

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:
Mostly weak sentiment featured in various cash markets of maize on Monday.

- Due to unseasonal rainfall, harvesting and trading activities found sluggish in Bihar as well as Andhra Pradesh. Around 80-85 percent of the maize crop is harvested and around 50% of the crop produce is traded in mandis so far in both the states.
- Majority of the maize produce from Bihar is purchased by the stockists and traders from states like Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Haryana and Rajasthan to meet the higher demand in the area from poultry and cattle feed manufactures.

International Market Fundamentals:

- CBOT corn prices seen rally to higher levels on concern over the planting progress in the USA and while the improvement from last week was considerable, at least for corn, there was still concern over the effect of the late planting on the 2011 crop.
- As per USDA weather and crop progress report, about 63 percent of U.S. corn was planted as of May 15, down from 87 percent a year earlier and a five-year average of 75 percent. The crop was 21 percent emerged from the ground, compared with 53 percent a year ago and 39 percent on average for the past five years (as per USDA's May 16 report).

Outlook:

We feel that prices are likely to remain steady to weak 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)		
		23.05.2011	21.05.2011	Change	23.05.2011	21.05.2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1255	1250	+5	700	2000	-1300
Nizamabad	Bilty	1140	1200	-60	1000	1000	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1190	1200	-10	200	300	-100
Naughachia	Bilty	1030	-	-	300	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	1200	-	-	200	-	-
Ahmadabad	Feed	1215	1200-1230	-15	6000	3000	+3000
Ahmadabad	Starch	1245	1215-1250	-5			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jun-11	+49.5	1234	1285	1234	1285
Jul-11	+51.5	1280	1327.5	1280	1327.5
Aug-11	+52.5	1340	1362	1340	1362
Sep-11	+54	1376.5	1397.5	1376.5	1397

Spread	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sept-11
Basis	-172.5	-215	-249.5	-284.5
Jun-11		42.5	77	112
Jul-11			34.5	69.5
Aug-11				35

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Jun-11	9390	7560	13410	1110
Jul-11	1430	630	1620	110
Aug-11	450	370	470	180
Sept-11	260	220	220	210

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
	21.05.11	21.05.11	21.05.11	16.05.11
Davangere	1097	0	1097	1097
Nizamabad	438	0	438	336

CBOT Corn Futures:		(Unit: Cents/bushel)			
Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Jul-11	-5.50	769.00	775.00	750.00	754.00
Sept-11	+2.25	725.00	729.75	709.00	719.75
Dec-11	+4.00	670.75	679.00	656.50	670.50
Mar-12	+6.25	680.25	686.75	667.00	683.00
May-12	+6.50	687.25	693.25	675.00	690.25

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