AGRIWATCH



MAIZE

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Price Drivers

- Weak sowing progress of Rabi crop.
- Expected increase in demand from the poultry sector.
- Lowered forecasts for US inventories, tightening global food supplies after adverse weather slashed harvests.

Technical Analysis:

- Candle stick pattern indicates sideways movement of maize prices.
- Prices closed below 9 and 18 day EMA, indicating bearish movement of prices ahead.
- RSI is moving down in the neutral region indicating bearish sentiment in the market for short term.
- MACD is moving down indicating bearish sentiment.
- Maize futures prices are hovering in the range of 1122 to 1140. Breaching either of the level of prices will decide the actual movement of prices. Market participants are suggested to wait for next trading session.

Trade Recommendation – Maize NCDEX (March Contract)

| Call | Entry | T1 | T2 | SL | | | |
|----------------------|-------|------|------|------|--|--|--|
| Wait | | | | | | | |
| Support & Resistance | | | | | | | |
| S2 | S1 | PCP | R1 | R2 | | | |
| 1116 | 1124 | 1128 | 1138 | 1147 | | | |

NCDEX Warehouse Stock (in Tonnes)

| Location | Dematte | Changa | |
|-----------|----------|----------|--------|
| LUCATION | 26/02/11 | 24/02/11 | Change |
| Nizamabad | 1439 | 1439 | Unch |
| Davangere | 1505 | 1505 | Unch |
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Market Analysis

- Mixed tone of sentiment witnessed in major key cash maize markets.
- Restricted supply is reported from all the key markets as Kharif maize stock is almost ending.
- Maize prices at Davangere were up by Rs.10/Qtl on sustained demand from industrial users and exporters at current supply. The maize prices are likely to increase further as good demand is seen in the market amid restricted supply.
- In Nizamabad, maize prices traded higher by Rs. 5/Qtl on some pick up on buying at current supply. The maize arrivals are reported to be infested by fungus, however, good demand and lower supply is supporting the prices. However, prices are likely to remain near the current level as many buyers are waiting for fresh arrival of Rabi maize in the market which starts next month.
- Steady prices are reported from Delhi market over the week due to sluggish buying from poultry users at current supply. The prices are likely to remain steady tomorrow.
- As per trade source, regular export of maize to South-East Asian countries like Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia is reported. The Cost and Freight (C&F) is quoted at USD 275-280.

We feel that prices are likely to trade steady to firm bias for medium term on improving purchases from stockiests on demand from the industrial users and Rabi season arrivals may start in near terms.

Spot Prices at Key Markets

| Centre | Prices 28-02-11 | Chng From Prior day | Arrivals 28-02-11 | Chng From Prior day |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Delhi | 1120 | Unch | 300 | Unch |
| Nizamabad | 1125 | +05 | 100-200 | Unch |
| Davangere | 1085 | +10 | 1000 | Unch |
| Naughachia | 1100 | Unch | 500 | Unch |

*Prices in Rs/Qtl, Arrivals in Bags (1 bag =1 qtl), All are Bilty prices except in Delhi which is for Hybrid maize

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International Market (CBOT)

US corn futures close sharply higher on robust demand, recovering from losses earlier this week. Export sales should stay strong next week after USDA said Friday weekly sales reached a marketing-year high. Foreign buyers and domestic grain users seized the recent price break as an opportunity to extend coverage. Fund buying was heavy at an estimated 20,000 contracts. CBOT March corn climbs 26 1/4c to \$7.12/bushel.