due to weak market conditions, according to local media reports. In the last three months, container volumes fell by 35 percent at JNPT. Vessel-related charges are made up of port dues, berth hire, and pilotage.

2. Mundra: In the past three months, container traffic fell by 18 percent from 1.18 million TEUs during the first quarter of 2020.

3. Tuticorin: No update available at this time.

4. Kandla: According to local media reports, over 21,000 tons of chemical fertilizers destined for Nepal are stuck at Kandla Port.

5. Chennai: Chennai Port Trust has lowered vessel-related charges for coastal vessels carrying transshipment cargo. According to local port users, there are no congestion or berthing delays at the port, at present.

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

7. Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust authorities are conducting an extensive sanitation effort at Haldia Dock Complex facilities to minimize any risk of COVID-19.

8. Cochin: Truck movement continues to be slow.

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

Attachments:

No Attachments.