

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Steady to firm sentiments has been witnessed in key spot markets on Thursday. Improved demand from Poultry and Starch Industries kept the maize prices upwards.

- Maize has been sown in 153000 hectares in Bihar for Rabi season which 10.9% higher is compared to previous year same period. Maize has sowed in 138000 hectares last year same period in Rabi Season in Bihar. Moreover, Bihar has targeted 325000 hectares of planting of maize for Rabi season 2011 -12.
- Lesser corn exports data from US pressurize the CBOT corn prices which decrease the corn FOB prices of major exporting countries like Brazil, US, Argentina and Ukraine which gives stiff competition to Indian FOB prices at present. US FOB prices are quoting at \$256.2 while Indian FOB corn prices are hovering at \$258 upto Kakinada port.
- 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:

Good Corn demand has been witnessed in domestic markets as regular buying came from big poultry and starch industries. We expects that prices are likely to move range bound with firm sentiments in the coming days.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		08-12-2011	07-12-2011	Change	08-12-2011	07-12-2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1100	1100	Unch	909	909	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1080	1080	Unch	800	1500	-700
Davangere	Bilty	1110	1100	+10	3333	1667	+1666
Koppal	Bilty	1080	-	-	10000	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1140	1125	+15	-	3000	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1160	1160	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12
Dec-11	-2.5	1110	1115.5	1107	1108	Spot	-28	-45	-80
Jan-12	-7	1132	1132	1124	1125	Dec-11		17	52
Feb-12	4	1153	1170	1153	1160	Jan-12			35

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 07-12-11	In-Process 07-12-11	Total 07-12-11	FED 28.11.11
Dec-11	770	300	6820	-340	Davangere	-	-	-	-
Jan-12	1380	1100	4600	840	Delhi	4132	0	4132	4132
Feb-12	90	70	510	170	Nizamabad	3741	0	3741	3690

Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (Cents/bushel) as on 7th December 2011

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec'11	586	588.75	578.5	582.25	-3
March'12	596.5	600	588.25	592.75	-3.75
May'12	604.5	608	596.25	601.25	-3.5
Jul'12	610.75	614	601.75	606.75	-4
Sep12	575.75	578.5	566.75	571.5	-4.25

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