

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Maize price traded weak in the spot market.
- However Maize prices have risen by 10.3 per cent in the past two months from the beginning of the sowing season, as acreage were expected to shift to cotton, which has happened.
- Last year was very good for the maize crop, which was 21.2 million tonnes (mt). This year, maize prices are 10 per cent higher, since farmers are sowing less the estimate is 5.93 million hectares as against 6.39 million hectares last year at the same time.
- India's monsoon rains were 22 percent below normal in the week to Aug. 3, recording marginal improvement from 23 percent below average showers in the previous week.
- Maize sowing that was outpacing last year's levels in Karnataka, as reported until 25 July has witnessed a shift and area sown until 31st July 2011 remain at 8 lakh hectares as compared to 9.41 lakh hectares until same time a year ago.
- On the export front: Malaysia is buying some small parcels from India with prices ranging between USD 285 - 300 PMT CFR Malaysian ports.

International Market:

- US corn futures remained on the edge and are expected to take direction from external markets. Corn futures sentiments remained weak on speculation that the world economy will slow, reducing demand for animal feed, fuel and food made from the grain. Grain users are nervous about the potential for poor weather to reduce output after an intense July heat wave. CBOT December corn ends up 1.5 cents at \$7.03 a bushel.

Outlook:

- Maize price trend is likely to remain range bound with mixed cues surrounding the scenario. While highest ever production estimates for 2010-11 are likely to keep the stocks thick, deficient rains that impact the Kharif sowing of Maize, may bear a impact on the crop for 2011-12 but the impact of the same will be assessed in the near future, while it remains early to do so.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags (1 bag = 1 Qtl)		
		06.08.2011	05.08.2011	Change	06.08.2011	05.08.2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1100-1105	1125	-25	5000	5000	unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1290	1290	unch	200	100	+100
Karimnagar	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1240	1240	unch	6000	2500	+3500
Naughachia	Bilty	1000	1000	unch	-	-	-
Gulab Bagh	Bilty	-	1085-1095	Unch	-	32000	-
Kolkata	Mill	1175-1200	1175-1200	unch	3000	3000	unch
Ahmadabad	Feed	1260-1270	1280-1300	-30	4000	4000	unch
Ahmadabad	Starch	1240-1250	1240	+10			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Aug-11	2.0	1209.0	1220.0	1209.0	1212.0
Sep-11	1.5	1230.5	1248.0	1230.5	1239.0
Oct-11	-0.5	1240.0	1249.0	1236.0	1237.5

Spread	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11
Spot	-87	-114	-112.5
Aug-11	-	27	25.5
Sep-11	-	-	-1.5

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Aug-11	2400	-3220	14830	150
Sep-11	3220	340	14550	710
Oct-11	880	-1890	11720	370

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
	05.08.11	05.08.11	05.08.11	01.08.11
Davangere	50	0	50	506
Delhi	11949	1218	13167	10426
Nizamabad	1420	0	1420	101

CBOT Corn Futures:
(Unit: Cents/bushel)
Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (as on 05/08/2011) (Cents/bushel)

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep'11	688.00	699.75	679.00	693.00	-0.75
Dec'11	696.00	709.25	687.00	703.00	1.50
March'12	709.75	722.00	700.00	716.00	1.75
May'12	714.75	725.50	706.00	721.00	2.25
Jul'12	716.25	730.25	709.25	724.00	1.75

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