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Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- > Steady to firm sentiments witnessed in most of the major maize spot markets on Monday.
- As per the latest data released by the Ministry of Agriculture, area sown under maize during Rabi season for 2012-13 is estimated at 13.03 lakh hectares, up from last year's figure of 11.71 lakh hectares.
- > Davangere and Nizamabad markets of maize were closed on Monday due to Makar Sankranti festival.
- As per trade sources, maize is moving towards Chennai at Rs. 1485 per quintal (Delivery rate) and Mangalore at Rs. 1470 per quintal (Delivery rate) sourced from Koppal region of Karnataka.
- In the Nizamabad region of A.P., demand for maize was reported from local starch industry currently at Rs. 1340 per quintal. Meanwhile, maize is also moving towards Hyderabad at around Rs. 1370 per quintal sourced from Nizamabad region. Sources revealed that poultry demand may arise in the coming days but prices would trade in a range in the near term.

International Market Scenario:

- In the latest WASDE report, the USDA pegged the 2012 U.S. corn crop at 10.780 billion bushels and the 2012-13 U.S. corn ending stocks at 602 million bushels. Harvested area for corn was lowered 346,000 acres, but a 1.1-bushel-per-acre increase in the estimated yield boosts production 55 million bushels. However, increase in use of corn offsetting increase in yield result in decrease in corn ending stock. Global corn ending stock for 2012/13 is projected lower by 1.6 million tons on lower expected stock in the U.S., Brazil and Argentina.
- The USDA raised the Brazil corn production by 1.0 million tons to 71 million tons on higher expected yields with favorable December rainfall across the southern growing areas. Argentina corn production is raised by 0.5 million tons to 28.0 million tons as lower harvested area is more than offset by higher expected yields.

Outlook: We expect maize prices could witness firm sentiments in coming days on lower stock levels.

| | | P | rices (Rs./qtl) | | Arrivals in bags | | | |
|-----------|--------|------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|------------|--------|--|
| Market | Grade | 14.01.2013 | 12.01.2013 | Change | 14.01.2013 | 12.01.2013 | Change | |
| Delhi | Hybrid | 1510 | 1510 | Unch | 200 | 200 | Unch | |
| Nizamabad | Bilty | Closed | Closed | - | Closed | Closed | - | |
| Davangere | Bilty | Closed | Closed | - | Closed | Closed | - | |
| Naugachia | Bilty | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Kolkata | Mill | 1630 | 1600 | 30 | 5000 | 6667 | -1667 | |
| | Feed | Closed | 1500 | - | Closed | 6000 | - | |
| Ahmedabad | Starch | Closed | 1550 | - | | | | |

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

NCDEX Maize Futures

| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Spread | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Jan-13 | +24.00 | 1430.00 | 1430.00 | 1393.00 | 1414.00 | Spot | - | - | - |
| Feb-13 | +17.00 | 1414.00 | 1432.00 | 1408.00 | 1427.00 | Jan-13 | | - | - |
| Mar-13 | +17.00 | 1447.00 | 1465.00 | 1439.00 | 1458.00 | Feb-13 | | | - |

| Contract | Volume | Change | OI | Change | Stocks | Demat | In-Process | Total | FED |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Jan-13 | 880 | 740 | 3330 | 0 | | 12.01.13 | 12.01.13 | 12.01.13 | 07.01.13 |
| | | - | | 10 | Davangere | 399 | 50 | 449 | 349 |
| Feb-13 | 20800 | 11250 | 52930 | -10 | Nizamabad | 14665 | 0 | 14665 | 14513 |
| Mar-13 | 11390 | 8990 | 19520 | 200 | Delhi | 17502 | 725 | 18227 | 19435 |



CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 12 January, 2013

| Mar-13 | - | - | - | - | - |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|
| May-13 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Jul-13 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sep-13 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dec-13 | - | - | - | - | - |

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