

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Mixed sentiments recorded in various maize spot markets on Thursday as markets could not find adequate cues to decide the prices either side.

- Maize has been planted in 245000 hectares till 14th December 2011 in Bihar for Rabi season 2011-12 which is -4.7% higher compared to 2010-11 maize rabi sowing same period. Rabi has sowed in 257000 hectares last year same period.
- Lesser arrivals of maize and moderate domestic as well as exports demand of maize kept the corn prices at higher side.
- Indian CIF Maize prices (~\$281.69) have came down despite of recent increase in domestic prices of corn as stronger dollar prices give respite to exporters and take India get into the competition. Indian corn exporters are getting a stiff competition from exporters compared to Brazil CIF (~282.7) and Argentina CIF (~281.1).
- Movement of 40 rakes (25 from Koppal + 15 from Munirabad) has been reported in this season for various destinations like Chennai, Tutikorin etc at FOR ranging Rs. 1180 to 1100.
- It is reported that maize production in Kharif season is down by 20% in the interiors of AP and Karnataka due to poor rainfall.

Outlook:

Good Corn demand has been witnessed in domestic markets as regular buying came from big poultry and starch industries at present. Also, lesser arrivals of corn in the market support the corn prices domestically. We expect that there is further potential of increase in corn prices in the coming days.

International Corn Scenario:

US corn futures end sharply lower on pressure from a stronger US dollar, but hold above a closely watched support level. Given sharp losses in markets ranging from crude oil to gold, agricultural commodity prices "are holding up stronger than I thought," said Frank Cholly Jr, senior commodities broker with RJO Futures. He sees upside potential for corn once the euro bottoms. Worries about Europe's debt crisis and a broader economic downturn weighing on prices. March contract holds above support at \$5.80, a nine-month low set last week. Drop below that could prompt more liquidation, traders say. CBOT March corn ends down 2.3%, or 13 3/4c, at \$5.80 3/4.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		15-12-2011	14-12-2011	Change	15-12-2011	14-12-2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1130	1120	+10	364	455	-91
Nizamabad	Bilty	1100	1090	+10	500	500	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1120	1125	-5	6667	5000	+1667
Koppal	Bilty	1085	1090	-5	12000	10000	+2000
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1165	1150	+15	6000	7000	-1000
Ahmedabad	Starch	1200	1200	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12
Dec-11	-6.5	1126.5	1133	1118	1118	Spot	-18	-42	-71
Jan-12	-9	1148	1159	1140.5	1142	Dec-11		24	53
Feb-12	2.5	1183	1197	1171	1171	Jan-12			29

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						14-12-11	14-12-11	14-12-11	12.12.11
Dec-11	1070	-2580	2550	-670	Davangere	-	-	-	-
Jan-12	2330	-2630	5870	10	Delhi	4132	0	4132	4132
Feb-12	510	90	990	140	Nizamabad	3741	0	3741	3741

Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (\$/Tonne) as on 14th December 2011

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec'11	231.54	232.52	227.11	228.29	-3.35
March'12	233.60	235.37	227.70	228.58	-5.41
May'12	237.05	238.52	231.04	231.93	-5.51
Jul'12	239.80	241.08	234.19	234.49	-5.31
Sep12	227.30	227.70	221.20	222.19	-5.51

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