

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Mixed sentiments recorded in various maize spot markets on Saturday as arrivals remained steady to firm in domestic markets.

- Sources added selling pressure is likely to assert in maize market at higher levels due to strong fresh supplies in major mandis along with steady sowing progress of Rabi in Andhra Pradesh. Markets sentiments may remain weak on higher sowing progress of Rabi crop in Andhra Pradesh.
- However, farmers in Vijayawada may face shortness in water facilities for their Rabi crop cultivation. The normal area under maize cultivation in the district is about 70,000 hectares may come down due to the lack of water.
- Business has been reported from Malaysian market for Port Klang and for port Penang at USD 245-250 CFR. Also, business reported for Malaysian port Kaicheung at \$282 CFR.
- Maize has been sown in 15979 hectares in UP for Rabi season which 2.1% higher is compared to previous year same period.
- Around 19 rakes of maize have been delivered from Bagalkot till 30th Nov for this season for various destinations like Kakinada at 1175 FOR.
- Maharashtra maize growers has sown around 78000 hectares of maize in their respective fields for Rabi season 2011-12 till date which is 16.4% higher compared to previous year same period. It means that around 65% areas have been covered for Rabi in Maharashtra till date out of the targeted area i.e. 120000 hectares.
- Maize has been planted in 63000 hectares till date in Bihar for Rabi season 2011-12 which is 57.5% higher compared to 2010-11 maize rabi sowing same period. Sowing has been seen in 40000 hectares last year same period. Moreover, Bihar has targeted around 3.5 lakh hectares of planting of maize for Rabi season 2011-12.
- Indian Corn FOB prices are comparative compared to Brazil, US and Argentina. Despite of recent decrease in Corn International prices, Indian FOB prices seems comparative.

Outlook:

Higher corn demand from domestic as well as overseas kept the maize prices upwards. However, higher arrivals offset the impact of bullishness up to some extent. Prices are likely to remain range bound with firm bias in the coming days.

Maize International Market Fundamentals

- Front-month CBOT December Corn contract closed 6.5 cents lower at \$5.95/bushel while soybeans gave up 3.25 cents to close at \$11.28/bushel on the day as latest weekly USDA export sales data reflected weak demand for US corn.
- The maize production in South Africa is expected to be lower at 10.36 million tonnes in 2010-11 compared to 12.815 million tonnes in the previous year. Sources added that unfavorable weather patterns affected the crop
- Meanwhile, China may not stockpile a large volume of corn from the domestic market as government stockpiling could push up domestic prices, which are under pressure from a record harvest. China produced a record 191.75 mt of corn in 2011, up 8.2% on year.
- Markets also fell after Ukraine may increase plantings more than 4 million hectares of corn for next year's harvest after record production this year.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		03-12-2011	02-12-2011	Change	02-12-2011	01-12-2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1100	1100	Unch	545	545	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1070	1070	Unch	3000	1500	+1500
Davangere	Bilty	1116	1115	+1	NA	5000	-
Koppal	Bilty	1100	1100	Unch	6000	6000	Unch
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1125	1140	-15	3000	3000	Unch
Ahmedabad	Starch	1160	1150	+10			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec-11	-3.0	1108.0	1109.0	1103.5	1103.0
Jan-12	4.0	1130.0	1130.0	1125.0	1128.5
Feb-12	-	-	-	-	-

Spread	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12
Spot	-3.0	-28.5	-
Dec-11		25.5	-
Jan-12			-

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Dec-11	280	-140	7220	-90
Jan-12	120	10	3660	-60
Feb-12	0	-	330	-

Stocks	Demat 01-12-11	In-Process 01-12-11	Total 01-12-11	FED 28.11.11
Davangere	-	-	-	-
Delhi	4132	0	4132	4132
Nizamabad	3487	255	3742	3487

Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (Cents/bushel)

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec'11	595.50	598.00	585.25	586.50	-8.25
March'12	602.00	605.75	593.75	595.25	-6.25
May'12	609.50	613.00	601.75	603.00	-6.25
Jul'12	614.50	618.50	607.00	608.75	-5.50
Sep12	575.00	579.25	571.50	571.75	-3.00

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