

**Maize Market Fundamentals:**

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

- Indian FOB prices are hovering at around \$245-247 which is very much lucrative compared to major exporters like US, Argentina and Brazil.
- Demand remained good in Koppal market which kept the maize prices upwards today.
- Demand from Poultry and Starch industries are very good as reported.
- Good import demand from countries like China, Mexico and South Korea attract the US corn exporters. However, stiff competition from other corn exporting countries like Argentina and Ukraine is limiting the corn exports from US.
- 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.
- Maize has been sown in 15979 hectares in UP for Rabi season which 2.1% higher is compared to previous year same period.
- 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.

**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.**

**Spot Prices at Key Markets:**

| Market    | Grade  | Prices (Rs./qtl) |            |        | Arrivals in bags |            |        |
|-----------|--------|------------------|------------|--------|------------------|------------|--------|
|           |        | 06-12-2011       | 05-12-2011 | Change | 06-12-2011       | 05-12-2011 | Change |
| Delhi     | Hybrid | 1100             | 1100       | Unch   | 545              | 545        | Unch   |
| Nizamabad | Bilty  | Market closed    | 1080       | -      | Market closed    | 1500       | -      |
| Davangere | Bilty  | 1100             | 1100       | Unch   | 2500             | 5000       | -2500  |
| Koppal    | Bilty  | 1080             | 1075       | +5     | 10000            | 6000       | +4000  |
| Kolkata   | Mill   | -                | -          | -      | -                | -          | -      |
| Ahmedabad | Feed   | 1130             | 1160       | -30    | 5000             | 5000       | Unch   |
| Ahmedabad | Starch | 1160             | 1160       | Unch   |                  |            |        |

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

| Contract | +/-  | Open   | High | Low    | Close | Spread | Dec-11 | Jan-12 | Feb-12 |
|----------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dec-11   | -0.5 | 1104.5 | 1108 | 1104.5 | 1106  | Spot   | -26    | -49    | -75    |
| Jan-12   | Unch | 1127   | 1129 | 1127   | 1129  | Dec-11 |        | 23     | 49     |
| Feb-12   | 0.5  | 1155   | 1157 | 1155   | 1155  | Jan-12 |        |        | 26     |

  

| Contract | Volume | Change | OI   | Change | Stocks    | Demat<br>05-12-11 | In-Process<br>05-12-11 | Total<br>05-12-11 | FED<br>28.11.11 |
|----------|--------|--------|------|--------|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dec-11   | 560    | 90     | 6980 | -180   | Davangere | -                 | -                      | -                 | -               |
| Jan-12   | 230    | -50    | 3710 | -50    | Delhi     | 4132              | 0                      | 4132              | 4132            |
| Feb-12   | 30     | 10     | 360  | 20     | Nizamabad | 3690              | 255                    | 3845              | 3487            |

**Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (Cents/bushel)**

| <b>Contract Month</b> | <b>Open</b> | <b>High</b> | <b>Low</b> | <b>Close</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Dec'11</b>         | 588.25      | 593.5       | 580        | 580.25       | <b>-6.25</b>  |
| <b>March'12</b>       | 597.5       | 602.75      | 589.5      | 591          | <b>-4.25</b>  |
| <b>May'12</b>         | 604.75      | 610.5       | 597.75     | 599.25       | <b>-3.75</b>  |
| <b>Jul'12</b>         | 610.75      | 617         | 604.25     | 606          | <b>-2.75</b>  |
| <b>Sep12</b>          | 574.5       | 578.75      | 568.75     | 571          | <b>-0.75</b>  |

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