

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Maize price remain mixed in the spot market on Saturday. Arrival remained on the higher in all major trading centers restricting the upside.
- Total Maize area sown is reportedly sown in 66.75 lakh hectares as on 5 August 2011 as compared to 67.97 lakh hectares same time a year ago. So far, Maize sowing in Bihar is 82% complete while it is 85.2% done in Andhra Pradesh. In Karnataka, Maize sowing has completed 90%.
- Average price spread between Maize and Wheat widened to Rs. (57.6) per quintal in the week ended 16th August 2011 vis-a-vis spread of (Rs.34.5). The same is in comparison to average spread of Rs. (69.3) as on same date, a month ago.
- Much of the above move remains an outcome of steadiness in Maize Prices in comparison to recovery in wheat prices. Average spread between the two remains narrower than the last month's level of Rs. (69.3) and remain supportive for the maize in comparison to wheat on the demand front.
- In Delhi, demand reportedly remains weak and arrivals are also remain low, but market expects the new crop arrival to hit few regions in UP in a month's time) and market sources expect the arrivals to thicken as soon as the weather interruption waves off.
- Sources in Nizamabad convey that demand from poultry continues to remain good and stocks remain sufficient for a month's usage.

International Market:

- Corn futures were higher as weakness in the dollar supported futures trade. Uncertainty about the size of the crop is supportive as areas in the central Corn Belt remain dry, although forecasts call for rain this weekend. However, further gains were limited by concerns about the U.S. and global economies. September closed 12 cents higher at \$7.11.

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. Domestic demand remains supportive while export enquiries remain unmet.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		20.08.2011	19.08.2011	Change	20.08.2011	19.08.2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1150	1145	5	500	400	100
Nizamabad	Bilty	1280	1280	Unch	25	25	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1230	1230	Unch	-	-	-
Naughachia	Bilty	1125	1025	1000	-	-	-
Gulab Bagh	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	1225-1230	1250-1275	-45	-	-	-
Ahmadabad	Feed	1270-1280	1260-1280	Unch	6000	4000	2000
Ahmadabad	Starch	1230	1240	-10			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Sep-11	1.0	1177.0	1199.0	1176.5	1191.0
Oct-11	-2.5	1190.0	1198.0	1180.5	1185.0
Nov-11	3.5	1200.0	1200.0	1179.0	1185.5

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Sep-11	1020	-1760	20730	-
Oct-11	57	-513	13260	150
Nov-11	220	-890	18350	40

Spread	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11
Spot	-41.0	-35.0	-35.5
Sep-11	-	-6.0	-5.5
Oct-11		-	0.5

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
	19.08.11	19.08.11	19.08.11	13.08.11
Davangere	0	0	0	50
Delhi	13600	149	13749	10402
Nizamabad	530	0	530	104

CBOT Corn Futures:**(Unit: Cents/bushel)****Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (as on 19/08/2011) (Cents/bushel)**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep'11	699.00	714.25	693.00	711.00	12.00
Dec'11	713.00	728.75	706.25	725.25	12.25
March'12	725.50	741.25	719.00	738.00	12.00
May'12	729.50	745.25	724.00	742.00	12.00
Jul'12	731.50	747.50	726.00	744.00	12.00

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