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Maize Market Fundamentals:

- > Maize prices remain firm in the spot market. Improved domestic demand on better prices led to the recent recovery in Maize prices.
- In Andhra Pradesh: reportedly arrivals remain thin as sowing remain under progress, while off take from Poultry maintains from Places like Hyderabad. Stocks remain the source of supply, which hover at around 1.5 lakh tons in Ni zamabad which remain sufficient to cater to the corresponding demand, until the new crop hits the market.
- Maize Area, reportedly, witness a decline to 3.35 lakh hectares in Andhra Pradesh until 20th July 2011 as compared to 3.79 lakh hectares as on same date, a year ago.
- Price spread between Maize and Wheat continue to remain negative but the difference between the prices of the two reduces. Recovery in Maize price at Delhi centre in the week ending 18 July, cause the same. The same suggests better demand prospects for Maize in comparison to the later.
- Price spread between Maize and Bajra, however continue to remain positive and wide, indicating attractiveness of Bajra over Maize. Spread in both the cases remain wider than the last month's level around the same time.

International Market:

US corn futures close down for a second -consecutive day as weather forecasts call for a damaging Midwest heat wave to ease. Temperatures will moderate this weekend and early next week, re ducing stress on the corn crop as predicted by meteorologists. Yet, the market trimmed losses ahead of the close as MDA Earth Sat Weather confirmed "extreme heat across the Midwest over the past several days has certainly stressed" the crop. Unfavorably hot weather is expected to return late next week and in early August. CBOT December corn slides 4 3/4c to \$6.73/bushel

Outlook:

We feel that prices may behave range bound to firm. Weak export demand play the dampener for the price but likely catching up in the same in the days ahead may offer support at lower levels. Slow sowing progress on deficient rains is also likely to be the supportive market driver for the maize price.

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags (1 bag = 1 Qtl)		
		22.07.2011	21.07.2011	Change	22.07.2011	21.07.2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1100	1100	Unch	500	400	+100
Nizamabad	Bilty	1290	1230	+60	300	300	Unch
Karimnagar	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	-	1220	-	-	300	-
Naughachia	Bilty	925-975	925-975	Unch	200	200	Unch
Gulab Bagh	Bilty	1075	-	-	45000	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	1170	1160-1170	Unch	300	300	Unch
Ahmadabad	Feed	1270-1275	1250-1270	+5	7000	5000	
Ahmadabad	Starch	1200-1230	1210-1230	Unch	7000	5000	+2000

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11
Aug-11	1	1247.5	1250	1228.5	1244	Spot	-14	-37.5	-4
Sep-11	-3	1276	1276	1255	1267.5	Aug-11	-	23.5	-10
Oct-11	0	1227	1240	1210	1234	Sep-11	-23.5	-	-33.5

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Aug-11	3590	-5060	20520	-930
Sep-11	1080	-1120	7970	170
Oct-11	1030	-140	4420	230

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
SIUCKS	21.07.11	21.07.11	21.07.11	18.07.11
Davangere	557	0	557	506
Delhi	10425	280	10705	9323
Nizamabad	1521	0	1521	101

CBOT Corn Futures:

(Unit: Cents/bushel)

Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (as on 21/07/2011) (Cents/bushel)							
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change		
Sep'11	687.50	690.50	670.75	679.25	-8.75		
Dec'11	676.50	680.75	663.25	673.00	-4.75		
March'12	689	693	676	685.75	-4.00		
May'12	696	698.75	682.75	692.50	-4.00		
Jul'12	701.50	704	689.35	698.50	-3.50		

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