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

Country: India

Post: Mumbai

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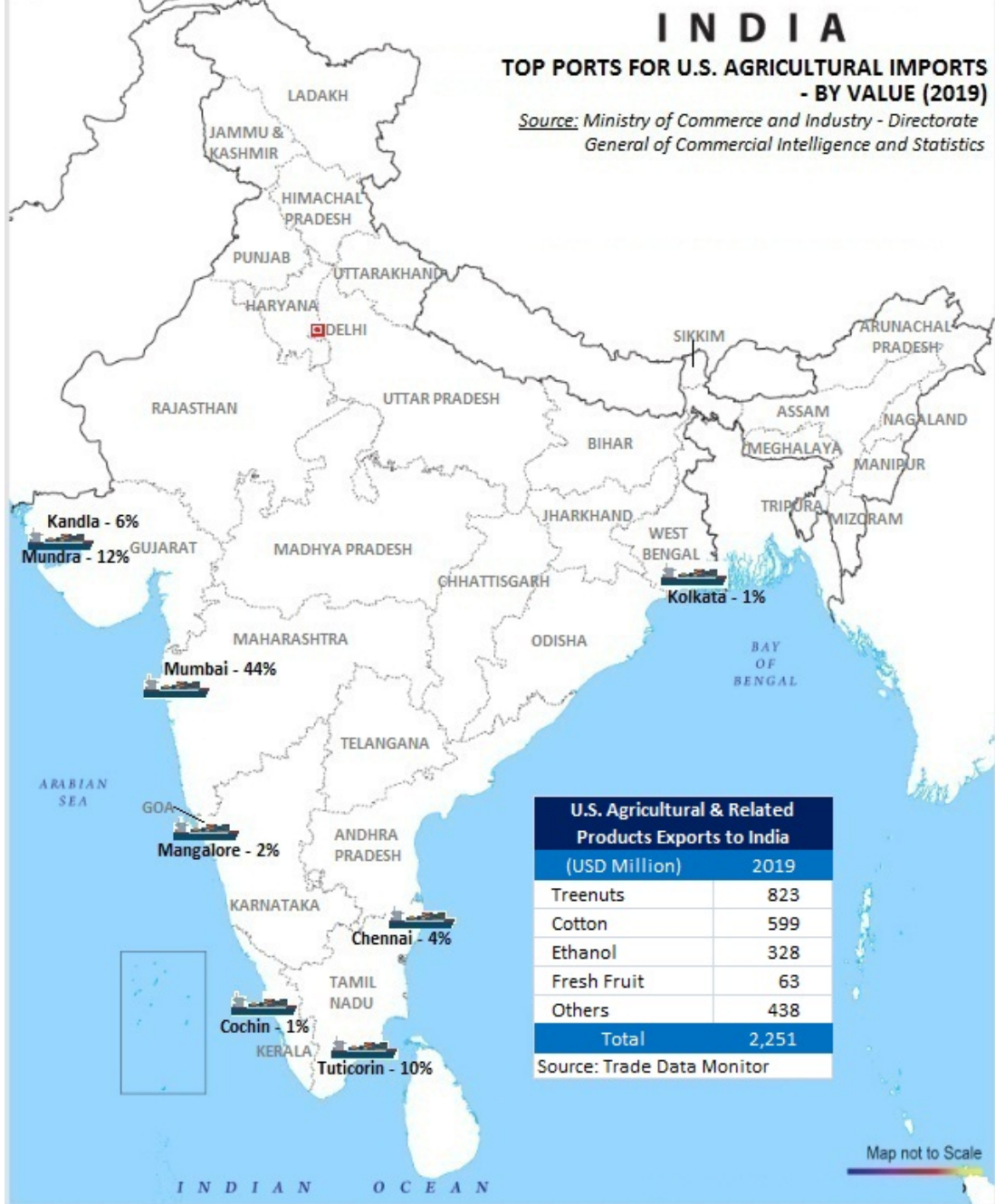
Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of August 21, 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



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

Source: Trade Data Monitor

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

- Mumbai:** Container traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) reached 344,316 twenty-foot equivalent (TEU) containers in July, a 19 percent increase compared to the previous month. This reflects a strong recovery in exports while imports are expected to normalize towards the end of month, per local media reports.
- Mundra:** According to local media reports, fifty export containers are stranded at Mundra Port due to flooding because of heavy rainfall.
- Tuticorin:** No update available.
- Kandla:** Container traffic at Deendayal Port reached 44,000 TEU in July, a 9 percent increase compared to the same month in 2019. Logistical challenges at other ports led to a shift in container traffic towards Deendayal Port, as traders sought to minimize shipment delays.
- Chennai:** According to Chennai Port chairman P. Raveendran in a recent press interview, container traffic improved in July and August. Chairman Raveendran believes that the port will be able to handle normal levels of traffic in the next four months. He added that during the lockdown, the port was able to handle cargo without delay, despite road movement restrictions, thanks to greater rail cargo movement. During the lockdown, Chennai Port moved a record 180 train rakes that helped lower congestion.
- Mangalore:** New Mangalore Port Trust chairman AV Ramana reports that the port will make efforts to encourage “Make in India” products. No details have been released on how the port plans to implement this effort or what it may mean for trade flow.
- Kolkata:** No update available.
- Cochin:** Truck movement continues to be slow.

Attachments:

No Attachments.