

Maize Market Fundamentals:
Steady sentiments recorded in various maize spot markets on Wednesday.

- Higher corn sowing progress Y-O-Y in key producing maize centers for Rabi season will put some bearish impact on maize prices.
- Indian FOB prices are hovering at around \$245-247 which is very much lucrative compared to major exporters like US, Argentina and Brazil.
- 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		
		07-12-2011	06-12-2011	Change	07-12-2011	06-12-2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1100	1100	Unch	909	545	+364
Nizamabad	Bilty	1080	Market closed	-	1500	Market closed	-
Davangere	Bilty	1100	1100	Unch	1667	2500	
Koppal	Bilty		1080			10000	
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1125	1130	-5			
Ahmedabad	Starch	1160	1160	Unch	3000	5000	-2000

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12
Dec-11	3.5	1107.5	1115	1106	1110.5	Spot	-30.5	-52	-76
Jan-12	4	1127.5	1137	1124.5	1132	Dec-11		21.5	45.5
Feb-12	1	1155	1161	1155	1156	Jan-12			24

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 06-12-11	In-Process 06-12-11	Total 06-12-11	FED 28.11.11
Dec-11	1860	1300	6800	-180	Davangere	-	-	-	-
Jan-12	1590	1360	4160	450	Delhi	4132	0	4132	4132
Feb-12	130	100	450	90	Nizamabad	3741	0	3741	3487

Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (Cents/bushel) as on 6th December 2011

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec'11	580.25	586	570	585.25	5
March'12	591	597	580	596.5	5.5
May'12	599.25	605	588	604.75	5.5
Jul'12	606	611	595	610.75	4.75
Sep12	570	575.75	560.75	575.75	4.75

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