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MAIZE

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Price Drivers

- Fresh Rabi crop arrivals.
- Higher demand from the poultry sector and exporters.
- Lowered forecasts for US inventories, tightening global food supplies after adverse weather slashed harvests.

Technical Analysis:

- Candle stick chart pattern indicates bearish movement of prices in the futures market.
- Prices closed above 9 day and above 18 day EMA indicating bullish momentum in the short term.
- MACD is moving down suggesting bearish movement of prices.
- RSI is moving up in the neutral region indicating bullish price movement in the market ahead.
- Market participants are advised to go for sell around 1220.

Trade Recommendation - Maize NCDEX (April Contract)

Call	Entry	T1	T2	SL			
Sell	<1221	1217	1213	1226			
Support & Resistance							
S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2			
1183	1199	1220	1244	1247			

NCDEX Warehouse Stock (in Tonnes)

Location	Dematte	Change	
LUCATION	29/03/11	28/03/11	Change
Nizamabad	543	543	Unch
Davangere	1555	1555	Unch
Maize Total	2098	2098	Unch

Market Analysis

- Steady to slightly firm tone of sentiments witnessed in major key cash maize markets on Wednesday.
- In Delhi, prices traded steady for fifth straight day due to absence of fresh buying at current supply. The maize
 prices may trade steady to slightly firm tomorrow.
- In Davangere, maize prices gained Rs. 15/Qtl as compared to last trading session, on sustained demand from local users and exporters at current supply. There is a strong demand from local users which is likely to keep the prices on higher side in coming days. However, restricted supply is likely to lower the trading activity.
- In Naughachia, maize prices were sustained at current level despite higher supply. The moisture content of fresh Rabi crop is reported to be high at around 16% against normally accepted moisture content of 12%. Traders opined that buyers are unlikely to purchase maize at current price level which will bring the prices down. Peak in market arrival is likely to start by second week of April.
- Nizamabad spot market will remain closed till 6th of April due to affairs related to financial year ending.
- Trading sources reveals that maize is being exported to Bangladesh on regular basis. The current FOB to the destination is quoted at around USD 275.

We feel that prices are likely to trade steady to slightly weak as the fresh crop arrival have started in the spot markets (Bihar and Nizamabad) and is likely to exert pressure on prices for short term. However, good demand from poultry, starch industry and exporters may restrict sharp fall of prices or even sustain the prices at current level.

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Prices 30-03-11	Chng From Prior day	Arrivals 30-03-11	Chng From Prior day
Delhi	1250	Unch	500	Unch
Nizamabad	CLOSED			
Davangere	1170	+15	200	Unch
Naughachia	1150	Unch	300	+50

*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 finish near unchanged as traders wait for USDA to issue crop planting estimates Thursday. Grain users are nervous about how much will be sown as supplies are projected to reach a 15-year low this year. Plantings will increase from last year, but it may not be enough to ease tight inventories. Deferred contracts feel some support from worries wet weather will disrupt planting. CBOT May corn ends up 3/4c at \$6.71 3/4 a bushel.