

Maize Domestic Fundamentals:
Mostly steady to firm sentiment featured in various cash markets of maize on Wednesday.

- Maize prices were Naughachia market was up on increased offtake from the stockists on reduced arrival on Wednesday. Approximately 50-60% of the maize produce already traded in the market and remaining stock arrival is expected in further days in succession.
- As per the trade source, till India exported around 2 million tonnes of maize and it may reach total export of 2.4 million tonnes which is 33 percent up from the 2009-10 marketing year total maize export.

International Market Fundamentals:

- CBOT corn futures ended sharply higher on concerns farmers will plant fewer acres than they previously intended due to excessive rains. Farmers are struggling to sow the crop in the eastern Midwest and northern Plains and may give up on planting unless the weather clears up.
- The USDA announced a sale of 271,200 tonnes of US corn to unknown destination for the new crop season.
- China has expressed its interest in buying corn from Argentina, second largest corn exporter behind US.

Outlook:

We feel that prices are likely continue to weaken on higher arrivals from major Rabi maize growing areas however the higher demand from poultry and starch industry may restrict the further down fall of prices.

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags (1 bag = 1 Qtl)		
		18.05.2011	16.05.2011	Change	18.05.2011	16.05.2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1240	1230	+10	1500	1500	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1140	1140	Unch	1000	1000	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1200	-	-	300	-	-
Naughachia	Bilty	1030	1020	+10	2000	4000	-2000
Kolkata	Mill	1200	1200	Unch	400	500	-100
Ahmadabad	Feed	1240-1260	1260	Unch	11000	4000	+7000
Ahmadabad	Starch	1215-1250	1240-1275	-25			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
May-11	+17.00	1170	1198	1160	1187
Jun-11	+9.00	1190	1220	1190	1207
Jul-11	+15.50	1251	1272.5	1237	1256.5

Spread	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11
Spot	-64.05	-91.05	-133.55
May-11		27	69.50
Jun-11			42.5

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-11	3760	+2830	3910	-1130
Jun-11	6030	+4050	13210	+1290
Jul-11	790	-390	1830	-90

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total
	16.05.11	16.05.11	16.05.11
Davangere	1097	0	1097
Nizamabad	336	52	388

CBOT Corn Futures:		(Unit: Cents/bushel)			
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jul-11	+29.50	721.75	750.25	721.50	749.75
Sept-11	+24.75	693.00	721.25	693.00	717.50
Dec-11	+19.50	653.00	676.50	652.75	672.75
Mar-12	+18.75	662.75	686.00	660.25	682.25
May-12	+18.25	670.00	692.00	670.00	689.25

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