

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

- As 50-60% maize stock traded in mandis of Nizamabad, stockists may start holding stock to create upward pressure in maize prices.
- Maize FOB prices from India (USD 310-320/MT) are higher compared Argentina (USD 284-294/MT) and US (USD 294-296). India Maize FOB prices are remained unchanged but the Argentina and US Maize FOB prices were down on lack of export demand.

International Market Fundamentals:

- CBOT corn futures were sharply higher previous day trading session on concerns that wet weather which is delaying planting will reduce output. As per predictions by analysts, plantings will fall short of the USDA's March estimate by 3% due to persistent rains keeping farmers out of their fields (planting progress as on May 15 recorded 63%).
- As per the national cereal-industry association of Italy, grain imports into Italy, the world's third-largest wheat buyer, rose 25 percent in this year's first two months on higher corn and barley purchases.

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)		
		19.05.2011	18.05.2011	Change	19.05.2011	18.05.2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1240	1240	Unch	2000	1500	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1110	1140	-30	700	1000	-300
Davangere	Bilty	1150-1200	1200	Unch	200	300	-100
Naughachia	Bilty	1030	1030	Unch	2000	2000	Unch
Kolkata	Mill	-	1200	-	-	400	-
Ahmadabad	Feed	1230	1240-1260	Unch	4000	11000	-7000
Ahmadabad	Starch	1215	1215-1250	-20			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
May-11	+9	1195	1203	1185	1196
Jun-11	+17	1220.5	1232	1216	1230
Jul-11	+5	1263.5	1270	1263.5	1268
Aug-11	+4	1280	1294	1280	1294

Spread	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11
Basis	-72.40	-106.9	-144.9	-170.4
May-11		34.50	72.00	98
Jun-11			37.5	63.5
Aug-11				26

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
May-11	2690	-1070	4810	+810
Jun-11	990	-5040	13490	+300
Jul-11	210	-580	1840	+10

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total
	18.05.11	18.05.11	18.05.11
Davangere	1097	0	1097
Nizamabad	336	103	439

CBOT Corn Futures:		(Unit: Cents/bushel)			
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jul-11	-1.50	749.25	760.25	742.50	748.25
Sept-11	-6.00	717.00	724.50	707.00	711.50
Dec-11	-10.75	671.75	678.50	658.50	662.00
Mar-12	-10.25	681.75	687.50	668.75	672.00
May-12	-10.25	688.25	691.00	676.25	679.00

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